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.

ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

2023 AT A GLANCE

29,369 Miles
of coastal shoreline

ASMFC
Coordinates the management of **27 species groups**
Representing **67 individual species**
Under interstate fishery management plans

15
Member States

1 state vote

3
Commissioners per state

$15 Billion
Combined sales impacts of the commercial and recreational fishing industries

$8.7 Billion
Total commerical sales impact

$6.3 Billion
Total recreational sales impact

Americans consume
19.1 Pounds
per capita of seafood annually

137 Million
Recreational angler trips

$1.9 Billion
Commercial landings revenue

1.01 Billion
Pounds of fish and shellfish harvested by commercial fishermen

225 Million
Fish harvested by recreational anglers

177,677
Jobs supported by the commercial fishing industry

21,108
Commercial vessels took
532,592 Trips

41,156
Jobs supported by the recreational fishing industry

7.2 Million
Number of Atlantic striped bass and bluefish harvested recreationally

$635 Million
Value of the American lobster fishery

$2,010/lb
Highest price for Maine elvers

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

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
176M lbs	43.7K	2.2B
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
2.4M	732	106M

New Hampshire		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
12M lbs	3.6K	199M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
782K	157	23M

Massachusetts		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
156M lbs	75.7K	2.9B
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
6.6M	1.4K	190M

Rhode Island		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
65M lbs	5.3K	305M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
3.1M	569	89M

Connecticut		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
6M lbs	729	43M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
3.6M	345	56M

New York		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
17M lbs	2.2K	101M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
13M	1.9K	311M

New Jersey		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
104M lbs	4.3K	348M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
14.5M	3.6K	750M

Delaware		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
5M lbs	604	68M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
2.4M	775	119M

Maryland		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
34M lbs	7.2K	379M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
7.9M	2.5K	395M

Virginia		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
338M lbs	15.2K	850M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
8.3M	2.2K	336M

North Carolina		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
42M lbs	4.2K	200M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
15.8M	10.9K	1.5B

South Carolina		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
7M lbs	1.1K	58M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
10.7M	2.9K	372M

Georgia		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
7M lbs	1.2K	52M
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
5.1M	2.3K	356M

East Florida		
Commercial		
Landings	Jobs	Sales
41M lbs	12.7K	1B
Recreational		
Trips	Jobs	Sales
43M	10.9K	1.7B

The ACCSP Data Warehouse contains over 91 million commercial landings records, covering 904 distinct species; and over 514,000 MRIP recreational catch estimate records, covering 843 distinct species.

Explore more

*This infographic reflects **2023 commercial and recreational fisheries data** published by NOAA Fisheries and the ACCSP Data Warehouse as of April 2026. 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.*