

COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

Recipient: North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries

Grant Award #: 2P40-003

Grant Title: Saltwater Fishing Tournament Efficiency Increase

Grant Award Period: July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015

Project Costs:

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
	\$ 63,787.00	\$60,265.79
	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$

Final Project Summary:

Description of Work:

The objective of this grant is to enhance the experience of recreational anglers as they visit the North Carolina coast, interact with weigh stations, and receive their citations by developing more efficient processes within the North Carolina Saltwater Fishing Tournament.

Summary of Project:

This project met all of its goals in providing supplies and other resources to the North Carolina Saltwater Fishing Tournament while ensuring that anglers received their citations. Citation applications were entered in to the access database then printed and mailed to anglers. The Sportfishing Specialist worked with recreational anglers and weigh stations (tackle shops, piers, and marinas) collecting information and awarded citations for 38 recreationally important species in North Carolina. Information collected included date, length (in), girth (in), weigh station and landings frequency. Weigh stations were also visited and given supplies for the season. State records were issued during the grant period as needed. The North Carolina Saltwater Fishing Tournament program continues to be popular with recreational anglers.