NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

Annual Fisheries Bulletin

2011 Commercial & Recreational Statistics

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The Annual Fisheries Bulletin contains the North Carolina commercial and recreational fisheries harvest statistics for 2011. Included in this bulletin are the 2011 landings from the commercial and recreational fisheries programs, along with the 2007 to 2010 landings for comparison purposes. The bulletin also contains a summary of commercial fishing trips by major gears.

The North Carolina Trip Ticket Program collects commercial fishery landings and effort statistics. This program mandates trip level fish dealer reporting of all finfish and shellfish landed in the state. Recreational fishery harvest and effort statistics are derived from the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) that conducts recreational angler interviews at public access points and telephone surveys.

Total Pounds Harvested in 2011

Commercial	Recreational
67,493,150 pounds	13,239,326 pounds

Top Five Species Caught In Each Fishery

Commercial		Recreational	
Species	Pounds	Species	Pounds
Blue crabs	30,035,232	Dolphinfish	3,541,959
Shrimp	5,140,360	Striped bass	2,042,981
Atlantic croaker	5,054,186	Bluefish	993,543
Atlantic menhaden	3,529,967	Yellowfin tuna	811,673
Summer flounder	2,854,122	Spanish mackerel	470,647

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2011 PRELIMINARY 2011

North Carolina Commercial Landings

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
FINFISH		
Amberjacks[1]	72,742	$68,394
Anglerfish (Monkfish including Monklivers)	38,892	$56,097
Bluefish	1,897,408	$878,667
Bonito	11,039	$20,101
Butterfish	59,951	$31,236
Carp	24,367	$2,473
Catfishes	444,412	$92,281
Cobia	19,924	$34,847
Croaker, Atlantic	5,054,186	$3,189,357
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	8,439	$9,343
Dolphinfish	94,210	$240,016
Drum, Black	55,807	$26,301
Drum, Red	91,951	$166,676
Eel, American	59,225	$118,450
Flounder, Southern	1,247,192	$2,751,215
Flounder, Summer	2,854,122	$6,063,341
Flounders, Other	314	$257
Garfish	25,933	$2,377
Grouper, Gag	201,451	$787,483
Grouper, Red	154,277	$478,875
Grouper, Scamp	37,321	$142,821
Grouper, Snowy	8,999	$24,680
Groupers, Other	6,454	$22,793
Grunts	33,443	$34,287
Hakes	873	$592
Harvestfish (Starbutters)	106,660	$142,907
Herring, River (Alewife and Blueback Herring)	1,611	$1,007
Hogfish (Hog Snapper)	10,793	$37,131
Jacks	1,068	$700
Mackerel, Atlantic (Boston)	6,512	$3,287
Mackerel, King	407,351	$1,059,958
Mackerel, Spanish	871,217	$1,188,154
Menhaden, Atlantic	3,529,967	$334,299
Mullet, Sea (Kingfishes)	486,855	$520,168
Mullet, Striped	1,626,175	$1,012,303
Perch, White	245,611	$223,227
Perch, Yellow	27,838	$38,554
Pigfish	39,838	$12,838
Pinfish	905	$252
Pompano	17,016	$42,724
Porgies	90,792	$133,965
Pufferfish	1,490	$840
Scup	308,907	$126,875
Sea Basses	272,280	$627,337
Seatrout, Spotted	73,119	$140,535
Shad, American	204,085	$187,937
Shad, Gizzard	101,025	$5,051
Shad, Hickory	85,096	$23,746

2011 North Carolina Commercial Landings

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
Sharks[2]	584,238	$325,880
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	1,241,252	$448,133
Sharks, Dogfish, Spiny	2,557,923	$427,661
Sheepshead	120,982	$90,266
Skates	19,204	$7,882
Skippers	24,510	$6,596
Snapper, Red[3]	0	$0
Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)	323,388	$996,174
Snappers, Other	2,982	$7,157
Spadefish, Atlantic	21,535	$6,813
Spot	936,966	$753,708
Striped Bass	410,685	$1,164,426
Swordfish	803,725	$2,515,312
Tilefish	134,013	$314,649
Triggerfish	220,204	$411,373
Tuna, Bigeye	277,659	$1,056,821
Tuna, Bluefin	48,358	$212,746
Tuna, Yellowfin	526,238	$944,834
Tunas, Other	76,661	$69,208
Tunny, Little (False Albacore)	131,243	$70,599
Wahoo	15,870	$44,130
Weakfish (Gray Trout)	65,897	$78,522
Unclassified Fish for Food	113,314	$141,270
Unclassified Fish for Industrial Use or Bait	54,904	$10,586
TOTAL FINFISH	29,730,675	$31,211,501
SHELLFISH		
Shrimp (Heads On)[4]	5,140,360	$10,994,681
Clams, Hard (Meats)	295,270	$3,533,790
	(15,078,447 clams)	--
Blue Crabs, Hard	28,964,473	$17,964,240
Blue Crabs, Peeler	624,362	$1,186,286
Blue Crabs, Soft	446,397	$1,954,927
Octopus	327	$501
Oysters (Meats)	800,353	$4,645,476
	(151,296 bushels)	--
Scallop, Bay (Meats)	0	$0
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	91,077	$883,772
Squid	1,267,192	$289,882
Stone Crabs	7,630	$21,926
Unclassified Shellfish	90,932	$90,710
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	34,002	$73,456
TOTAL SHELLFISH	37,762,475	$41,639,647
GRAND TOTAL	67,493,150	$72,851,148

[1] Includes species from the genus *Seriola* (amberjacks, almaco jacks, and banded rudderfish.)
[2] Includes shark fins and the following sharks: blacknose, blacktip, bonnethead, bull, finetooth, hammerhead, shortfin mako, spinner, thresher, tiger, and Atlantic sharpnose.
[3] The red snapper fishery closed on January 4, 2010.
[4] Includes brown, pink, and white shrimp.
* Units and value not shown to avoid disclosure of private enterprise.

2010 North Carolina Commercial Landings 2010

Updated: April 20, 2012

	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
FINFISH		
Amberjacks[1]	128,762	$95,599
Anglerfish (Monkfish including Monklivers)	47,305	$60,322
Bluefish	3,216,019	$1,129,688
Bonito	15,686	$20,152
Butterfish	55,087	$32,656
Carp	23,807	$2,200
Catfishes	354,892	$64,316
Cobia	43,715	$64,829
Croaker, Atlantic	7,312,159	$3,409,671
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	19,753	$14,353
Dolphinfish	239,551	$492,270
Drum, Black	69,194	$32,805
Drum, Red	231,828	$421,781
Eel, American	122,104	$351,048
Flounder, Southern	1,689,557	$3,695,889
Flounder, Summer	3,310,992	$7,212,191
Flounders, Other	358	$363
Garfish	12,182	$812
Grouper, Gag	222,749	$766,577
Grouper, Red	231,780	$625,224
Grouper, Scamp	60,163	$200,970
Grouper, Snowy	35,472	$106,298
Groupers, Other	11,761	$31,473
Grunts	47,219	$42,279
Hakes	5,001	$1,429
Harvestfish (Starbutters)	80,459	$106,592
Herring, River (Alewife and Blueback Herring)	1,765	$1,765
Hogfish (Hog Snapper)	13,046	$37,897
Jacks	2,288	$1,586
Mackerel, Atlantic (Boston)	45,276	$17,595
Mackerel, King	328,806	$643,861
Mackerel, Spanish	911,866	$1,026,562
Menhaden, Atlantic	1,299,130	$111,552
Mullet, Sea (Kingfishes)	886,841	$958,377
Mullet, Striped	2,082,832	$1,002,468
Perch, White	200,473	$162,370
Perch, Yellow	57,027	$68,576
Pigfish	32,867	$16,433
Pinfish	14,579	$3,635
Pompano	14,840	$39,124
Porgies	84,781	$107,864
Pufferfish	2,472	$1,629
Scup	102,853	$51,424
Sea Basses	401,489	$947,900
Seatrout, Spotted	200,822	$350,925
Shad, American	234,520	$191,453
Shad, Gizzard	87,340	$43,670
Shad, Hickory	108,032	$20,951

2010 North Carolina Commercial Landings

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
Sharks[2]	629,421	$325,080
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	1,614,844	$503,749
Sharks, Dogfish, Spiny	1,708,437	$256,512
Sheepshead	157,631	$99,666
Skates	7,503	$1,454
Skippers	13,937	$3,991
Snapper, Red[3]	*	*
Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)	316,782	$946,157
Snappers, Other	3,435	$9,346
Spadefish, Atlantic	18,827	$6,116
Spot	572,315	$384,386
Striped Bass	500,128	$1,221,466
Swordfish	629,933	$1,897,151
Tilefish	430,394	$817,388
Triggerfish	225,682	$349,179
Tuna, Bigeye	96,464	$338,881
Tuna, Bluefin	48,562	$416,044
Tuna, Yellowfin	368,027	$616,442
Tunas, Other	43,626	$41,778
Tunny, Little (False Albacore)	147,337	$76,491
Wahoo	12,626	$30,329
Weakfish (Gray Trout)	106,319	$105,282
Unclassified Fish for Food	76,320	$118,846
Unclassified Fish for Industrial Use or Bait	67,663	$14,190
TOTAL FINFISH	32,497,760	$33,369,466
SHELLFISH		
Shrimp (Heads On)[4]	5,955,355	$10,691,399
Clams, Hard (Meats)	354,961	$2,581,033
	(18,233,183 clams)	--
Blue Crabs, Hard	29,795,849	$23,803,460
Blue Crabs, Peeler	568,210	$1,197,855
Blue Crabs, Soft	320,472	$1,544,342
Octopus	941	$1,111
Oysters (Meats)	1,040,407	$5,045,127
	(196,674 bushels)	--
Scallop, Bay (Meats)	336	$2,100
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	171,898	$1,222,893
Squid	1,228,715	$284,426
Stone Crabs	5,593	$19,104
Unclassified Shellfish	47,306	$74,946
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	15,672	$30,623
TOTAL SHELLFISH	39,505,695	$46,498,419
GRAND TOTAL	72,003,454	$79,867,885

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2009 North Carolina Commercial Landings 2009

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
FINFISH		
Amberjacks[1]	153,099	$104,982
Anglerfish (Monkfish including Monklivers)	99,549	$112,354
Bluefish	2,360,077	$782,597
Bonito	9,981	$14,060
Butterfish	56,481	$26,799
Carp	14,087	$1,019
Catfishes	412,122	$77,709
Cobia	31,898	$46,516
Croaker, Atlantic	6,135,437	$3,003,861
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	59,379	$38,519
Dolphinfish	611,962	$1,030,145
Drum, Black	148,994	$64,875
Drum, Red	200,296	$325,625
Eel, American	65,481	$154,536
Flounder, Southern	2,396,128	$4,609,709
Flounder, Summer	2,859,039	$5,513,799
Flounders, Other	261	$202
Garfish	5,632	$509
Grouper, Gag	220,925	$733,054
Grouper, Red	296,255	$774,109
Grouper, Scamp	71,225	$232,278
Grouper, Snowy	32,927	$94,025
Groupers, Other	16,134	$45,265
Grunts	74,054	$63,394
Hakes	561	$155
Harvestfish (Starbutters)	96,742	$117,965
Herring, River (Alewife and Blueback Herring)	643	$836
Hogfish (Hog Snapper)	10,839	$28,476
Jacks	4,891	$3,880
Mackerel, Atlantic (Boston)	1,147	$448
Mackerel, King	777,585	$1,500,112
Mackerel, Spanish	961,811	$929,748
Menhaden, Atlantic	2,124,733	$229,648
Mullet, Sea (Kingfishes)	721,924	$789,000
Mullet, Striped	1,685,615	$715,265
Perch, White	376,820	$303,971
Perch, Yellow	66,949	$68,153
Pigfish	27,905	$11,207
Pinfish	12,655	$5,046
Pompano	21,668	$58,228
Porgies	98,771	$114,791
Pufferfish	799	$344
Scup	244,337	$100,956
Sea Basses	615,179	$1,401,506
Seatrout, Spotted	320,247	$528,985
Shad, American	167,631	$204,142
Shad, Gizzard	73,232	$2,197
Shad, Hickory	86,662	$22,963

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
Sharks[2]	447,405	$238,806
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	1,221,150	$381,790
Sharks, Dogfish, Spiny	1,416,362	$212,165
Sheepshead	132,390	$82,340
Skates	11,382	$2,202
Skippers	12,506	$4,131
Snapper, Red	10,228	$35,284
Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)	361,923	$1,033,555
Snappers, Other	1,930	$4,002
Spadefish, Atlantic	20,636	$6,520
Spot	1,006,500	$601,844
Striped Bass	310,604	$747,308
Swordfish	502,884	$1,319,917
Tilefish	469,293	$735,189
Triggerfish	215,759	$303,580
Tuna, Bigeye	168,089	$536,721
Tuna, Bluefin	138,902	$1,444,351
Tuna, Yellowfin	546,406	$852,155
Tunas, Other	39,277	$37,459
Tunny, Little (False Albacore)	146,088	$61,559
Wahoo	16,397	$39,022
Weakfish (Gray Trout)	163,146	$163,210
Unclassified Fish for Food	81,205	$142,962
Unclassified Fish for Industrial Use or Bait	59,109	$9,716
TOTAL FINFISH	32,330,334	$33,983,752
SHELLFISH		
Shrimp (Heads On)[3]	5,407,708	$8,527,714
Clams, Hard (Meats)	350,669	$2,036,419
	(18,011,221 clams)	--
Blue Crabs, Hard	29,140,473	$25,039,379
Blue Crabs, Peeler	367,881	$1,106,883
Blue Crabs, Soft	198,878	$1,282,733
Octopus	4,410	$4,863
Oysters (Meats)	573,630	$2,655,463
	(108,437 bushels)	--
Scallop, Bay (Meats)	29,003	$124,256
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	382,010	$2,278,321
Squid	52,342	$37,386
Stone Crabs	5,933	$19,281
Unclassified Shellfish	108,239	$77,720
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	11,901	$21,593
TOTAL SHELLFISH	36,633,075	$43,212,386
GRAND TOTAL	68,963,410	$77,196,138

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[2] Includes shark fins and the following sharks: blacktip, bonnethead, bull, finetooth, hammerhead, shortfin mako, spinner, thresher, tiger, and Atlantic sharpnose.
[3] Includes brown, pink, and white shrimp.
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2008 North Carolina Commercial Landings 2008

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
FINFISH		
Amberjacks[1]	160,769	$110,236
Anglerfish (Monkfish including Monklivers)	109,102	$127,688
Bluefish	1,930,391	$707,749
Bonito	16,576	$19,937
Butterfish	77,079	$39,990
Carp	6,344	$753
Catfishes	361,456	$91,752
Cobia	22,047	$30,042
Croaker, Atlantic	5,791,766	$3,141,877
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	21,614	$13,059
Dolphinfish	289,548	$573,364
Drum, Black	301,998	$104,937
Drum, Red	229,809	$352,426
Eel, American	23,833	$53,624
Flounder, Southern	2,602,390	$5,650,295
Flounder, Summer	2,406,603	$5,236,001
Flounders, Other	305	$386
Garfish	11,869	$593
Grouper, Gag	179,673	$616,241
Grouper, Red	474,404	$1,234,039
Grouper, Scamp	86,483	$288,607
Grouper, Snowy	26,700	$80,973
Groupers, Other	18,353	$54,605
Grunts	91,292	$86,065
Hakes	1,091	$362
Harvestfish (Starbutters)	75,285	$77,282
Herring, River (Alewife and Blueback Herring)	1,292	$775
Hogfish (Hog Snapper)	13,035	$34,731
Jacks	3,490	$2,400
Mackerel, Atlantic (Boston)	751	$379
Mackerel, King	1,036,852	$1,631,665
Mackerel, Spanish	415,405	$545,300
Menhaden, Atlantic	645,231	$70,339
Mullet, Sea (Kingfishes)	921,120	$815,149
Mullet, Striped	1,675,859	$672,108
Perch, White	398,307	$318,802
Perch, Yellow	43,507	$49,763
Pigfish	34,984	$12,777
Pinfish	80,384	$26,762
Pompano	18,081	$49,608
Porgies	114,457	$137,053
Pufferfish	680	$318
Scup	205,868	$164,204
Sea Basses	484,892	$1,155,772
Seatrout, Spotted	304,430	$466,588
Shad, American	118,971	$168,826
Shad, Gizzard	58,933	$1,768
Shad, Hickory	66,767	$11,665

2008 North Carolina Commercial Landings

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
Sharks[2]	468,864	$210,829
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	826,240	$265,462
Sharks, Dogfish, Spiny	158,727	$26,042
Sheepshead	89,726	$53,053
Skates	384	$76
Skippers	13,605	$3,168
Snapper, Red	8,852	$30,806
Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)	591,429	$1,747,555
Snappers, Other	2,557	$5,959
Spadefish, Atlantic	11,694	$3,293
Spot	736,484	$454,115
Striped Bass	373,445	$822,556
Swordfish	444,559	$1,133,936
Tilefish	404,295	$659,213
Triggerfish	198,724	$283,028
Tuna, Bigeye	272,340	$922,083
Tuna, Bluefin	147,410	$1,461,166
Tuna, Yellowfin	502,929	$956,049
Tunas, Other	19,413	$19,544
Tunny, Little (False Albacore)	103,743	$40,280
Wahoo	11,643	$27,068
Weakfish (Gray Trout)	162,516	$142,545
Unclassified Fish for Food	56,416	$115,512
Unclassified Fish for Industrial Use or Bait	54,957	$6,961
TOTAL FINFISH	27,621,026	$34,419,935
SHELLFISH		
Shrimp (Heads On)[3]	9,424,168	$19,245,921
Clams, Hard (Meats)	382,049	$2,355,279
	(19,332,807 clams)	--
Blue Crabs, Hard	32,338,889	$25,429,231
Blue Crabs, Peeler	351,986	$882,319
Blue Crabs, Soft	225,816	$1,243,836
Octopus	4,022	$5,878
Oysters (Meats)	466,176	$2,039,175
	(88,124 bushels)	--
Scallop, Bay (Meats)	0	$0
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	162,007	$1,013,048
Squid	108,583	$38,569
Stone Crabs	6,109	$15,742
Unclassified Shellfish	99,086	$102,214
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	10,270	$18,614
TOTAL SHELLFISH	43,579,163	$52,389,826
GRAND TOTAL	71,200,188	$86,809,761

[1] Includes species from the genus *Seriola* (amberjacks, almaco jacks, and banded rudderfish.)

[2] Includes shark fins and the following sharks: blacktip, hammerhead, lemon, shortfin mako, thresher, and Atlantic sharpnose.

[3] Includes brown, pink, white and rock shrimp.

2007 North Carolina Commercial Landings 2007

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
FINFISH		
Amberjacks[1]	133,519	$93,910
Anglerfish (Monkfish including Monklivers)	153,346	$188,124
Bluefish	2,329,718	$707,707
Bonito	16,085	$20,403
Butterfish	122,024	$62,800
Carp	26,580	$2,852
Catfishes	475,217	$129,282
Cobia	19,005	$25,711
Croaker, Atlantic	7,271,162	$2,714,046
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	27,042	$27,968
Dolphinfish	369,472	$726,111
Drum, Black	148,231	$50,320
Drum, Red	243,658	$354,400
Eel, American	37,937	$73,977
Flounder, Southern	2,083,043	$4,970,881
Flounder, Summer	2,670,110	$6,363,870
Flounders, Other	312	$316
Garfish	10,359	$518
Grouper, Gag	200,818	$652,226
Grouper, Red	448,580	$1,179,470
Grouper, Scamp	110,983	$353,144
Grouper, Snowy	48,354	$152,739
Groupers, Other	19,058	$56,795
Grunts	118,545	$109,044
Hakes	785	$271
Harvestfish (Starbutters)	90,151	$99,919
Herring, River (Alewife and Blueback Herring)	1,103	$856
Hogfish (Hog Snapper)	7,112	$17,072
Jacks	2,176	$1,030
Mackerel, Atlantic (Boston)	816	$412
Mackerel, King	1,059,107	$1,967,079
Mackerel, Spanish	487,879	$731,076
Menhaden, Atlantic	1,134,167	$139,178
Mullet, Sea (Kingfishes)	817,588	$795,412
Mullet, Striped	1,668,804	$721,171
Perch, White	174,494	$130,426
Perch, Yellow	45,698	$58,012
Pigfish	33,643	$11,894
Pinfish	73,238	$14,899
Pompano	19,553	$36,105
Porgies	97,919	$108,863
Pufferfish	930	$339
Scup	66,979	$42,756
Sea Basses	474,297	$1,195,325
Seatrout, Spotted	374,722	$524,465
Shad, American	300,032	$280,582
Shad, Gizzard	84,998	$2,550
Shad, Hickory	35,808	$7,726

2007 North Carolina Commercial Landings

(continued)

	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
Sharks[2]	348,717	$170,201
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	638,906	$195,299
Sharks, Dogfish, Spiny	149,543	$26,080
Sheepshead	77,173	$41,235
Skates	2,335	$332
Skippers	12,676	$3,252
Snapper, Red	7,288	$23,267
Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)	541,185	$1,573,301
Snappers, Other	2,145	$4,660
Spadefish, Atlantic	19,567	$6,939
Spot	879,082	$612,673
Striped Bass	576,157	$1,238,523
Swordfish	645,396	$1,769,054
Tilefish	58,218	$87,888
Triggerfish	155,261	$186,141
Tuna, Bigeye	339,750	$1,088,203
Tuna, Bluefin	131,881	$892,398
Tuna, Yellowfin	1,214,188	$2,002,484
Tunas, Other	15,688	$14,710
Tunny, Little (False Albacore)	134,666	$48,745
Wahoo	24,306	$55,644
Weakfish (Gray Trout)	175,589	$149,202
Unclassified Fish for Food	58,804	$101,965
Unclassified Fish for Industrial Use or Bait	71,786	$4,430
TOTAL FINFISH	30,451,458	$36,193,660
SHELLFISH		
Shrimp (Heads On)[3]	9,537,230	$17,905,334
Clams, Hard (Meats)	425,333	$2,600,658
	(21,787,426 clams)	--
Blue Crabs, Hard	20,562,159	$18,109,497
Blue Crabs, Peeler	498,904	$1,186,031
Blue Crabs, Soft	363,896	$2,136,426
Octopus	4,183	$6,440
Oysters (Meats)	441,415	$2,244,626
	(83,443 bushels)	--
Scallop, Bay (Meats)	0	$0
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	267,252	$1,692,479
Squid	291,760	$100,082
Stone Crabs	4,605	$13,599
Unclassified Shellfish	50,370	$76,988
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	12,414	$18,804
TOTAL SHELLFISH	32,459,521	$46,090,964
GRAND TOTAL	62,874,979	$82,284,625

[1] Includes species from the genus *Seriola* (amberjacks, almaco jacks, and banded rudderfish.)

[2] Includes shark fins and the following sharks: blacktip, bull, hammerhead, shortfin mako, sandbar, thresher, tiger, and Atlantic sharpnose.

[3] Includes brown, pink, and white shrimp.

North Carolina Commercial Fishing Trips By Major Gears

(2007 - 2011)

	Trips				
Gear	**2007**	**2008**	**2009**	**2010**	**2011[1]**
Beach Seine	242	329	123	183	102
By Hand	18,367	16,931	16,813	18,275	15,927
Cast Net	563	552	880	905	612
Channel Net	962	1,118	1,089	1,069	538
Clam Dredges	344	471	355	603	400
Clam Trawl Kicking	214	423	538	518	286
Crab Dredge	19	0	44	147	69
Crab Pot	49,164	47,275	54,625	50,431	48,140
Crab Trawl	157	314	484	274	228
Eel Pot	86	40	78	121	87
Fish Pot	815	689	909	649	538
Flounder Trawl	371	342	334	384	339
Flynet	160	160	242	286	195
Fyke Net	380	307	293	277	266
Gigs	1,955	1,554	1,572	2,424	2,180
Gill Net – Anchored	41,458	39,955	39,560	33,218	30,056
Gill Net – Drift	173	190	107	269	182
Gill Net – Runaround	2,780	2,827	3,251	3,677	2,606
Haul Seines[2]	438	383	380	372	369
Longlines	384	437	517	568	529
Oyster Dredge	1,733	2,691	4,481	10,712	7,433
Peeler Pot	3,466	3,396	2,728	3,347	2,904
Peeler Trawl[3]	0	0	0	31	41
Pound Nets	2,311	1,880	2,356	2,298	2,260
Rakes	16,808	12,811	11,334	10,335	9,392
Rod-n-Reel	3,569	3,443	3,237	2,486	1,985
Shrimp Trawl	6,735	5,995	5,749	5,592	4,372
Skimmer Trawl	1,574	953	807	1,096	330
Spears (Diving)	99	121	98	84	57
Tongs	5,924	5,762	4,956	4,797	6,019
Trolling	4,965	3,853	4,034	2,193	1,864
Trotline	46	0	1	6	20
Other Gears[4]	66	51	808	134	89
Total trips [5]	159,297	148,930	157,070	152,128	136,004

A **trip** is defined as the time period beginning when a vessel or fisherman leaves port to conduct fishing activities and ends when that vessel or fisherman returns to land the catch. The duration of a trip can vary from a few hours, as in hand clamming, to several days, as in ocean flounder trawling. An assessment of the number of trips gives an indication of the amount of effort conducted by commercial fishermen within that fishery.

1 Trips are preliminary.

2 Includes long hauls, common seines, and swipe nets.

3 A new code to distinguish peeler trawl gear was put into effect in 2010.

4 Includes butterfly nets, conch pots, dip nets, purse seines, sea scallop dredges, scallop scoops and trawls, shrimp pots and turtle pots; includes 701 scallop scoop trips in 2009.

5 Total trips are not equal to the sum of trips by gear due to multi-gear trips.

Source: North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Trip Ticket Program (April 2012).

PRELIMINARY
North Carolina Marine Recreational Finfish Harvest

2010 and 2011

SPECIES	NUMBER 2010	NUMBER 2011	POUNDS 2010	POUNDS 2011
Amberjacks	16,536	5,752	373,564	112,991
Barracudas	1,410	916	11,814	10,882
Bluefish	1,104,077	1,152,105	951,404	993,543
Bonito	551	11,144	9,117	147,403
Cobia	15,125	4,478	488,042	145,796
Croaker, Atlantic	478,156	246,676	233,607	100,692
Dolphin	498,626	472,174	3,293,114	3,541,959
Drum, Red	64,024	45,143	281,587	212,245
Drum, Black	122,709	211,396	305,933	151,356
Flounder, Southern	250,790	152,557	540,812	380,158
Flounder, Summer	77,157	60,422	111,279	100,543
Groupers	21,067	9,676	272,031	107,853
Grunts	44,877	27,490	58,905	44,214
Jacks	14,103	15,548	68,843	25,712
Kingfishes	953,327	587,151	391,134	246,886
Mackerel, King	36,541	14,220	332,783	180,014
Mackerel, Spanish	483,956	367,086	567,367	470,647
Perch, Silver	6,460	33,909	1,704	6,261
Pigfish	175,430	225,472	58,244	73,460
Pinfish	218,975	143,300	35,431	27,713
Pompano	100,541	122,819	46,578	47,393
Porgies	21,391	6,683	36,821	11,117
Puffers	149,704	156,916	72,574	91,384
Sea Bass, Black	138,961	95,004	181,510	143,234
Seatrout, Spotted	195,065	215,922	407,193	403,160
Sharks	7,145	5,831	48,671	21,241
Sharks, Dogfish	2,610	4,334	7,881	12,086
Sheepshead	145,873	66,689	401,852	180,145
Snappers	23,713	13,376	34,823	25,167
Spot	834,560	1,207,335	260,757	411,243
Striped Bass[1]	23,778	94,182	453,844	2,042,981
Tuna, Bluefin[2]	579	329	88,463	53,941
Tuna, Yellowfin	23,251	25,039	823,866	811,673
Wahoo	12,610	14,798	366,287	396,775
Weakfish	41,598	13,464	38,601	17,621

[1] Striped Bass landings reflect Atlantic Ocean catches only.
[2] Landings for Atlantic Bluefin Tuna (ABT) reflect the Highly Migratory Species fishing year (January 1 through December 31).

NOTE: The number and pounds of finfish listed represent estimated harvest; finfish released alive are not included.

North Carolina Marine Recreational Finfish Harvest

2007, 2008 and 2009

SPECIES	NUMBER 2007	NUMBER 2008	NUMBER 2009	POUNDS 2007	POUNDS 2008	POUNDS 2009
Amberjacks	5,102	16,792	18,035	78,975	396,710	505,759
Barracudas	724	9,428	1,553	9,355	85,658	13,741
Bluefish	1,257,420	1,176,983	827,788	1,279,450	1,363,632	928,461
Bonito	4,715	4,358	1,258	40,752	38,324	10,470
Cobia	3,222	2,136	5,754	106,213	89,195	147,974
Croaker, Atlantic	461,162	317,940	368,990	129,675	133,416	132,895
Dolphin	533,094	357,559	367,351	4,960,480	3,234,474	3,798,223
Drum, Red	66,789	50,809	57,543	305,664	236,744	286,702
Drum, Black	209,372	359,702	92,058	231,573	510,109	110,293
Flounder, Southern	174,511	206,294	147,447	385,999	490,772	318,604
Flounder, Summer	138,989	43,510	74,641	217,939	64,463	103,613
Groupers	97,056	105,237	78,580	778,707	1,317,477	881,347
Grunts	125,608	135,868	78,858	173,074	176,449	114,967
Jacks	9,027	9,934	6,369	55,989	38,827	19,876
Kingfishes	717,964	1,102,383	956,687	345,277	361,350	365,352
Mackerel, King	269,019	105,237	91,138	2,581,742	833,750	957,637
Mackerel, Spanish	495,476	744,139	677,787	698,034	929,673	828,760
Perch, Silver	43,499	5,968	22,143	7,755	1,101	6,665
Pigfish	314,322	165,875	177,321	104,402	52,306	68,616
Pinfish	106,341	243,610	145,255	21,264	54,342	36,299
Pompano	86,265	150,519	110,213	38,934	71,494	52,191
Porgies	30,680	48,692	40,410	53,464	83,571	70,636
Puffers	31,028	129,735	40,725	9,041	31,705	18,854
Sea Bass, Black	110,353	57,340	106,670	191,562	79,423	120,236
Seatrout, Spotted	531,614	654,435	608,790	874,458	988,679	957,655
Sharks	9,734	3,539	3,948	51,082	25,684	38,904
Sharks, Dogfish	3,342	3,337	929	5,037	2,466	16,449
Sheepshead	216,529	175,412	124,328	715,900	381,773	244,990
Snappers	21,262	38,134	30,914	31,103	65,385	55,699
Spot	3,078,346	1,843,343	1,056,346	978,631	671,916	354,375
Striped bass[1]	37,376	25,750	5,650	876,707	525,891	160,922
Tuna, Bluefin[2]	175	133	135	18,922	13,075	17,236
Tuna, Yellowfin	101,616	25,773	29,107	2,826,801	728,856	803,998
Wahoo	53,057	14,987	21,654	1,330,160	326,132	717,596
Weakfish	94,398	108,389	68,553	110,497	114,093	89,301

[1] Striped bass landings reflect Atlantic Ocean catches only.
[2] Landings for Atlantic Bluefin Tuna represent Highly Migratory Species fishing year January 1 through December 31.

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North Carolina Coastal Angling Program

North Carolina Marine Recreational Finfish Harvest and Release Catch Estimates

Year	Number Harvested	Pounds Harvested	Number Released
2007	14,892,298	22,573,883	19,575,464
2008	12,066,512	15,573,198	20,057,530
2009	9,688,277	14,583,010	17,192,498
2010	10,062,809	13,597,865	20,006,836
2011	8,564,946	13,239,326	15,865,229

North Carolina Marine Recreational Fishing Trip Estimates (number)

Year	Beach/Bank	Charter Boat	Manmade	Private Boat	Total
2007	1,814,879	217,903	1,630,016	2,670,578	6,333,376
2008	2,334,809	192,042	1,910,942	2,460,631	6,898,424
2009	1,716,858	145,759	1,441,055	2,005,019	5,308,691
2010	1,930,919	165,304	1,382,296	2,199,055	5,677,574
2011	1,404,886	151,681	1,284,670	1,898,507	4,739,744

Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL) Sales by Residency, 2007 - 2011.

Year	In State	Out-of-State	Total
2007	314,569	154,952	469,521
2008	267,061	144,819	411,880
2009	283,480	151,608	435,088
2010	296,173	157,346	453,519
2011	289,930	149,321	439,251
Grandfathered[1]	250,239	6,460	256,699

[1] All lifetime inland state fishing licenses sold prior to 2007 were grandfathered into the new CRFL requirement on January 01, 2007.

Survey Methods

The survey consists of telephone and on-site angler interviews. Telephone interviews are used to collect data on number of trips, fishing location, and when these trips were made. Information on actual catch (species, number, weight, and length) is collected through on-site angler interviews. Information from both types of interviews is combined to produce estimates of total number and pounds of finfish caught.

Precision of Estimates

Numbers and pounds presented are estimates, not actual counts, therefore having varying levels of precision.

Coastal recreational fishery statistics are provided through participation in the Marine Recreational Information Program. In North Carolina, this project is supported in part by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through the Sport Fish Restoration Program, Grant F-31.