

Atlantic Coast Fisheries

From Maine to the east coast of Florida, Atlantic coastal fisheries support local economies, vibrant communities, and access to fresh, sustainable seafood. Through strong state, regional, and federal partnerships, the **Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission** helps states coordinate the management of shared resources and ensure lasting benefits for people and ecosystems.



29,369 Miles
of coastal shoreline



4th

Highest seafood-consuming
nation in the world



Americans consume
19.7 Pounds
per capita of
seafood annually

\$15.1 Billion

Combined sales impacts of the commercial
and recreational fishing industries

\$9.2 Billion

Total commercial sales impact

\$5.9 Billion

Total recreational
sales impact

\$2 Billion

Commercial landings revenue

1.06 Billion

Pounds of fish and
shellfish harvested by
commercial fishermen

236 Million

Fish harvested by
recreational anglers

137 Million

Recreational angler trips

190,338

Jobs supported by the
commercial fishing industry

18,752

Commercial vessels took
552,599 Trips

41,266

Jobs supported by the
recreational fishing industry

9.8 Million

Number of Atlantic
striped bass and bluefish
harvested recreationally

**Management
Engagement**

89

Hours spent in
Board meetings

15,931

written comments submitted
during public comment
periods for proposed fishery
management plan updates

256

Advisory Panel
members

125

Technical support
group meetings

31

Public
Hearings

\$521 Million

Value of the American
lobster fishery

\$2,132/lb

Highest price for
Maine elvers

308 miles

of fish habitat
restored along the
US Atlantic coast
from 2020-2024
through habitat
partnerships



Economic Metrics by State

Combining data from the **NOAA Fisheries One Stop Shop** and the **ACCSP Data Warehouse** allows for an in-depth overview of the commercial and recreational fishing industries on the US Atlantic Coast.

Maine		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
178M lbs	40.4K	2.1B
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
2M	633	86M

New Hampshire		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
12M lbs	3.1K	173M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
942K	172	24M

Massachusetts		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
172M lbs	90.7K	3.4B
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
8.1M	1.5K	202M

Rhode Island		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
60M lbs	6.5K	370M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
2.9M	507	73M

Connecticut		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
7M lbs	1K	54M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
4.1M	361	55M

New York		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
19M lbs	3K	139M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
16.5M	2.4K	378M

New Jersey		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
108M lbs	6.5K	528M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
13.9M	3.5K	673M

Delaware		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
5M lbs	654	74M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
2.4M	749	110M

Maryland		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
33M lbs	6.9K	362M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
8.2M	2.7K	387M

Virginia		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
376M lbs	14K	769M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
6.5M	1.7K	246M

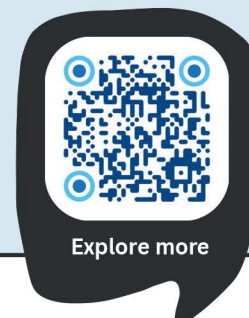
North Carolina		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
35M lbs	4.4K	212M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
20.6M	12.3K	1.6B

South Carolina		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
6M lbs	1.1K	57M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
10.8M	3K	359M

Georgia		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
5M lbs	1K	53M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
5.2M	2.3K	338M

East Florida		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
44M lbs	11K	935M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
35.3M	9.4K	1.4B

The ACCSP Data Warehouse contains over 89 million **commercial landings records**, covering 901 distinct species; and over 325,000 MRIP **recreational catch estimate records**, covering 735 distinct species.



This infographic reflects 2022 commercial and recreational fisheries data published by NOAA Fisheries and the ACCSP Data Warehouse as of February 2025. The text shown on the sand and rocks highlights ASMFC-specific management and engagement data, while the values in the water illustrate statistics for state and federal waters. Management process metrics represent a 3-year average across 2022-2024. Commercial jobs and sales values are based on domestic harvest and do not include seafood imports. Sales impacts refer to the gross value of all sales by regional businesses affected by an activity, such as recreational or commercial fishing. Visit the NOAA Fisheries One-Stop-Shop for the most recent economics data.