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Annual Fisheries Bulletin

2010 Commercial & Recreational Statistics

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The Annual Fisheries Bulletin contains the North Carolina commercial and recreational fisheries harvest statistics for 2010. Included in this bulletin are the 2010 landings from the commercial and recreational fisheries programs, along with the 2006 to 2009 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 2010

Commercial	Recreational
72,027,335 pounds	14,422,822 pounds

Top Five Species Caught In Each Fishery

Commercial	
Species	Pounds
Blue crabs	30,684,249
Croaker	7,312,159
Shrimp	5,955,457
Summer flounder	3,318,417
Bluefish	3,216,019

Recreational	
Species	Pounds
Dolphinfish	3,297,120
Yellowfin tuna	1,189,366
Bluefish	1,179,551
Striped Bass	711,184
Spanish mackerel	579,638

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2010 PRELIMINARY 2010

North Carolina Commercial Landings

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
FINFISH		
Amberjacks[1]	128,762	$95,599
Anglerfish (Monkfish including Monklivers)	47,345	$60,387
Bluefish	3,216,019	$1,129,688
Bonito	15,686	$20,152
Butterfish	55,087	$32,656
Carp	23,807	$2,200
Catfishes	354,622	$64,272
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	231,760	$421,659
Eel, American	122,104	$351,048
Flounder, Southern	1,689,493	$3,695,756
Flounder, Summer	3,318,417	$7,228,763
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	2,082,636	$1,002,386
Perch, White	200,472	$162,369
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	401,517	$947,972
Seatrout, Spotted	200,500	$350,349
Shad, American	233,267	$190,348
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	499,740	$1,220,542
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	32,502,691	$33,383,189
SHELLFISH		
Shrimp (Heads On)[4]	5,955,457	$10,690,675
Clams, Hard (Meats)	354,961	$2,581,033
	(18,233,183 Clams)	--
Blue Crabs, Hard	29,795,512	$23,801,421
Blue Crabs, Peeler	568,265	$1,197,970
Blue Crabs, Soft	320,472	$1,544,342
Octopus	941	$1,111
Oysters (Meats)	1,040,338	$5,044,792
	(196,661 Bushels)	--
Scallop, Bay (Meats)	336	$2,100
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	171,898	$1,222,893
Squid	1,228,695	$284,412
Stone Crabs	5,593	$19,104
Unclassified Shellfish	66,488	$140,450
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	15,690	$30,655
TOTAL SHELLFISH	39,524,644	$46,560,959
GRAND TOTAL	72,027,335	$79,944,148

[1] Includes species from the genus *Seriola* (amberjacks, almaco jacks, and banded rudderfish.)
[2] Includes shark fins and the following sharks: 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.

2009 North Carolina Commercial Landings 2009

Updated: April 15, 2011

	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	6,135,427	$3,003,858
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	59,379	$38,519
Dolphinfish	610,932	$1,028,309
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

2009 North Carolina Commercial Landings

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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	1,006,485	$601,835
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	16,199	$38,542
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	32,329,082	$33,981,424
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	117,004	$132,285
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	11,901	$21,593
TOTAL SHELLFISH	36,641,840	$43,266,950
GRAND TOTAL	68,970,923	$77,248,374

[1] Includes species from the genus *Seriola* (amberjacks, almaco jacks, and banded rudderfish.)
[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	77,199	$40,053
Carp	6,344	$753
Catfishes	361,456	$91,752
Cobia	22,047	$30,042
Croaker, Atlantic	5,791,874	$3,141,941
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)	922,583	$816,446
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

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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	737,244	$454,585
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	502,928	$956,049
Tunas, Other	19,413	$19,544
Tunny, Little (False Albacore)	103,743	$40,280
Wahoo	11,643	$27,068
Weakfish (Gray Trout)	170,469	$149,044
Unclassified Fish for Food	56,489	$115,555
Unclassified Fish for Industrial Use or Bait	54,957	$6,961
TOTAL FINFISH	27,631,503	$34,428,369
SHELLFISH		
Shrimp (Heads On)[3]	9,426,878	$19,250,590
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	43,581,873	$52,394,496
GRAND TOTAL	71,213,375	$86,822,865

[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	2,332,118	$701,134
Bonito	16,085	$20,403
Butterfish	122,124	$62,851
Carp	26,580	$2,852
Catfishes	475,217	$129,282
Cobia	19,005	$25,711
Croaker, Atlantic	7,301,296	$2,726,029
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	2,670,174	$6,364,022
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)	817,868	$795,685
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

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
Sharks[2]	348,887	$170,268
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	641,888	$196,104
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	576,384	$1,238,956
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)	134,674	$48,748
Wahoo	24,306	$55,644
Weakfish (Gray Trout)	175,597	$149,208
Unclassified Fish for Food	58,804	$101,965
Unclassified Fish for Industrial Use or Bait	71,786	$4,430
TOTAL FINFISH	30,451,831	$36,207,859
SHELLFISH		
Shrimp (Heads On)[3]	9,552,155	$17,937,913
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)	441,431	$2,244,707
	(83,446 bushels)	--
Scallop, Bay (Meats)	0	$0
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	267,252	$1,692,479
Squid	291,826	$100,122
Stone Crabs	4,605	$13,599
Unclassified Shellfish	50,370	$76,988
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	12,414	$18,804
TOTAL SHELLFISH	32,474,528	$46,123,664
GRAND TOTAL	62,926,359	$82,331,523

[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.

2006 North Carolina Commercial Landings 2006

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
FINFISH		
Amberjacks[1]	101,722	$65,811
Anglerfish (Monkfish including Monklivers)	164,953	$176,908
Bluefish	2,791,157	$815,639
Bonito	9,770	$10,503
Butterfish	94,430	$50,843
Carp	29,285	$2,873
Catfishes	429,948	$121,288
Cobia	20,270	$24,076
Croaker, Atlantic	10,396,554	$3,562,502
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	6,153	$4,668
Dolphinfish	159,452	$307,239
Drum, Black	125,214	$38,076
Drum, Red	169,206	$232,818
Eel, American	33,581	$70,893
Flounder, Southern	2,287,823	$4,850,300
Flounder, Summer	3,981,413	$8,449,646
Flounders, Other	2,397	$1,417
Garfish	12,218	$828
Grouper, Gag	240,927	$707,641
Grouper, Red	240,782	$587,538
Grouper, Scamp	104,964	$303,898
Grouper, Snowy	102,554	$256,074
Groupers, Other	19,643	$50,429
Grunts	118,234	$104,278
Hakes	974	$294
Harvestfish (Starbutters)	88,040	$107,606
Herring, River (Alewife and Blueback Herring)	109,847	$84,276
Hogfish (Hog Snapper)	7,296	$16,717
Jacks	2,260	$1,144
Mackerel, Atlantic (Boston)	7,160	$1,718
Mackerel, King	1,185,534	$2,120,138
Mackerel, Spanish	470,662	$617,689
Menhaden, Atlantic	962,648	$147,779
Mullet, Sea (Kingfishes)	559,440	$550,566
Mullet, Striped	1,728,607	$977,756
Perch, White	156,426	$124,299
Perch, Yellow	34,599	$34,815
Pigfish	40,963	$12,406
Pinfish	65,456	$11,950
Pompano	6,075	$10,989
Porgies	72,241	$81,784
Pufferfish	402	$138
Scup	140,062	$96,932
Sea Basses	778,230	$1,715,625
Seatrout, Spotted	312,620	$410,695
Shad, American	184,965	$201,026
Shad, Gizzard	66,808	$2,672
Shad, Hickory	54,802	$10,639

2006 North Carolina Commercial Landings

(continued)

	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
Sharks[2]	835,415	$373,881
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	610,247	$177,745
Sharks, Dogfish, Spiny	11,574	$2,517
Sheepshead	57,481	$28,167
Skates	839	$210
Skippers	13,219	$3,303
Snapper, Red	6,137	$19,189
Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)	336,145	$927,721
Snappers, Other	2,789	$6,381
Spadefish, Atlantic	19,623	$6,851
Spot	1,364,743	$998,047
Striped Bass	281,736	$680,902
Swordfish	615,877	$1,500,495
Tilefish	138,090	$186,677
Triggerfish	126,354	$146,634
Tuna, Bigeye	505,745	$1,373,891
Tuna, Bluefin	188,454	$994,678
Tuna, Yellowfin	1,155,802	$1,636,198
Tunas, Other	25,163	$19,846
Tunny, Little (False Albacore)	106,617	$35,703
Wahoo	16,426	$37,879
Weakfish (Gray Trout)	363,078	$310,697
Unclassified Fish for Food	52,042	$57,814
Unclassified Fish for Industrial Use or Bait	130,831	$8,864
TOTAL FINFISH	35,643,190	$37,670,132
SHELLFISH		
Shrimp (Heads On)[3]	5,736,649	$9,141,435
Clams, Hard (Meats)	422,293	$2,631,373
	(21,475,443 clams)	--
Blue Crabs, Hard	24,408,932	$14,146,592
Blue Crabs, Peeler	549,916	$1,172,353
Blue Crabs, Soft	384,311	$1,768,450
Octopus	3,578	$5,705
Oysters (Meats)	447,889	$2,234,558
	(84,667 bushels)	--
Scallop, Bay (Meats)	0	$0
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	146,721	$993,847
Squid	940,958	$251,794
Stone Crabs	3,950	$14,191
Unclassified Shellfish	42,781	$41,360
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	12,180	$13,731
TOTAL SHELLFISH	33,100,157	$32,415,388
GRAND TOTAL	68,743,347	$70,085,519

[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

(2006 - 2010)

	Trips				
Gear	**2006**	**2007**	**2008**	**2009**	**2010[1]**
Beach Seine	317	242	329	123	182
By Hand	14,688	18,367	16,931	16,813	18,272
Cast Net	495	563	552	880	905
Channel Net	911	962	1,118	1,089	1,069
Clam Dredges	391	344	471	355	603
Clam Trawl Kicking	373	214	423	538	518
Crab Dredge	1	19	0	44	147
Crab Pot	48,167	49,164	47,275	54,626	50,414
Crab Trawl	303	157	314	484	274
Eel Pot	103	86	40	77	121
Fish Pot	1,022	815	689	909	649
Flounder Trawl	380	371	342	334	382
Flynet	220	160	160	242	288
Fyke Net	308	380	307	293	277
Gigs	1,396	1,955	1,554	1,572	2,424
Gill Net – Anchored	39,054	41,458	39,955	39,559	33,200
Gill Net – Drift	255	173	190	107	269
Gill Net – Runaround	2,687	2,780	2,827	3,251	3,677
Haul Seines[2]	539	438	383	380	372
Longlines	488	384	437	517	568
Oyster Dredge	2,487	1,733	2,691	4,481	10,712
Peeler Pot	3,407	3,466	3,396	2,728	3,347
Peeler Trawl[3]	0	0	0	0	31
Pound Nets	2,234	2,311	1,880	2,356	2,298
Purse Seine	0	0	0	0	3
Rakes	16,099	16,808	12,811	11,334	10,335
Rod-n-Reel	2,886	3,569	3,443	3,237	2,486
Scallop Scoop	0	0	0	701	1
Shrimp Trawl	5,710	6,735	5,995	5,749	5,588
Skimmer Trawl	1,366	1,574	953	807	1,096
Spears (Diving)	47	99	121	98	84
Tongs	5,682	5,924	5,762	4,956	4,796
Trolling	4,497	4,965	3,853	4,034	2,193
Trotline	65	46	0	1	6
Other Gears[4]	55	85	51	151	130
Total trips [5]	150,126	159,297	148,930	157,068	152,084

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, sea scallop dredges and trawls, shrimp pots and turtle pots.

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 2010).

PRELIMINARY
North Carolina Marine Recreational Finfish Harvest

2009 and 2010

SPECIES	NUMBER 2009	NUMBER 2010	POUNDS 2009	POUNDS 2010
Amberjacks	18,239	14,341	504,137	325,813
Barracudas	1,307	1,015	12,665	7,970
Bluefish	856,405	1,365,804	971,122	1,179,551
Bonito	11,533	7,410	97,979	52,132
Cobia	7,549	14,598	186,454	503,740
Croaker, Atlantic	350,398	437,388	123,901	219,040
Dolphin	376,125	465,833	3,864,441	3,297,120
Drum, Red	73,446	70,071	358,184	314,724
Drum, Black	101,274	154,935	132,494	257,354
Flounder, Southern	135,531	234,571	297,786	512,389
Flounder, Summer	58,093	91,655	86,312	135,307
Groupers	32,394	16,777	320,088	210,764
Grunts	98,259	57,505	113,929	50,481
Jacks	8,181	12,911	17,924	26,523
Kingfishes	804,759	1,054,712	327,837	469,701
Mackerel, King	80,174	35,947	864,227	349,905
Mackerel, Spanish	703,393	470,212	892,632	579,638
Perch, Silver	10,516	5,412	2,784	1,318
Pigfish	252,396	228,993	101,174	79,139
Pinfish	152,694	231,007	34,068	43,195
Pompano	96,681	113,214	45,382	51,991
Porgies	35,985	18,294	60,942	30,719
Puffers	72,071	206,774	36,607	104,042
Sea Bass, Black	115,710	152,604	145,208	185,402
Seatrout, Spotted	509,416	162,775	833,568	326,757
Sharks	5,479	5,402	34,967	36,244
Sharks, Dogfish	1,054	9,452	10,044	33,854
Sheepshead	147,438	173,317	265,317	484,143
Snappers	49,575	54,249	75,571	77,476
Spot	1,168,436	955,432	401,475	292,738
Striped Bass[1]	7,375	39,821	209,856	711,184
Tuna, Bluefin[2]	135	579	17,236	88,463
Tuna, Yellowfin	29,625	34,634	803,336	1,189,366
Wahoo	13,401	13,820	409,639	375,955
Weakfish	81,643	50,233	103,230	49,284

[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 2009 and 2010.

North Carolina Marine Recreational Finfish Harvest

2006, 2007 and 2008

SPECIES	NUMBER 2006	NUMBER 2007	NUMBER 2008	POUNDS 2006	POUNDS 2007	POUNDS 2008
Amberjacks	5,867	6,999	13,867	89,471	121,787	307,182
Barracudas	253	1,742	7,386	2,771	23,133	89,855
Bluefish	1,128,157	1,338,333	1,299,111	1,209,785	1,469,414	1,113,333
Bonito	1,201	6,653	2,702	5,560	28,680	18,764
Cobia	4,722	2,900	2,447	134,430	82,785	84,395
Croaker, Atlantic	434,735	397,702	372,778	151,403	87,013	154,940
Dolphin	590,139	608,422	381,787	4,761,594	5,717,862	3,370,519
Drum, Red	51,522	65,353	56,733	217,464	318,157	261,971
Drum, Black	105,606	231,516	381,737	169,706	239,241	550,140
Flounder, Southern	172,136	154,429	174,779	366,400	366,305	420,443
Flounder, Summer	152,683	184,476	53,090	207,770	289,486	81,583
Groupers	62,672	85,200	101,840	767,675	717,042	1,247,617
Grunts	115,306	144,736	129,219	133,339	169,900	129,097
Jacks	33,493	11,262	15,699	31,105	84,172	52,648
Kingfishes	687,833	771,497	1,170,176	251,106	389,414	391,258
Mackerel, King	119,249	228,669	108,788	1,082,351	2,004,574	875,640
Mackerel, Spanish	305,343	491,357	686,501	454,749	729,687	783,339
Perch, Silver	21,640	53,244	9,697	3,523	8,613	1,812
Pigfish	249,591	275,950	237,161	93,561	94,886	78,335
Pinfish	173,533	144,039	217,262	81,993	59,806	55,753
Pompano	81,058	97,182	207,159	45,291	53,953	95,395
Porgies	14,739	33,694	47,724	27,165	54,899	79,268
Puffers	30,798	23,887	225,184	5,655	5,536	46,083
Sea Bass, Black	156,063	121,722	68,774	151,075	196,134	90,978
Seatrout, Spotted	577,537	525,156	584,024	941,161	988,527	922,743
Sharks	4,736	9,301	3,283	39,176	51,716	22,879
Sharks, Dogfish	2,652	4,849	9,140	19,989	2,383	2,826
Sheepshead	59,453	221,579	189,327	197,638	732,983	328,719
Snappers	46,618	88,540	129,491	66,352	124,273	164,837
Spot	2,770,151	4,268,838	2,345,372	978,181	1,378,993	834,820
Striped bass[1]	90,753	45,502	44,890	2,153,231	1,048,581	938,713
Tuna, Bluefin[2]	31	175	133	5,452	18,922	13,075
Tuna, Yellowfin	244,357	114,638	27,043	7,089,259	3,216,095	769,469
Wahoo	17,736	36,197	13,254	390,880	1,025,379	310,999
Weakfish	153,696	114,332	137,564	139,392	125,459	139,369

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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
2006	11,854,532	23,806,139	20,652,808
2007	14,863,238	23,348,687	19,986,627
2008	12,194,407	15,895,794	19,971,837
2009	8,946,030	13,567,106	16,664,636
2010	10,470,902	14,422,822	20,275,022

North Carolina Marine Recreational Fishing Trip Estimates (number)

Year	Beach/Bank	Charter Boat	Manmade	Private Boat	Headboat	Total
2006	2,227,317	229,179	2,073,130	2,656,155	60,735	7,246,516
2007	2,012,304	212,284	1,897,366	2,783,516	73,838	6,979,308
2008	2,308,667	189,757	2,038,901	2,550,207	93,201	7,180,733
2009	1,892,896	146,331	1,553,506	2,031,935	72,849	5,697,517
2010	2,039,310	160,756	1,612,576	2,223,408	61,947	6,097,997

Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL) Sales by Residency, 2007 - 2010.

Year	In State	Out-of-State	Total
2007	314,569	154,952	469,521
2008	267,062	144,819	411,881
2009	283,480	151,608	435,088
2010	296,176	157,346	453,522
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.