

EMPLOYMENT, CRAFT, AND PLANTS

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS (1) AND FISHING BOATS (2) BY REGION AND STATE, 1996 - 1997

Area and State	1996			1997		
	Vessels	Boats	Total	Vessels	Boats	Total
Northeast:						
Connecticut	168	409	577	225	377	602
Delaware	161	NA	161	175	NA	175
Maine	1,773	5,454	7,227	1,733	5,828	7,561
Maryland (3)	33	NA	33	33	NA	33
Massachusetts	790	4,525	5,315	737	4,510	5,247
New Hampshire	132	474	606	128	483	611
New Jersey	360	1,167	1,527	420	1,181	1,601
New York (4)	693	2,936	3,629	689	2,541	3,230
Rhode Island	299	2,538	2,837	308	2,469	2,777
Virginia (3)	122	NA	122	122	NA	122
South Atlantic and Gulf:						
North Carolina	814	NA	814	835	NA	835
South Carolina	501	NA	501	652	NA	652
Georgia	349	NA	349	351	NA	351
Florida	2,531	9,425	11,956	2,437	6,648	9,085
Alabama	378	720	1,098	359	1,320	1,679
Mississippi	438	874	1,312	591	856	1,447
Louisiana	2,839	11,883	14,722	2,650	10,987	13,637
Texas	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast:						
Alaska	7,044	9,295	16,339	7,098	9,344	16,442
Washington	1,909	1,292	3,201	1,071	585	1,656
Oregon	860	389	1,249	732	328	1,060
California	1,767	1,483	3,250	1,700	1,421	3,121
Hawaii	2,636	NA	2,636	2,493	NA	2,493
Great Lakes (5)						
Illinois	5	NA	5	5	NA	5
Indiana	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Michigan	61	75	136	61	75	136
Minnesota	1	23	24	1	23	24
New York	3	17	20	1	NA	1
Ohio	30	14	44	28	26	54
Pennsylvania	4	2	6	2	1	3
Wisconsin	106	42	148	97	44	141

(1) Vessels are documented craft greater than 5 net registered tons.

(2) Boats are craft less than 5 net registered tons.

(3) Only Federal collected data are available. Inshore data not available.

(4) Excludes vessels and boats in the Great Lakes.

(5) Commercial fishing fleet sizes for the Great Lakes states represent only the number of licenses issued by the State; therefore, may not be an accurate total. Tribal data are not included in his table.

NA -- Data not available separately.