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2012 Commercial & Recreational Statistics

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The Annual Fisheries Bulletin contains the North Carolina commercial and recreational fisheries harvest statistics for 2012. Included in this bulletin are the 2012 landings from the commercial and recreational fisheries programs, along with the 2008 to 2011 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 2012

Commercial	Recreational
56,688,054 pounds	10,729,443 pounds

Top Five Species Caught In Each Fishery

Commercial		Recreational	
Species	Pounds	Species	Pounds
Blue crabs	26,783,861	Dolphinfish	2,249,470
Shrimp	6,141,289	Yellowfin tuna	1,045,833
Atlantic croaker	3,106,616	Bluefish	942,104
Dogfish, Spiny	2,728,882	Spotted seatrout	818,521
Mullet, Striped	1,859,587	Wahoo	694,792

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2012 PRELIMINARY 2012

North Carolina Commercial Landings

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
FINFISH		
Amberjacks[1]	117,843	$99,454
Anglerfish (Monkfish including Monklivers)	21,649	$25,286
Bluefish	758,839	$349,240
Bonito	11,343	$15,833
Butterfish	127,536	$65,553
Carp	6,199	$586
Catfishes	495,974	$121,137
Cobia	31,972	$61,603
Croaker, Atlantic	3,106,616	$2,135,458
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	50,867	$61,601
Dolphinfish	248,979	$756,230
Drum, Black	94,346	$54,118
Drum, Red	66,470	$138,726
Eel, American	66,580	$166,450
Flounder, Southern	1,645,849	$4,450,847
Flounder, Summer	1,087,427	$2,962,447
Garfish	18,490	$2,339
Grouper, Gag	187,483	$758,371
Grouper, Red	111,781	$363,767
Grouper, Scamp	49,556	$195,370
Grouper, Snowy	25,740	$78,235
Groupers, Other	7,542	$26,152
Grunts	49,734	$50,044
Hakes	280	$100
Harvestfish (Starbutters)	161,751	$202,146
Herring, River (Alewife and Blueback Herring)	678	$678
Hogfish (Hog Snapper)	8,256	$28,738
Jacks	16,200	$13,414
Mackerel, Atlantic (Boston)	1,374	$567
Mackerel, King	296,617	$829,518
Mackerel, Spanish	916,439	$1,374,648
Menhaden, Atlantic	538,783	$82,974
Mullet, Sea (Kingfishes)	596,249	$645,607
Mullet, Striped	1,859,587	$1,041,659
Perch, White	189,448	$150,940
Perch, Yellow	20,511	$23,446
Pigfish	37,555	$19,834
Pinfish	1,017	$257
Pompano	22,525	$43,376
Porgies	83,918	$132,025
Pufferfish	5,531	$2,799
Scup	3,954	$2,768
Sea Basses	256,007	$687,905
Seatrout, Spotted	265,008	$522,053
Shad, American	235,861	$257,748
Shad, Gizzard	123,813	$4,333
Shad, Hickory	65,645	$22,389

2012 North Carolina Commercial Landings

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
Sharks[2]	702,832	$376,136
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	980,275	$379,946
Sharks, Dogfish, Spiny	2,728,882	$640,820
Sheepshead	109,881	$92,837
Skates	5,738	$1,433
Skippers	21,998	$5,804
Snapper, Red[3]	445	$1,898
Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)	276,172	$889,691
Snappers, Other	2,751	$8,036
Spadefish, Atlantic	24,238	$9,043
Spot	489,676	$465,750
Striped Bass	144,555	$368,516
Swordfish	903,178	$3,009,107
Tilefish	361,094	$753,966
Triggerfish	143,114	$278,968
Tuna, Bigeye	232,923	$1,036,663
Tuna, Bluefin	130,496	$1,017,958
Tuna, Yellowfin	855,006	$2,130,454
Tunas, Other	105,815	$122,890
Tunny, Little (False Albacore)	157,849	$89,826
Wahoo	23,521	$73,998
Weakfish (Gray Trout)	91,383	$111,461
Unclassified Fish for Food	111,190	$111,452
Unclassified Fish for Industrial Use or Bait	34,775	$7,615
TOTAL FINFISH	22,733,609	$31,013,037
SHELLFISH		
Shrimp (Heads On)[4]	6,141,289	$13,294,014
Clams, Hard (Meats)	396,285	$2,255,269
	(20,066,476 numbers)	--
Blue Crabs, Hard	25,988,674	$20,196,369
Blue Crabs, Peeler	469,761	$1,114,177
Blue Crabs, Soft	325,426	$1,496,021
Octopus	248	$382
Oysters (Meats)	440,063	$2,906,267
	(83,193 bushels)	--
Scallop, Bay (Meats)	0	$0
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	58,882	$571,366
Squid	11,916	$10,007
Stone Crabs	5,221	$14,964
Unclassified Shellfish	77,602	$64,218
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	39,078	$78,850
TOTAL SHELLFISH	33,954,445	$42,001,904
GRAND TOTAL	56,688,054	$73,014,941

[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.

2011 North Carolina Commercial Landings 2011

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
FINFISH		
Amberjacks[1]	72,797	$62,815
Anglerfish (Monkfish including Monklivers)	38,892	$48,702
Bluefish	1,897,408	$848,327
Bonito	11,039	$20,041
Butterfish	59,951	$31,176
Carp	24,367	$2,485
Catfishes	444,445	$85,039
Cobia	19,924	$34,908
Croaker, Atlantic	5,054,186	$3,164,034
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	8,439	$9,397
Dolphinfish	94,210	$244,752
Drum, Black	56,083	$26,432
Drum, Red	91,980	$166,966
Eel, American	61,480	$122,960
Flounder, Southern	1,247,356	$2,752,942
Flounder, Summer	2,854,122	$6,136,614
Flounders, Other	314	$257
Garfish	25,933	$2,334
Grouper, Gag	201,467	$790,710
Grouper, Red	154,277	$481,431
Grouper, Scamp	37,321	$143,336
Grouper, Snowy	8,999	$24,680
Groupers, Other	6,454	$22,869
Grunts	33,443	$34,344
Hakes	873	$591
Harvestfish (Starbutters)	106,660	$102,927
Herring, River (Alewife and Blueback Herring)	1,611	$1,611
Hogfish (Hog Snapper)	10,793	$37,688
Jacks	1,068	$706
Mackerel, Atlantic (Boston)	6,512	$3,286
Mackerel, King	408,162	$1,062,081
Mackerel, Spanish	871,217	$1,188,154
Menhaden, Atlantic	3,529,967	$336,528
Mullet, Sea (Kingfishes)	486,853	$520,413
Mullet, Striped	1,627,294	$1,015,596
Perch, White	245,636	$223,248
Perch, Yellow	27,838	$38,554
Pigfish	39,838	$12,838
Pinfish	905	$252
Pompano	17,016	$42,724
Porgies	90,792	$133,648
Pufferfish	1,490	$916
Scup	308,907	$126,875
Sea Basses	272,280	$627,825
Seatrout, Spotted	75,239	$144,596
Shad, American	204,085	$182,894
Shad, Gizzard	101,025	$5,051
Shad, Hickory	85,096	$23,607

2011 North Carolina Commercial Landings

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
Sharks[2]	584,238	$327,802
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	1,241,252	$401,178
Sharks, Dogfish, Spiny	2,557,923	$383,748
Sheepshead	120,976	$90,068
Skates	19,204	$7,730
Skippers	24,510	$6,594
Snapper, Red[3]	0	$0
Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)	323,389	$997,623
Snappers, Other	2,982	$7,077
Spadefish, Atlantic	21,535	$6,839
Spot	936,970	$728,475
Striped Bass	410,685	$1,164,426
Swordfish	803,725	$2,617,201
Tilefish	133,824	$314,600
Triggerfish	220,204	$411,373
Tuna, Bigeye	277,659	$1,094,276
Tuna, Bluefin	48,358	$270,637
Tuna, Yellowfin	526,238	$944,099
Tunas, Other	76,661	$68,578
Tunny, Little (False Albacore)	131,549	$66,986
Wahoo	15,870	$44,685
Weakfish (Gray Trout)	65,897	$78,522
Unclassified Fish for Food	113,326	$145,153
Unclassified Fish for Industrial Use or Bait	54,904	$9,304
TOTAL FINFISH	29,737,923	$31,277,134
SHELLFISH		
Shrimp (Heads On)[4]	5,140,360	$10,885,795
Clams, Hard (Meats)	295,466	$1,896,627
	(15,078,447 clams)	--
Blue Crabs, Hard	28,964,473	$18,016,552
Blue Crabs, Peeler	624,362	$1,186,286
Blue Crabs, Soft	446,397	$2,079,242
Octopus	327	$501
Oysters (Meats)	800,517	$4,486,593
	(151,296 bushels)	--
Scallop, Bay (Meats)	0	$0
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	91,077	$883,772
Squid	1,267,192	$291,060
Stone Crabs	7,630	$21,926
Unclassified Shellfish	90,932	$83,407
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	34,002	$73,456
TOTAL SHELLFISH	37,762,735	$39,905,217
GRAND TOTAL	67,500,658	$71,182,351

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2010 North Carolina Commercial Landings 2010

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	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

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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	*	*
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	32,497,713	$33,369,328
SHELLFISH		
Shrimp (Heads On)[3]	5,955,335	$10,691,399
Clams, Hard (Meats)	354,961	$2,581,033
	(18,233,183 clams)	--
Blue Crabs, Hard	29,794,329	$23,801,594
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)	*	*
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	171,898	$1,222,893
Squid	1,228,715	$284,426
Stone Crabs	5,593	$19,104
Unclassified Shellfish	47,308	$74,953
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	15,672	$30,623
TOTAL SHELLFISH	39,504,041	$46,495,710
GRAND TOTAL	72,001,754	$79,865,038

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2009 North Carolina Commercial Landings 2009

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FINFISH		
Amberjacks[1]	153,099	$104,982
Anglerfish (Monkfish including Monklivers)	99,549	$112,354
Bluefish	2,360,078	$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	2,396,240	$4,609,932
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	32,330,453	$33,983,974
SHELLFISH		
Shrimp (Heads On)[3]	5,407,708	$8,527,714
Clams, Hard (Meats)	350,669	$2,036,793
	(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	36,633,077	$43,212,385
GRAND TOTAL	68,963,530	$77,196,359

[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.

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

(continued)

	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
Sharks[2]	468,864	$210,848
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	826,274	$265,535
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	27,621,062	$34,420,026
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	43,579,161	$52,389,826
GRAND TOTAL	71,200,223	$86,809,852

[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

(2008 - 2012)

	Trips				
Gear	**2008**	**2009**	**2010**	**2011**	**2012[1]**
Beach Seine	329	123	183	102	68
By Hand	16,931	16,813	18,275	15,927	15,187
Cast Net	552	880	905	612	803
Channel Net	1,118	1,089	1,069	538	1,507
Clam Dredges	471	355	603	400	492
Clam Trawl Kicking	423	538	518	286	188
Crab Dredge	0	44	147	69	5
Crab Pot	47,275	54,625	50,431	48,140	48,044
Crab Trawl	314	484	274	228	20
Eel Pot	40	78	121	87	182
Fish Pot	689	909	649	538	613
Flounder Trawl	342	334	384	339	105
Flynet	160	242	286	195	14
Fyke Net	307	293	277	266	329
Gigs	1,554	1,572	2,424	2,180	3,147
Gill Net – Anchored	39,955	39,560	33,218	30,056	31,272
Gill Net – Drift	190	107	269	182	392
Gill Net – Runaround	2,827	3,251	3,677	2,606	3,590
Haul Seines[2]	383	380	372	369	177
Longlines	437	517	568	529	592
Oyster Dredge	2,691	4,481	10,712	7,433	2,264
Peeler Pot	3,396	2,728	3,347	2,904	3,516
Peeler Trawl[3]	0	0	31	41	24
Pound Nets	1,880	2,356	2,298	2,260	2,679
Rakes	12,811	11,334	10,335	9,392	9,400
Rod-n-Reel	3,443	3,237	2,486	1,985	2,149
Shrimp Trawl	5,995	5,749	5,592	4,372	6,194
Skimmer Trawl	953	807	1,096	330	1,088
Spears (Diving)	121	98	84	57	134
Tongs	5,762	4,956	4,797	6,019	5,527
Trolling	3,853	4,034	2,193	1,864	1,885
Trotline	0	1	6	20	50
Other Gears[4]	51	808	134	89	92
Total trips [5]	148,930	157,070	152,128	136,004	138,433

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 2013).

PRELIMINARY
North Carolina Marine Recreational Finfish Harvest

2011 and 2012

SPECIES	NUMBER 2011	NUMBER 2012	POUNDS 2011	POUNDS 2012
Amberjacks	5,752	9,579	112,991	166,173
Barracudas	916	839	10,882	9,963
Bluefish	1,152,105	854,515	993,543	942,104
Bonito	11,144	5,081	147,403	49,716
Cobia	4,478	2,113	145,796	92,118
Croaker, Atlantic	246,676	280,057	100,692	101,723
Dolphin	472,174	307,378	3,541,959	2,249,470
Drum, Red	45,143	53,823	212,245	241,380
Drum, Black	211,396	135,498	151,356	235,708
Flounder, Southern	152,557	115,856	380,158	290,996
Flounder, Summer	60,422	62,512	100,543	101,367
Groupers	9,676	9,201	107,852	113,289
Grunts	27,490	48,490	44,213	76,139
Jacks	15,548	18,308	25,712	20,624
Kingfishes	587,151	1,011,052	246,886	373,359
Mackerel, King	14,220	25,506	180,014	302,710
Mackerel, Spanish	367,086	465,001	470,647	633,039
Perch, Silver	33,909	21,389	6,261	3,940
Pigfish	225,472	326,059	73,460	113,227
Pinfish	156,088	287,108	37,366	79,595
Pompano	122,819	104,361	47,393	57,569
Porgies	7,290	13,711	11,592	22,882
Puffers	156,916	259,191	91,384	126,863
Sea Bass, Black	95,004	75,395	143,234	129,636
Seatrout, Spotted	215,922	491,108	403,160	818,521
Sharks	5,831	3,026	21,241	45,804
Sharks, Dogfish	4,334	226	12,086	1,214
Sheepshead	66,689	114,388	180,145	275,907
Snappers	13,376	20,837	25,167	41,095
Spot	1,207,335	753,902	411,243	223,132
Striped Bass[1]	94,182	0	2,042,981	0
Tuna, Bluefin[2]	329	189	53,941	31,861
Tuna, Yellowfin	25,039	37,395	811,673	1,045,833
Wahoo	14,798	26,818	396,775	694,792
Weakfish	13,464	36,712	17,621	40,160

[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. Recreational finfish catches from headboats are not included in this table. The National Marine Fisheries Service collected headboat data separately in 2011 and 2012.

North Carolina Marine Recreational Finfish Harvest

2008, 2009 and 2010

SPECIES	NUMBER 2008	NUMBER 2009	NUMBER 2010	POUNDS 2008	POUNDS 2009	POUNDS 2010
Amberjacks	16,792	18,035	16,536	396,710	505,759	373,564
Barracudas	9,428	1,553	1,410	85,658	13,741	11,814
Bluefish	1,176,983	827,788	1,104,077	1,363,632	928,461	951,404
Bonito	4,358	1,258	551	38,324	10,470	9,117
Cobia	2,136	5,754	15,125	89,195	147,974	488,042
Croaker, Atlantic	317,940	368,990	478,156	133,416	132,895	233,607
Dolphin	357,559	367,351	498,626	3,234,474	3,798,223	3,293,114
Drum, Red	50,809	57,543	64,024	236,744	286,702	281,587
Drum, Black	359,702	92,058	122,709	510,109	110,293	305,933
Flounder, Southern	206,294	147,447	250,790	490,772	318,604	540,812
Flounder, Summer	43,510	74,641	77,157	64,463	103,613	111,279
Groupers	104,272	77,906	21,067	1,315,776	880,104	272,031
Grunts	135,868	78,858	44,876	176,449	114,968	58,905
Jacks	9,935	6,369	14,104	38,828	19,876	68,842
Kingfishes	1,102,383	956,687	953,327	361,350	365,352	391,134
Mackerel, King	105,237	91,138	36,541	833,750	957,637	332,783
Mackerel, Spanish	744,139	677,787	483,956	929,673	828,760	567,367
Perch, Silver	5,968	22,143	6,460	1,101	6,665	1,704
Pigfish	165,875	177,321	175,430	52,306	68,616	58,244
Pinfish	292,634	158,898	227,325	90,430	49,955	41,863
Pompano	150,519	110,213	100,541	71,494	52,191	46,578
Porgies	48,692	40,410	23,044	83,572	70,636	38,041
Puffers	129,735	40,725	149,704	31,705	18,854	72,574
Sea Bass, Black	57,340	106,670	138,961	79,423	120,236	181,510
Seatrout, Spotted	654,435	608,790	195,065	988,679	957,655	407,193
Sharks	3,539	3,948	7,145	25,684	38,904	48,671
Sharks, Dogfish	3,337	929	2,610	2,466	16,449	7,881
Sheepshead	175,412	124,328	145,873	381,773	244,990	401,852
Snappers	38,134	30,914	23,712	65,385	55,699	34,823
Spot	1,843,343	1,056,346	834,560	671,916	354,375	260,757
Striped bass[1]	25,750	5,650	23,778	525,891	160,922	453,844
Tuna, Bluefin[2]	133	135	579	13,075	17,236	88,463
Tuna, Yellowfin	25,773	29,107	23,251	728,856	803,998	823,866
Wahoo	14,987	21,654	12,610	326,132	717,596	366,287
Weakfish	108,389	68,553	41,598	114,093	89,301	38,601

[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.

NOTE: The number and pounds of finfish listed represent estimated harvest; finfish released alive are not included. Recreational finfish catches from headboats are included for 2005 and 2006 only. Recreational finfish catches from headboats are not included in 2007. The National Marine Fisheries Service collected headboat data separately in 2007.

North Carolina Coastal Angling Program

North Carolina Marine Recreational Finfish Harvest and Release Catch Estimates

Year	Number Harvested	Pounds Harvested	Number Released
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
2012	8,135,910	10,729,443	17,983,680

North Carolina Marine Recreational Fishing Trip Estimates (number)

Year	Beach/Bank	Charter Boat	Manmade	Private Boat	Total
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
2012	1,567,949	140,648	1,425,910	2,010,468	5,144,975

Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL) Sales by Residency, 2008 - 2012.

Year	In State	Out-of-State	Total
2008	267,061	144,819	411,880
2009	283,480	151,608	435,088
2010	296,173	157,346	453,519
2011	289,925	149,321	439,246
2012	304,848	155,457	460,305
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.