



**NOAA
FISHERIES**

Does My **Catch** **Count?**

YES. Scientists, stakeholders, public officials and many others all have a hand in making recreational fishing regulations. But if you're a fisherman, the process ultimately revolves around you.

That's because of the many roles fishermen play when it comes to protecting ocean resources:

As an angler, you're on the front line of conservation. The decisions you make about when you fish and what you keep have a real impact on the resource, and on how fisheries are managed.



*MRIP is changing the way NOAA counts catch ... to make sure **YOUR CATCH COUNTS.***

As our "eyes and ears" on the water, you're a major source of data. What you tell us about how often you fish and what you catch is vital information that helps us understand what's happening in the fishery.

As an engaged constituent, your input at regional meetings, through your fishing club, at Council and Commission meetings, and at public forums, ensures that recreational fishermen have a voice in the management process.

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Your **Catch** **Counts!**

What we learn from you is a key part of making sure fisheries are sustainable for generations to come.

Here's how:

Your fishing activity is counted through **surveys** conducted among **thousands of recreational anglers**.

This is **combined** with other data, like **commercial catch, biological research** and **direct observation**.

Scientists evaluate all these factors together to **determine the health** of fisheries.

Their evaluations go to the **councils** and **commissions** that **manage fisheries**.

The process continues as we constantly assess, and respond to, the ongoing **health and sustainability of our fisheries**.

Managers work with **fishermen** and other **involved citizens** to set rules that keep **stocks sustainable**.

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