

# Statistical Highlights Fisheries of the United States, 2009

*prepared by NMFS Fisheries Statistics Division*

## **U.S. COMMERCIAL FISHERIES (Round weight)**

### **World-wide catch by U.S. Vessels<sup>(1)</sup> :**

8.3 billion pounds (3.8 million metric tons) - down 3%  
Valued at \$4.1 billion - exvessel value - down 9%

### **Of 8.3 billion pounds:**

7.5 billion pounds (3.4 million metric tons) of finfish - down 10%  
1.1 billion pounds (484,325 metric tons) of shellfish - down 3%

### **U.S. Landings in the 50 United States<sup>(2)</sup>:**

7.9 billion pounds (3.6 million metric tons) - down 6%  
Valued at \$3.9 billion - down 11%

### **Of 7.9 billion pounds:**

6.6 billion pounds (3 million metric tons) for food - down 8%  
1.2 billion pounds (555,857 metric tons) for industrial purposes - up 9%  
(including bait and animal food)

### **Total supply (landings + imports - exports) of edible fishery products:**

Total = 11.7 billion pounds (5.3 million metric tons) - down 1%  
Landings = 6.0 billion pounds (2.7 million metric tons) - down 1%  
Imports = 10.5 billion pounds (4.7 million metric tons) - down 0%  
Exports = 4.8 billion pounds (2.2 million metric tons) - down 9%

**Per capita consumption:** 15.8 pounds (7.2 kilograms) edible meat - down 1%

## **FOREIGN TRADE (Product weight)**

### **Imports - edible:**

5.2 billion pounds (2.3 million metric tons) product weight  
Valued at \$13.1 billion

### **Exports - edible:**

2.5 billion pounds (1.2 million metric tons) product weight  
Valued at \$4.0 billion

## **CATCH IN THE EEZ**

Total - 4.5 billion pounds (2.1 million metric tons)

No foreign catch took place in the U.S. EEZ.

## **U. S. LANDINGS BY DISTANCE FROM SHORE<sup>(1)</sup>**

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Billion Pounds</u>	<u>Million Metric Tons</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Billion Dollars</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0-3 miles	3.3	1.5	39	1.7	42
3-200 miles	4.5	2.1	55	2.1	51
International	0.4	0.2	6	0.3	7
TOTAL	8.3	3.8	100	4.1	100

## **U.S. DOMESTIC LANDINGS - TOP FIVE SPECIES / GROUPS**

<u>Volume:</u>				<u>Value:</u>			
<u>Rank</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>U.S. Dollars</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Pollock	1,882.6 million	23	1	Crabs	485.4 million	11
2	Menhaden	1,404.3 million	17	2	Scallops	384.5 million	9
3	Salmon	705.2 million	9	3	Shrimp	370.2 million	9
4	Flatfish	575.1 million	7	4	Salmon	370.1 million	9
5	Cod	510.9 million	6	5	Lobster	319.9 million	8

## **WORLD FISHERIES (Live weight, 2007) includes aquaculture and captured catch**

**Total catch** 313.7 billion pounds (142.3 million metric tons)  
**U.S. catch** 10.8 billion pounds (4.9 million metric tons)  
(including weight of mollusk shells)

U.S. catch is 3.4 percent of world catch

## **COMMERCIAL FISHERIES CONTRIBUTION TO GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT (GNP)**

U.S. consumers spent an estimated \$75.5 billion for fishery products.  
In producing and marketing these items, the commercial fishing industry contributed \$38.4 billion in value added to the U.S. GNP.

## **MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHERIES<sup>(3)</sup>**

### **MAJOR SPECIES**

#### **Atlantic and Gulf:**

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Thousands of Fish Caught</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Spotted Seatrout	36,656	10
2	Summer Flounder	24,575	7
3	Atlantic Croaker	25,282	7
4	Bluefish	13,573	4
5	Black Sea Bass	13,163	4

#### **Pacific:**

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Thousands of Fish Caught</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Black Rockfish	839	7
2	Kelp Bass	587	5
3	Barred Surfperch	398	3
4	Barred Sand Bass	390	3
5	Spotted Sand Bass	274	2

2009 Atlantic and Gulf Coast (excluding Texas) catch: 372 million fish

2009 Pacific Coast (excluding Alaska and Hawaii) catch: 12 million fish

### **U.S. RECREATIONAL CATCH TYPES BY AREA FISHED**

<u>Area</u>	<u>Thousand Pounds</u>	<u>Thousand Metric Tons</u>	<u>Percent of Catch</u>	<u>Thousands of Fish Harvested</u>	<u>Percent of Harvest</u>	<u>Thousands of Fish Released</u>	<u>Percent of Release</u>
Inland	96,456	44	45	112,196	65	141,649	65
STS	51,200	23	25	45,687	26	56,443	26
EEZ	64,348	29	30	14,718	9	20,087	9
Total	212,004	96	100	172,609	100	218,179	100

### **U.S. RECREATIONAL CATCH TYPES AND NUMBER OF TRIPS BY FISHING MODE**

<u>Mode</u>	<u>Thousands of Fish Harvested</u>	<u>Percent of Harvest</u>	<u>Thousands of Fish Released</u>	<u>Percent of Release</u>	<u>Thousands of of Trips</u>	<u>Percent of Trips</u>
Shore	49,874	29	48,741	22	33,285	45
Private/Rental Boat	107,610	63	156,870	72	37,071	50
Party/Charter Boat	15,125	7	12,568	6	3,314	5
Total	172,609	100	218,179	100	73,670	100

### **U.S. RECREATIONAL TOP ENCOUNTERED SPECIES**

#### **Harvested:**

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Thousands of Fish</u>	<u>Percent of Harvest</u>
1	Spotted Seatrout	14,747	9
2	Atlantic Croaker	9,293	5
3	Spot	9,293	5
4	Pinfish	7,521	4
5	Bluefish	4,920	4

#### **Released:**

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Thousands of Fish</u>	<u>Percent of Release</u>
1	Summer Flounder	23,352	11
2	Spotted Seatrout	20,910	10
3	Atlantic Croaker	15,283	7
4	Black Sea bass	11,086	5
5	Bluefish	8,778	4

## **ENDNOTES**

- (1) Commercial landings including all catches by U.S.-flag vessels landed in the continental United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and other foreign ports.
- (2) Commercial landings by U.S. fishermen at ports in the 50 United States, excluding catches by U.S.-flag vessels which are landed in Puerto Rico and other foreign ports.
- (3) Coverage of Recreational Fisheries Statistics Program, 1981 - 2008

The Recreational Fisheries Statistics Program provides coverage of saltwater sport fishing (including estuarine and brackish water) from private/rental boats, charter and head boats, and the shore on the Atlantic Coast (Maine - East Florida), Gulf Coast (Louisiana - West Florida), Puerto Rico, and Hawaii. Detailed information and access to the data are available on the Fisheries Statistics web page (<http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/>).

### **Exceptions Recreational Fisheries Statistics Program to Coverage**

Care is advised when comparing catch estimates for the Recreational Fisheries Statistics Program time series because of differences in sampling coverage.

- In the South Atlantic and Gulf sub-regions (NC-LA) the Recreational Fisheries Statistics Program has not collected catch data from head boats since 1985, so estimates for these sub-regions now only include charter boats in the for-hire sector.
- Marine recreational fishing in Texas is monitored by the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife.
- Prior to 1998, on the Pacific coast, ocean boat trips and salmon trips were not sampled during certain waves because they were surveyed by state natural resource agencies.
- Alaska conducts an annual mail survey and has never been surveyed by the Recreational Fisheries Statistics Program.
- West Pacific U.S. territories have not been surveyed by the Recreational Fisheries Statistics Program since 1981.
- Hawaii was not surveyed between 1981 and 2002.
- The U.S. Caribbean was not surveyed between 1981 and 2000.

Historically, only about five percent of the annual recreational catch on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts is taken during Wave 1 (January - February). Costs to sample these months are very high due to low fishing activity. Therefore, in Jan/Feb of 1981 the Recreational Fisheries Statistics Program was not conducted in any region. In 1982, Jan/Feb data collection resumed on the Pacific and Gulf coasts and also on the Atlantic coast of Florida. With few exceptions Recreational Fisheries Statistics Program has not been conducted in Jan/Feb on the Atlantic coast north of Florida since 1980.

#### **Other Times / Areas of No Coverage**

Nov/Dec (ME & NH) - 1987 to present	Nov/Dec (Oregon) - 1994
Mar/Apr (ME & NH) - 1986 to present	Nov/Dec (Washington shore modes) - 2003
Jan/Feb (No.CA-OR) - 1994	July - Dec (Oregon shore modes) - 2003
Jan/Feb (So. CA-OR) - 1995	All Waves (Washington) 1993 to 1994
All Waves (CA through WA) -1990 to1993, 2004 to present	

Note:-- Totals may not match due to rounding.

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