

# Preface

## **Fisheries Economics of the U.S., 2007**

*Fisheries Economics of the U.S., 2007* is the second volume in this new series which is intended to provide the public with easily accessible economic information about the Nation's commercial and recreational fishing activities, and fishing-related industries. The 1998-2007 time period is covered in this report and descriptive statistics are provided for the following categories: economic impacts of the commercial seafood industry, commercial fisheries landings, revenue, and price trends; economic impacts of the recreational fishing industry, recreational fishing catch, effort, and participation rates; and employer and non-employer establishment, payroll, and annual receipt information for fishing-related industries.

## **Sources of Data**

Information in this report came from many sources. Commercial landings, revenue, and price data, and recreational fishing effort and participation data was primarily obtained from the Fisheries Statistics Division, Office of Science and Technology, NOAA Fisheries. Other data sources included the: Alaska Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries; Alaska Department of Fish and Game; the Pacific Coast Fisheries Information Network (PacFIN); Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife Department; and Western Pacific Fisheries Information Network (WPacFIN). Economic impacts from the commercial fishing industry and recreational fisheries are from two separate national IMPLAN models of the Economics and Sociocultural Analysis Division, Office of Science and Technology, NOAA Fisheries. Fishing-related industry information was obtained from the: U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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