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Fishing Communities of the U.S., 2006

Fishing Communities of the U.S., 2006 is the first volume in this new periodic series. It reports descriptive demographic data on a subset of each coastal state's commercial fishing communities and ports, as well as descriptive geographic information and other social indicator data for each state. It is a companion to *Fisheries Economics of the U.S., 2006*. The purpose of the publication is to provide the public with easily accessible information about the Nation's fishing communities and the states where they are located. Up to ten communities and ports per state were selected by experts in each region primarily on the basis of commercial landings data for 2006. These communities are not necessarily "fishing communities" as defined by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (see Appendix).

Sources of Data

Information in this report came from many sources. The commercial landings data for 2006 used to select communities and ports were obtained from various NMFS field offices (Fisheries Science Centers and Regional offices) in cooperation with various state agencies and interstate Marine Fisheries Commissions. Other sources of data include the U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency, World Atlas, and the Central Intelligence Agency World Fact Book.

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