North Carolina Commercial Fishing

Trips By Major Gears

(January - June, 2008 - 2012)

Gear	Trips				
	Jan - Jun 2008	Jan - Jun 2009	Jan - Jun 2010	Jan - Jun 2011	Jan - Jun 2012
Beach seine	281	83	74	57	45
By Hand	6,806	7,915	8,429	6,694	6,884
Cast net	90	211	195	184	205
Channel net	330	307	362	200	673
Clam dredges	359	200	470	233	348
Clam trawl kicking	270	336	395	184	122
Crab dredge	0	44	147	69	4
Crab pot	19,524	22,847	22,820	22,394	22,493
Crab trawl	48	421	240	228	16
Eel pot	9	8	16	17	12
Fish pot	399	419	240	307	190
Flounder trawl	274	264	322	337	88
Flynet	122	175	195	143	12
Fyke net	267	246	247	187	265
Gigs	746	703	1,092	981	1,473
Gill net - Drift	130	104	178	136	178
Gill net - Runaround	733	906	1,051	729	739
Gill net - Anchored	18,884	17,502	17,906	15,823	15,007
Haul seines[1]	73	98	74	126	22
Longlines	192	284	271	248	315
Oyster dredge	845	1,100	5,448	4,697	593
Peeler pot	3,081	2,042	2,915	2,633	3,159
Peeler trawl[2]	0	0	31	41	24
Pound nets	475	656	666	663	1,019
Rakes	6,618	6,576	5,033	4,703	4,405
Rod-n-reel	1,602	1,492	1,129	805	1,104
Shrimp trawl	1,243	1,116	905	664	1,753
Skimmer trawl	63	110	142	55	68
Spears, Diving	40	32	34	15	30
Tongs, Hand	2,909	2,544	1,935	2,782	3,277
Trolling	1,733	1,844	1,068	725	812
Trotline	0	1	6	17	37
Other gears[3]	32	746	80	34	35
Total trips[4]	64,779	68,097	70,556	64,524	62,825

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 Includes long hauls, common seines, and swipe nets.
2 A new code to distinguish peeler trawl gear was developed in 2010.
3 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.
4 Total trips are not equal to the sum of trips by gear due to multi-gear trips.

January - June 2012 trip data are preliminary.
Source: North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Trip Ticket Program (October 2012).