

DATA COLLECTION

Detailed information on marine recreational fishing is required to support a variety of fishery management purposes and is mandated by the Sustainable Fisheries Act, 1996 (PL 104-297) and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006 (PL 109-479). In 1981, following 2 years of preliminary surveys, the NMFS began a comprehensive survey of marine recreational fisheries covering all fishing modes (private/rental boat, party/charter boat, and shore), and including estuarine and brackish water. Although the annual recreational harvest is only about 8 percent of the total U.S. harvest of finfish for states covered by this program, the fishing activities of millions of anglers are important to monitor because marine recreational fishing significantly impacts the stocks of many finfish species, and recreational catches surpass commercial landings of some species (see figure on preceding page).

METHODS

On the Atlantic and Gulf coasts of the U.S., the marine recreational fisheries statistics program consists of a coastal household telephone survey (CHTS), a telephone survey of for-hire fishing vessel operators (charter and party boats; FHS), and an access-point angler-intercept survey of completed angler fishing trips (AP AIS). Additional information is also obtained from state or regional logbook programs and is used to supplement survey data to produce more robust catch and effort estimates. The CHTS collects data on the number of marine recreational fishing trips by residents of coastal counties. The intercept survey collects data on the proportion of fishing trips by residents of non-coastal counties, angler avidity, species composition of catches, catch rates by species, and lengths and weights of landed fish. These data are combined to produce estimates of participation, catch and effort. Catch estimates are separated into two categories – harvested catch and catch released alive. Harvested catch includes landed fish and catch reported as dead. Whenever possible, field interviewers identify, count, weigh, and measure landed fish that are available in whole form. Angler reports are obtained for catch released alive and for all other harvested catch, such as catch released dead, used for bait, or filleted fish. Catch

estimates are stratified by sub-region, state and wave (bimonthly sampling period), and further partitioned by species, fishing mode (private/rental boat, party/charter boat, and shore), primary area fished, and catch type.

On the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, and in California, effort for the party and charter boat fishing modes is estimated through For-Hire Surveys (FHS). These surveys differ from the CHTS because they use a telephone survey of boats as the primary method for estimating fishing effort. The weekly survey uses directories of charter and party boats as the sampling frames. These telephone surveys estimate the number of angler-trips on boats included in the sampling frames. Dockside and on-board angler-intercept surveys collect catch data. The total catch of any one species is calculated as the product of the estimated total angler trips and the estimated mean catch per trip. Although the FHS produces separate estimates for party and charter boats on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, for-hire fishing vessels are not designated by type in California or Puget Sound. This effort methodology was initiated in 2000 on the Gulf coast, in 2001 on the Pacific coast, and in 2005 on the Atlantic coast. FHS numbers for the Gulf Coast only include charter boats.

In Oregon and Washington, ocean boats surveys are used to produce catch and effort estimates. Oregon's Ocean Recreational Boat Survey (ORBS) and Washington's Ocean Sampling Program (OSP) consist of a field intercept survey for effort and catch of passenger and private boats. Estimates of mean catch per boat, catch per angler, total angler trips and boat trips are produced for each port inlet or port group stratified by time period and portioned by type of boat, type of trip and water area. Catch estimates in numbers of fish and weight are produced for each species of fish.

COVERAGE

In 2012, the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) conducted by the NMFS included the Atlantic coast (ME-East FL), Gulf coast (LA-West FL), Puerto Rico and Hawaii. Detailed information and access to the data are available on the Fisheries Statistics web page (www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/recreational-fisheries). Care is advised when

comparing catch estimates across an extended time series because of differences in sampling coverage through the years.

In the South Atlantic and Gulf sub-regions (NC-LA) party boat catch data have not been collected since 1985, so estimates for these sub-regions only include charter boats in the for-hire sector. Marine recreational fishing in Texas is monitored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and has not been surveyed by the NMFS' survey program since 1985. Prior to 1998, on the Pacific coast, ocean boat trips and salmon trips were not sampled during certain waves because they were surveyed by state natural resource agencies. Recreational fishing data in Alaska are collected through an annual mail survey administered by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Harvest, effort and participation data are included, but not available for the current year. West Pacific U.S. territories have not been included in the national survey program since 1981. Hawaii was not surveyed between 1981 and 2002. Puerto Rico was not surveyed between 1981 and 2000. Since 2004, the numbers reported for Washington and Oregon include only private boat and for-hire fisheries. Data from other NMFS and state surveys are not included in this report.

Historically, only about five percent of the annual recreational catch on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts is taken during Wave 1 (Jan/Feb). Costs to sample these months are very high due to low fishing activity. Therefore, in Jan/Feb of 1981 the surveys were not conducted in any region. In 1982, Jan/Feb data collection resumed on the Pacific and Gulf coasts and also on the Atlantic coast of Florida. In 2004, Jan/Feb data collection resumed in North Carolina. With a few exceptions the recreational statistics program has not collected data in Jan/Feb on the Atlantic coast north of Florida since 1980. A pilot study of fishing effort in Jan/Feb by coastal household residents (CHTS) was conducted in 2010 in NY, NJ, DE, MD, and VA. Results suggested only ~ 0.1 – 1.3% of coastal households reported fishing in Jan/Feb in these mid-Atlantic states, compared to the average fishing household rates of 1.25 – 4.5% in Mar/Apr and Nov/Dec (2007-2009 pooled), the two lowest periods of activity that are surveyed by the CHTS regularly. These extremely low levels of

fishing incidence in Wave 1 are therefore difficult to survey precisely and suggest very low contribution to annual catches if the anglers are successful.

Time periods when the marine recreational statistics program has not been conducted: Nov/Dec (ME & NH) - 1987 to present; Mar/Apr (ME & NH) - 1986 to present; Jan/Feb (Northern CA & OR) – 1994; Jan/Feb (Southern CA & OR) – 1995 Nov/Dec (OR) – 1994; Nov/Dec (WA shore modes) – 2003; July - Dec (OR shore modes) – 2003; All Waves (CA - WA) - 1990 to 1993, 2004 to present; All Waves (WA) - 1993 to 1994.

CATCH AND EFFORT ESTIMATION

The Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) produced a new method for estimating catch rates using properly weighted intercept data collected via the APAIS. This new method was determined to produce superior, unbiased catch rate estimates compared to the existing procedures so would be used for all catch estimates beginning in 2011. The method also produces unbiased adjustment factors for out-of-frame anglers who are not covered by the CHTS so the effort estimates would also be improved. The resultant catch estimates would therefore be unbiased estimates for finfish catch, including descriptors such as average weight of landed fish and length frequencies of landed fish. This new technique could also be applied to the previously collected intercept data from 2004-2010 to produce revised, unbiased effort and catch estimates. The data tables produced in this volume for 2004-2012 are the products of this new estimation computational method.

DATA TABLES

The estimated harvests (numbers and weight of fish) for the continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico are presented. Harvest by weight are not available for Texas and Alaska. Numbers of fish harvested and released alive are also presented for many important species groups. Estimated harvests are presented by subregion and primary fishing area: inland [sounds, rivers, bays], state territorial seas [ocean to 3 miles from shore, except for Texas and Florida's Gulf coast, where state territorial seas extend to 10 miles from shore], and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) [ocean from the outer edge of the state territorial seas to 200 miles from shore]. The total numbers of estimated trips and participants are presented by state.

2012 MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING DATA

In 2012, nearly 9.4 million anglers made over 70 million marine recreational fishing trips in the continental U.S., Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. Alaska data are not available for the current year. The estimated total marine recreational catch was almost 380 million fish, of which 63 percent were released alive. The estimated total weight of harvested catch was over 203 million pounds. The Atlantic coast accounted for the majority of trips (almost 55 percent) and catch (nearly 53 percent). The Gulf coast accounted for almost 35 percent of trips, and more than 42 percent of the catch. The Pacific coast accounted for 8 percent of trips, and almost 4 percent of the catch. Nationally, most (almost 66 percent in numbers of fish) of the recreational catch came from inland waters, nearly 27 percent from state territorial seas, and almost 8 percent from the EEZ. The majority of Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific trips fished primarily in inland waters.

ATLANTIC

In 2012, over 6.2 million residents of Atlantic Coast states participated in marine recreational fishing. All participants, including visitors, took more than 38 million trips and caught a total of nearly 201 million fish. More than 24 percent of the trips were made in east Florida, followed by nearly 14 percent in North Carolina, 13 percent in New Jersey, nearly 10 percent in New York, more than 7 percent in Massachusetts, almost 7 percent in Virginia, and nearly 6 percent in Maryland. Together, South Carolina, Connecticut, and Rhode Island accounted for 12 percent of the trips, and Georgia, Delaware, Maine, and New Hampshire accounted for the remaining percentage. The most commonly caught non-bait species (in numbers of fish) were black sea bass, summer flounder, Atlantic croaker, bluefish, and scup. The largest harvests by weight were striped bass, bluefish, summer flounder, dolphinfish, and yellowfin tuna.

Annual summer flounder catch has generally been stable. At almost 17 million fish, 2012 summer flounder catch was below the 10-year mean of nearly

22 million. Over the last ten years, the total annual catch of striped bass decreased overall from more than 17 million fish in 2003 to 6.9 million fish in 2012. In 2012, striped bass catch (6.9 million fish) was almost 55 percent below the 10-year average of 15 million fish. The species most commonly caught on Atlantic coast trips that fished primarily in federally managed waters were black sea bass, summer flounder, dolphinfish, Atlantic cod, and bluefish. More than 26 percent of the total Atlantic catch came on saltwater trips that fished primarily in the state territorial seas, and 66 percent came on trips that fished primarily in inland waters.

GULF OF MEXICO

In 2012, almost 3.1 million residents of Gulf Coast states participated in marine recreational fishing. All participants, including visitors, took over 24 million trips and caught over 161 million fish. Almost 61 percent of the trips were made in west Florida, followed by 17 percent in Louisiana, more than 9 percent in Alabama, 8 percent in Mississippi, and nearly 5 percent in Texas. The most commonly caught non-bait species (numbers of fish) were spotted seatrout, red drum, sand seatrout, Atlantic croaker, and gray snapper. The largest harvests by weight were for spotted seatrout, red drum, red snapper, sheepshead, black drum, and Spanish mackerel.

Over the last ten years, the total annual catch of red drum has generally been stable. In 2012, red drum catch (more than 9.3 million fish) was close to the 10-year average of nearly 9.4 million fish. Annual king mackerel catch increased until 2006 but has decreased in subsequent years. At 376,000 fish, 2012 king mackerel catch was below the 10-year mean of nearly 466,000. The species most commonly caught on Gulf of Mexico trips that fished primarily in federally managed waters were white grunt, red grouper, red snapper, gag, and yellowtail snapper. Almost 23 percent of the total Gulf catch came on trips that fished primarily in the state territorial seas, and more than 70 percent came on trips that fished primarily in inland waters.

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PACIFIC

In 2012, marine recreational fishing participants took 5.7 million trips and caught a total of 14 million fish. About 95 percent of the trips were made in California, followed by 3 percent in Oregon, and 2 percent in Washington. The most commonly caught non-bait species (in numbers of fish) were barred surfperch, Pacific sardine, black rockfish, rockfishes, and Pacific sanddab. By weight, the largest harvests were albacore, Chinook salmon, black rockfish, lingcod, vermilion rockfish, and California halibut.

From 2003 to 2012, total annual catch of Chinook salmon has averaged almost 208,000 fish. Catch declined to a low in 2009 but has increased in subsequent years. Of the total catch in 2012 (178,000 fish), more than 22 percent were released alive. Annual California halibut catch declined to a low in 2011, but increased in 2012. At 156,000 fish, 2012 California halibut catch was below the 10-year mean of almost 295,000. The most commonly caught Pacific coast species in federally managed waters were California scorpionfish, Pacific sanddab, calico rockfish, vermilion rockfish, and bocaccio. Almost 73 percent of the total Pacific catch came from trips that fished primarily in the state territorial seas, and over 14 percent came from trips that fished primarily in inland waters.

ALASKA

In 2011, 289,000 marine recreational fishing participants took 491,000 trips and caught a total of 2.2 million fish. Commonly caught non-bait fishes included Pacific halibut, rockfishes, Pacific cod, lingcod, and the salmons: Chinook, chum, coho, pink and sockeye. The most abundantly harvested of the salmons were coho salmon and pink salmon. Current year statistics are not available.

HAWAII

In 2012, marine recreational participants took 1.5 million trips and caught a total of almost 3.1 million fish. The most commonly caught non-bait species (in numbers of fish) were mackerel scad, skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna, goldspot herring, and dolphinfish. By weight, the largest harvests were yellowfin tuna, dolphinfish, skipjack tuna, wahoo, blue marlin, and bigeye tuna.

PUERTO RICO

In 2012, 94,000 marine recreational participants took 351,000 trips and caught a total of 526,000 fish. The most commonly caught non-bait species (in numbers of fish) were dolphinfish, silk snapper, anchovy family, lane snapper, and blue runner. By weight, the largest harvests were dolphinfish, wahoo, common snook, tripletail, great barracuda, and king mackerel.

U.S. Marine Recreational Fisheries

U.S. RECREATIONAL HARVEST (A+B1), BY SPECIES, 2011 AND 2012

Species	2011			2012			Average (2008-2012)
	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Numbers (thousands)	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Numbers (thousands)	Thousand Pounds
Anchovies **							
Northern Anchovy	6	3	208	1	(1)	54	4
Other Anchovies	(1)	(1)	136	1	(1)	61	(1)
Barracudas							
Pacific Barracuda	222	101	46	218	98	50	246
Other Barracudas	481	218	77	626	285	116	767
Bluefish	11,722	5,315	5,217	12,039	5,458	5,640	15,019
Smallmouth Bonefish	29	13	13	47	21	27	61
Cartilaginous Fishes							
Skates/Rays **	104	44	74	115	49	52	457
Spiny Dogfish	22	10	2	6	3	1	10
Other Sharks **	1,138	514	204	1,236	555	177	1,805
Catfishes							
Freshwater Catfishes	1,420	645	508	1,475	669	707	1,149
Saltwater Catfishes	856	387	557	1,159	525	1,037	787
Cods And Hakes							
Atlantic Cod	4,025	1,827	581	1,476	668	338	3,158
Pacific Cod	4	2	48	1	(1)	(1)	1
Pacific Hake	-	-	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Pacific Tomcod	-	-	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Pollock	3,200	1,451	411	1,206	547	209	2,034
Red Hake	244	111	226	75	33	76	213
Walleye Pollock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Cods/Hakes	846	383	234	815	368	235	1,070
Damselfishes							
Blackspot Sergeant	-	-	8	5	2	29	5
Other Damselfishes	-	-	5	(1)	(1)	27	1
Dolphinfishes **	9,452	4,287	1,412	11,214	5,086	1,418	11,389
Drums							
Atlantic Croaker	3,641	1,650	7,317	3,635	1,651	7,195	5,260
Black Drum	3,999	1,814	1,240	3,938	1,784	1,131	5,265
California Corbina	(1)	(1)	(1)	12	6	10	8
Kingfishes	2,440	1,105	5,542	2,815	1,276	5,984	2,658
Queenfish	5	2	41	9	4	66	12
Red Drum	16,889	7,660	4,386	13,712	6,219	3,517	14,956
Sand Seatrout	3,574	1,620	6,226	2,640	1,197	5,192	2,610

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Silver Perch	40	18	194	106	48	507	50
Spot	2,151	976	6,002	1,351	614	4,756	2,295
Spotted Seatrout	19,818	8,989	15,828	18,991	8,615	15,414	17,746
Weakfish **	37	16	36	281	127	237	252
White Croaker	13	5	46	22	10	85	29
Other Drum	231	104	211	306	137	201	290
Eels **							
Conger Eels	4	2	5	3	1	7	8
Moray Eels	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	7	(1)
Other Eels	5	2	8	12	5	39	10
Hawaiian Flagtail	3	1	67	77	35	106	25
Flounders							
California Halibut **	259	118	26	381	172	37	424
Gulf Flounder	292	132	228	510	230	334	342
Rock Sole	3	1	2	3	(1)	2	2
Sanddabs	196	88	539	150	67	441	117
Southern Flounder	2,166	982	1,333	1,918	870	1,253	1,896
Starry Flounder	3	1	1	2	1	1	2
Summer Flounder	5,963	2,706	1,848	6,514	2,955	2,278	6,355
Winter Flounder	209	96	193	108	49	99	241
Other Flounders **	298	134	595	324	145	132	412
Goatfishes							
Manybar Goatfish	3	2	15	28	12	40	17
Whitesaddle Goatfish	7	3	7	12	5	11	9
Yellowstripe Goatfish	(1)	(1)	112	53	24	96	29
Other Goatfishes	11	5	38	15	6	12	14
Greenlings							
Kelp Greenling	71	32	52	48	21	35	52
Lingcod	975	442	193	1,209	550	195	769
Other Greenlings	2	1	1	22	10	14	6
Grunts							
Pigfish	255	115	839	304	137	877	252
White Grunt	1,404	635	1,513	1,656	751	1,832	1,364
Other Grunts	95	41	255	138	62	364	149

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Herrings **							
Pacific Herring	5	2	50	29	13	183	8
Other Herrings	1,359	614	21,178	3,469	1,573	23,030	2,409
Jacks							
Bigeye Scad	79	35	756	52	24	482	53
Bigeye Trevally	2	1	1	3	1	2	2
Blue Runner	720	326	1,299	709	323	1,028	969
Bluefin Trevally	360	163	75	204	93	60	253
Crevalle Jack	527	237	175	442	199	320	969
Florida Pompano	375	168	309	495	224	385	534
Giant Trevally	107	48	20	502	228	36	251
Greater Amberjack	1,201	544	66	1,885	855	95	2,145
Island Jack	3	2	1	28	13	8	17
Mackerel Scad	2	1	7	98	45	260	42
Whitemouth Trevally	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Yellowtail	16	7	1	158	71	13	96
Other Jacks	331	148	793	850	383	1,331	686
Mulletts **							
Striped Mullet	3,884	1,761	4,217	3,849	1,746	4,905	3,159
Other Mulletts	88	39	4,203	182	82	4,187	407
Porgies							
Pinfishes	2,062	934	4,545	1,626	738	5,320	1,945
Red Porgy	271	121	308	257	117	276	222
Scup **	3,663	1,661	3,056	4,166	1,889	3,669	4,159
Sheepshead	8,806	3,994	2,939	5,203	2,360	2,127	6,182
Other Porgies **	182	81	221	351	158	322	206
Puffers	377	169	1,196	446	201	710	212
Rockfishes							
Black Rockfish	1,328	603	621	1,484	673	721	1,481
Blue Rockfish	184	83	178	173	77	161	178
Bocaccio	232	105	165	280	126	210	164
Brown Rockfish	190	87	149	155	70	132	149
Canary Rockfish	45	21	43	39	19	39	35
Chilipepper Rockfish	12	5	23	17	8	38	9

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Copper Rockfish	166	75	92	195	88	118	150
Gopher Rockfish	159	73	180	116	53	134	138
Greenspotted Rockfish	40	18	49	39	19	51	32
Olive Rockfish	52	23	39	70	32	68	59
Quillback Rockfish	27	12	10	38	17	14	27
Widow Rockfish	4	1	3	13	5	10	7
Yellowtail Rockfish	210	95	176	196	89	169	166
Other Rockfishes **	969	434	1,128	1,219	550	1,191	807
Sablefishes	1	(1)	10	1	(1)	(1)	1
Scorpionfishes	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	1	(1)
Sculpins							
Cabazon	143	66	33	147	67	34	122
Other Sculpins	7	3	41	3	(1)	14	4
Sea Basses							
Barred Sand Bass	357	162	237	250	113	151	259
Black Sea Bass	1,818	828	1,515	3,782	1,715	2,411	3,012
Epinephelus Groupers **	748	339	132	2,048	930	333	1,542
Groupers	8	4	5	5	2	10	8
Kelp Bass	180	81	130	184	84	131	181
Mycteroperca Groupers **	903	411	142	1,544	699	189	2,192
Spotted Sand Bass	12	6	10	23	10	22	19
Other Sea Basses	87	37	149	58	26	144	65
Sea Chubs **							
Halfmoon	26	12	25	27	12	27	23
Highfin Rudderfish	-	-	6	-	-	21	-
Opaleye	19	8	12	46	21	41	29
Other Sea Chubs	14	6	5	32	15	16	10
Searobins	83	38	111	110	51	122	79
Silversides							
Jacksmelt	148	67	366	102	46	241	163
Other Silversides	11	5	75	29	13	197	61
Smelts **							
Surf Smelt	111	50	1,278	(1)	(1)	4	22
Other Smelts	(1)	(1)	43	(1)	(1)	34	(1)

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Snappers							
Blacktail Snapper	10	4	29	4	2	31	7
Bluestripe Snapper	-	-	17	7	3	22	8
Gray Snapper	1,477	671	732	1,701	773	1,302	1,658
Green Jobfish	27	12	19	146	66	30	57
Lane Snapper	65	31	80	191	85	233	165
Pink Snapper	88	40	25	277	126	47	214
Red Snapper	3,489	1,580	558	4,512	2,045	636	3,482
Vermilion Snapper	737	335	668	530	241	374	569
Yellowtail Snapper	362	164	309	516	235	457	575
Other Snappers **	361	164	144	672	304	264	677
Squirrel/Soldierfishes							
Bigscale Soldierfish	2	1	2	-	-	8	6
Squirrel Fishes	1	(1)	6	5	2	6	12
Whitetail Soldierfish	-	-	6	-	-	3	24
Other Soldierfishes	(1)	(1)	(1)	-	-	1	(1)
Sturgeons	58	26	2	9	4	(1)	30
Surfperches							
Barred Surfperch	239	109	340	349	158	545	182
Black Perch	60	27	65	29	13	43	33
Pile Perch	8	4	6	11	5	10	7
Redtail Surfperch	57	26	43	63	29	50	37
Shiner Perch	7	2	92	5	2	73	7
Silver Surfperch	4	1	28	3	2	16	4
Striped Seaperch	40	18	37	27	13	25	28
Walleye Surfperch	24	11	91	34	15	149	23
White Seaperch	4	(1)	11	6	1	15	6
Other Surfperches	81	36	111	64	27	102	49
Surgeonfishes							
Convict Tang	45	21	138	46	21	141	32
Goldring Surgeonfish	4	2	54	14	6	136	9
Unicornfishes	7	3	183	4	2	10	4
Other Surgeonfishes	55	25	28	47	20	69	46

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Temperate Basses							
Striped Bass	27,560	12,500	2,308	19,625	8,900	1,511	24,848
White Perch	977	443	2,125	949	431	1,908	1,156
Other Temperate Basses	-	-	-	1	(1)	(1)	1
Toadfishes	7	2	7	20	9	17	20
Triggerfishes/Filefishes	705	316	272	635	287	280	758
Tunas And Mackerels							
Albacore	722	328	39	1,823	828	100	1,360
Atlantic Mackerel	2,056	932	5,335	1,506	682	3,284	1,658
Chub Mackerel	365	166	1,171	317	144	848	487
Kawakawa	3	1	2	34	16	6	27
King Mackerel **	3,546	1,609	348	4,285	1,943	449	5,106
Little Tunny/Atl. Bonito **	1,551	704	263	2,582	1,172	376	1,693
Pacific Bonito **	5	2	2	1	(1)	(1)	133
Skipjack Tuna	1,237	561	146	1,288	586	224	2,332
Spanish Mackerel	3,623	1,641	2,455	3,880	1,760	2,676	4,106
Wahoo	1,025	465	44	2,223	1,009	96	2,002
Yellowfin Tuna	9,764	4,428	206	11,364	5,154	346	12,970
Other Tunas/Mackerels **	2,334	1,059	249	3,596	1,630	330	3,350
Wrasses							
California Sheephead	102	46	32	95	43	32	83
Cunner	43	19	47	23	10	24	30
Hawaiian Hogfish	6	3	3	3	1	6	5
Razorfishes	14	6	14	92	41	93	49
Tautog	1,492	676	431	2,251	1,021	498	2,916
Other Wrasses	154	69	78	479	217	236	368
Other Fishes **	4,945	2,232	3,828	6,196	2,797	2,948	6,392
Grand Total	201,316	91,244	140,930	203,253	92,129	140,053	218,229

Note: (1) Number or pounds less than 1,000 or less than 1 metric ton.

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U.S. RECREATIONAL HARVEST (A+B1), BY DISTANCE FROM SHORE AND SPECIES GROUP, 2012

Species	Distance from U.S. shores												Grand Total		
	Inland			0 to 3 miles (2,3) (State Territorial Sea)			3 to 200 miles (Exclusive Economic Zone)			Total					
	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)			
Anchovies **															
Northern Anchovy	(1)	(1)	17	1	(1)	37	(1)	(1)	(1)	1	(1)	54			
Other Anchovies	1	(1)	56	(1)	(1)	5	-	-	-	1	(1)	61			
Barracudas															
Pacific Barracuda	(1)	(1)	(1)	129	58	26	88	40	24	218	98	50			
Other Barracudas	105	48	48	212	96	42	309	141	26	626	285	116			
Bluefish	6,380	2,894	3,300	3,682	1,668	1,937	1,977	896	403	12,039	5,458	5,640			
Smallmouth Bonefish	2	1	5	45	20	22	-	-	(1)	47	21	27			
Cartilaginous Fishes															
Skates/Rays **	75	33	43	38	16	9	1	(1)	(1)	115	49	52			
Spiny Dogfish	(1)	(1)	(1)	4	2	1	2	1	(1)	6	3	1			
Other Sharks **	473	214	95	441	198	58	322	143	24	1,236	555	177			
Catfishes															
Freshwater Catfishes	1,475	669	707	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	1,475	669	707			
Saltwater Catfishes	619	279	474	539	246	562	1	(1)	(1)	1,159	525	1,037			
Cods And Hakes															
Atlantic Cod	290	131	68	41	18	11	1,145	519	259	1,476	668	338			
Pacific Cod	-	-	-	1	(1)	(1)	-	-	-	1	(1)	(1)			
Pacific Hake	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)			
Pacific Tomcod	-	-	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	(1)			
Pollock	65	29	15	150	68	36	991	450	158	1,206	547	209			
Red Hake	(1)	(1)	(1)	58	26	57	16	7	19	75	33	76			
Other Cods/Hakes	29	13	10	40	18	9	745	337	217	815	368	235			
Damselfishes															
Blackspot Sergeant	-	-	-	5	2	29	-	-	-	5	2	29			
Other Damselfishes	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	27	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	27			
Dolphinfishes **	6	3	1	1,161	527	184	10,048	4,556	1,233	11,214	5,086	1,418			

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Species	Distance from U.S. shores												Grand Total		
	Inland			0 to 3 miles (2,3) (State Territorial Sea)			3 to 200 miles (Exclusive Economic Zone)								
	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)
Drums															
Atlantic Croaker	3,484	1,582	6,875	130	59	277	21	10	42	3,635	1,651	7,195			
Black Drum	3,486	1,579	982	452	205	149	1	(1)	(1)	3,938	1,784	1,131			
California Corbina	9	4	6	4	2	4	-	-	-	12	6	10			
Kingfishes	1,576	715	3,093	1,236	560	2,825	4	1	66	2,815	1,276	5,984			
Queenfish	(1)	(1)	2	9	4	64	(1)	(1)	(1)	9	4	66			
Red Drum	12,113	5,494	3,218	1,568	712	292	30	13	7	13,712	6,219	3,517			
Sand Seatrout	2,298	1,042	4,649	338	153	535	4	2	7	2,640	1,197	5,192			
Silver Perch	80	37	385	26	11	123	-	-	-	106	48	507			
Spot	700	318	2,331	643	291	2,377	9	5	48	1,351	614	4,756			
Spotted Seatrout	16,366	7,424	13,610	2,479	1,124	1,705	145	67	99	18,991	8,615	15,414			
Weakfish **	244	111	203	30	13	30	6	3	4	281	127	237			
White Croaker	4	2	11	18	8	73	(1)	(1)	1	22	10	85			
Other Drum	96	43	102	208	93	97	2	1	1	306	137	201			
Eels **															
Conger Eels	(1)	(1)	1	2	1	6	(1)	(1)	(1)	3	1	7			
Moray Eels	-	-	(1)	(1)	(1)	7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	7			
Other Eels	7	3	33	5	2	5	(1)	(1)	1	12	5	39			
Hawaiian Flagtail	-	-	9	77	35	97	-	-	-	77	35	106			
Flounders															
California Halibut **	88	40	10	285	129	26	7	3	1	381	172	37			
Gulf Flounder	259	117	179	228	103	145	22	10	11	510	230	334			
Rock Sole	-	-	-	2	(1)	1	1	(1)	1	3	(1)	2			
Sanddabs	(1)	(1)	1	58	26	185	92	41	254	150	67	441			
Southern Flounder	1,706	774	1,153	182	83	87	30	13	13	1,918	870	1,253			
Starry Flounder	(1)	(1)	(1)	2	1	1	(1)	(1)	(1)	2	1	1			
Summer Flounder	3,531	1,601	1,253	2,203	1,000	746	781	354	279	6,514	2,955	2,278			
Winter Flounder	96	44	91	12	5	9	(1)	(1)	(1)	108	49	99			
Other Flounders **	(1)	(1)	45	286	129	66	38	16	21	324	145	132			

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Species	Distance from U.S. shores											
	Inland			0 to 3 miles (2,3) (State Territorial Sea)			3 to 200 miles (Exclusive Economic Zone)			Grand Total		
	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)
Goatfishes												
Manybar Goatfish	-	-	-	27	12	40	1	(1)	1	28	12	40
Whitesaddle Goatfish	-	-	-	12	5	11	-	-	(1)	12	5	11
Yellowstripe Goatfish	-	-	5	53	24	91	-	-	-	53	24	96
Other Goatfishes	-	-	-	12	5	11	3	1	1	15	6	12
Greenlings												
Kelp Greenling	(1)	(1)	(1)	47	21	34	1	(1)	(1)	48	21	35
Lingcod	9	4	1	1,149	522	185	51	24	9	1,209	550	195
Other Greenlings	(1)	(1)	(1)	22	10	14	(1)	(1)	(1)	22	10	14
Grunts												
Pigfish	253	115	738	46	20	127	5	2	12	304	137	877
White Grunt	121	55	172	622	282	776	913	414	884	1,656	751	1,832
Other Grunts	16	7	58	91	42	215	31	13	91	138	62	364
Herrings**												
Pacific Herring	29	13	183	(1)	(1)	1	-	-	-	29	13	183
Other Herrings	2,361	1,070	15,808	769	349	5,745	338	154	1,477	3,469	1,573	23,030
Jacks												
Bigeye Scad	-	-	84	48	22	376	3	2	22	52	24	482
Bigeye Trevally	-	-	-	3	1	2	-	-	-	3	1	2
Blue Runner	93	43	159	531	241	766	85	39	103	709	323	1,028
Bluefin Trevally	15	7	3	186	84	56	4	2	1	204	93	60
Crevalle Jack	215	97	163	210	94	152	17	8	5	442	199	320
Florida Pompano	87	40	56	404	183	327	4	1	2	495	224	385
Giant Trevally	4	2	1	498	226	36	-	-	-	502	228	36
Greater Amberjack	1	(1)	(1)	316	144	17	1,568	711	78	1,885	855	95
Island Jack	-	-	-	27	12	8	2	1	(1)	28	13	8
Mackerel Scad	-	-	-	92	42	194	6	3	66	98	45	260
Whitemouth Trevally	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yellowtail	-	-	-	30	13	2	127	57	11	158	71	13
Other Jacks	21	9	192	507	228	977	322	146	162	850	383	1,331

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U.S. RECREATIONAL HARVEST (A+B1), BY DISTANCE FROM SHORE AND SPECIES GROUP, 2012

Species	Distance from U.S. shores												Grand Total		
	Inland			0 to 3 miles (2,3) (State Territorial Sea)			3 to 200 miles (Exclusive Economic Zone)			Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)			
	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)						
Pink Snapper	-	-	-	196	89	31	81	37	16	277	126	47			
Red Snapper	173	78	28	666	302	131	3,672	1,665	477	4,512	2,045	636			
Vermilion Snapper	(1)	(1)	(1)	42	19	43	488	222	331	530	241	374			
Yellowtail Snapper	3	2	3	196	89	182	317	144	272	516	235	457			
Other Snappers **	20	9	13	313	142	162	339	153	89	672	304	264			
Squirrel/Soldierfishes															
Bigscale Soldierfish	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	8			
Squirrel Fishes	-	-	-	5	2	5	(1)	(1)	(1)	5	2	6			
Whitip Soldierfish	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3			
Other Soldierfishes	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1			
Sturgeons	9	4	(1)	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	9	4	(1)			
Surfperches															
Barred Surfperch	4	2	9	344	156	536	-	-	-	349	158	545			
Black Perch	10	5	17	19	8	26	(1)	(1)	(1)	29	13	43			
Pile Perch	4	2	4	7	3	7	-	-	-	11	5	10			
Redtail Surfperch	-	-	-	63	29	50	-	-	-	63	29	50			
Shiner Perch	1	(1)	18	3	2	54	(1)	(1)	(1)	5	2	73			
Silver Surfperch	(1)	(1)	1	3	2	16	-	-	-	3	2	16			
Striped Seaperch	4	2	4	23	11	20	-	-	-	27	13	25			
Walleye Surfperch	(1)	(1)	2	34	15	147	-	-	-	34	15	149			
White Seaperch	3	1	9	2	(1)	4	1	(1)	3	6	1	15			
Other Surfperches	9	3	10	54	24	91	1	(1)	1	64	27	102			
Surgeonfishes															
Convict Tang	-	-	-	46	21	141	-	-	-	46	21	141			
Goldring Surgeonfish	-	-	-	14	6	136	-	-	-	14	6	136			
Unicornfishes	-	-	-	4	2	9	-	-	1	4	2	10			
Other Surgeonfishes	-	-	5	47	20	64	-	-	-	47	20	69			
Temperate Bases															
Striped Bass	11,381	5,163	945	7,514	3,406	523	730	331	43	19,625	8,900	1,511			
White Perch	949	431	1,908	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	949	431	1,908			
Other Temperate Bases	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	(1)	(1)	1	(1)	(1)			

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U.S. RECREATIONAL HARVEST (A+B1), BY DISTANCE FROM SHORE AND SPECIES GROUP, 2012

Species	Distance from U.S. shores											
	Inland			0 to 3 miles (2,3) (State Territorial Sea)			3 to 200 miles (Exclusive Economic Zone)			Grand Total		
	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)	Thousand Pounds	Metric tons	Total Number (thousands)
Toadfishes	19	9	16	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	20	9	17
Trigerfishes/Fliefishes	32	14	20	266	119	136	337	154	124	635	287	280
Tunas And Mackerels												
Albacore	(1)	(1)	(1)	1,152	523	64	671	305	37	1,823	828	100
Atlantic Mackerel	497	225	941	798	362	1,911	211	95	432	1,506	682	3,284
Chub Mackerel	51	23	124	262	119	716	4	2	8	317	144	848
Kawakawa	-	-	-	28	13	4	6	3	2	34	16	6
King Mackerel **	271	123	22	2,384	1,080	257	1,630	740	170	4,285	1,943	449
Little Tunny/Atlantic Bonito **	36	16	6	1,383	627	198	1,164	529	172	2,582	1,172	376
Pacific Bonito **	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	1	(1)	(1)
Skipjack Tuna	-	-	-	31	15	6	1,256	571	218	1,288	586	224
Spanish Mackerel	973	441	717	2,582	1,171	1,782	326	148	178	3,880	1,760	2,676
Wahoo	-	-	-	329	150	17	1,893	859	79	2,223	1,009	96
Yellowfin Tuna	-	-	-	95	43	4	11,269	5,111	342	11,364	5,154	346
Other Tunas/Mackerels **	39	18	6	344	156	101	3,213	1,456	223	3,596	1,630	330
Wrasses												
California Sheephead	14	6	5	70	32	24	10	5	4	95	43	32
Cunner	6	3	11	5	2	7	12	5	6	23	10	24
Hawaiian Hogfish	-	-	-	3	1	6	-	-	-	3	1	6
Razorfishes	-	-	-	91	41	92	1	(1)	1	92	41	93
Tautog	1,707	775	381	500	227	106	43	19	11	2,251	1,021	498
Other Wrasses	24	11	11	267	121	142	188	85	82	479	217	236
Other Fishes **	978	440	1,671	2,039	921	958	3,178	1,436	320	6,196	2,797	2,948
Grand Total	90,853	41,200	85,655	54,937	24,889	41,153	57,459	26,039	13,243	203,253	92,129	140,053

Note: (1) Number or pounds less than 1,000 or less than 1 metric ton.

(2) With the exception of West Florida where the state territorial seas extend 0 to 10 miles.

(3) Includes all OR and WA harvest (where distance from shore is unknown).

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U.S. RECREATIONAL HARVEST (A+B1) AND TOTAL LIVE RELEASES (B2), BY SPECIES GROUP, 2003-2012

Year	Barracudas			Bluefish		
	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
2003	2,181	409	725	13,525	6,243	9,461
2004	2,142	406	628	17,680	7,529	12,662
2005	1,270	196	307	20,135	8,200	13,037
2006	1,145	177	275	16,819	7,284	13,633
2007	1,549	270	464	21,994	8,619	16,123
2008	1,344	208	456	19,995	6,845	14,001
2009	1,298	198	386	14,852	5,388	9,077
2010	876	149	319	16,485	6,244	10,488
2011	703	123	213	11,722	5,217	9,989
2012	844	166	283	12,039	5,640	9,121
Year	Cartilaginous Fishes			Catfishes		
	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
2003	1,838	416	12,307	2,141	1,466	13,562
2004	3,206	376	11,988	1,384	998	13,349
2005	3,610	429	14,266	1,237	780	13,343
2006	5,365	423	13,471	1,395	781	12,485
2007	4,873	496	12,816	2,242	1,095	12,516
2008	2,608	330	12,363	1,602	890	12,556
2009	3,887	308	11,295	1,271	672	10,487
2010	2,242	289	9,587	1,895	980	15,229
2011	1,263	280	8,465	2,276	1,065	13,939
2012	1,357	231	9,229	2,634	1,744	13,729
Year	Cods And Hakes			Dolphinfishes		
	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
2003	5,926	1,102	1,760	14,939	2,086	272
2004	5,363	924	1,124	14,632	1,733	182
2005	7,740	1,375	1,725	13,665	1,606	360
2006	4,553	956	1,088	16,105	1,736	332
2007	5,523	1,045	1,286	15,250	1,603	641
2008	6,826	1,238	1,480	14,242	1,704	500
2009	5,977	1,144	1,164	12,062	1,302	166
2010	7,688	1,333	1,551	9,975	1,241	242
2011	8,319	1,453	1,452	9,452	1,412	467
2012	3,573	858	1,143	11,214	1,418	225

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U.S. RECREATIONAL HARVEST (A+B1) AND TOTAL LIVE RELEASES (B2), BY SPECIES GROUP, 2003-2012

Year	Drums			Flounders		
	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
2003	52,788	47,826	58,599	16,703	7,496	18,848
2004	54,438	49,377	59,799	15,414	7,004	18,840
2005	50,113	47,801	69,757	14,316	6,230	24,102
2006	54,897	51,843	65,700	14,219	5,910	19,897
2007	53,876	54,438	65,709	12,673	5,101	19,970
2008	60,352	57,355	75,230	11,578	4,219	23,444
2009	50,564	45,895	60,499	9,251	3,688	24,870
2010	45,577	41,094	56,375	8,825	3,726	25,594
2011	52,840	47,068	60,926	9,390	4,370	22,414
2012	47,820	44,294	69,982	9,910	4,576	17,411
Year	Greenlings			Grunts		
	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
2003	2,938	529	863	2,581	4,200	6,912
2004	730	126	288	2,981	4,148	7,272
2005	1,319	196	231	2,223	3,441	4,911
2006	1,133	160	156	1,270	1,918	2,893
2007	755	123	98	1,384	2,791	4,898
2008	555	102	84	1,964	3,499	6,145
2009	624	118	121	1,640	2,750	4,411
2010	626	130	145	1,367	2,068	3,809
2011	1,048	214	243	1,754	2,608	4,634
2012	1,279	244	245	2,099	3,072	5,096
Year	Herrings			Jacks		
	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
2003	814	48,530	8,564	9,642	8,687	7,967
2004	2,168	56,810	13,136	10,683	6,471	8,634
2005	1,502	29,971	3,479	5,975	4,594	6,018
2006	4,704	57,849	8,046	9,163	6,379	7,187
2007	3,017	39,952	5,291	6,125	6,172	6,888
2008	3,179	50,994	2,767	7,376	5,035	7,264
2009	2,707	50,979	6,761	8,239	5,494	5,454
2010	1,337	27,649	3,992	5,305	3,313	5,009
2011	1,364	21,228	4,956	3,723	3,503	4,983
2012	3,498	23,213	8,789	5,428	4,020	6,349

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Year	Mullet			Porgies		
	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
2003	3,452	9,726	2,206	17,789	19,299	17,030
2004	3,197	10,521	3,065	18,656	19,473	21,347
2005	2,613	6,788	1,670	11,443	12,591	15,225
2006	2,836	7,963	2,499	9,067	11,596	16,631
2007	2,678	8,656	2,818	11,885	14,167	16,947
2008	3,754	9,764	1,579	13,293	15,864	22,732
2009	2,332	5,834	1,795	10,082	11,990	15,717
2010	3,745	6,849	3,011	13,606	13,210	19,549
2011	3,972	8,420	2,935	14,984	11,070	16,739
2012	4,031	9,092	2,668	11,604	11,714	24,113
Year	Puffers			Rockfishes		
	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
2003	177	257	1,471	5,195	3,332	1,390
2004	62	115	1,244	3,903	2,176	606
2005	84	328	914	4,746	3,151	812
2006	40	87	1,064	3,932	2,253	741
2007	34	73	1,634	3,510	2,061	371
2008	54	161	1,899	2,748	1,703	322
2009	48	99	1,407	3,353	1,950	372
2010	137	253	1,067	3,264	2,029	407
2011	377	1,196	1,382	3,617	2,644	539
2012	446	710	2,259	4,034	3,057	658
Year	Sculpins			Sea Basses		
	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
2003	268	100	303	12,550	6,981	22,038
2004	145	50	150	15,979	6,123	20,556
2005	173	46	116	11,008	4,575	16,562
2006	120	33	103	9,189	3,663	15,911
2007	97	29	90	8,880	3,594	19,749
2008	95	47	107	9,583	3,311	24,131
2009	123	37	78	7,513	3,208	18,251
2010	113	30	112	7,277	3,654	17,247
2011	150	73	159	4,114	2,320	12,738
2012	150	48	128	7,895	3,391	20,907

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U.S. RECREATIONAL HARVEST (A+B1) AND TOTAL LIVE RELEASES (B2), BY SPECIES GROUP, 2003-2012

Year	Sea Chubs			Searobins		
	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
2003	651	267	32	77	195	7,989
2004	89	147	41	190	269	3,877
2005	90	140	59	94	167	3,884
2006	64	154	60	45	116	4,781
2007	62	86	55	90	169	5,511
2008	60	137	30	77	286	6,554
2009	50	111	42	78	119	5,254
2010	38	96	82	46	89	4,362
2011	59	47	11	83	111	2,479
2012	105	105	48	110	122	6,784
Year	Silversides			Smelts		
	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
2003	273	1,219	469	143	1,597	143
2004	233	1,186	891	(1)	2	5
2005	245	894	446	5	128	(1)
2006	344	1,184	673	2	21	1
2007	157	636	385	(1)	61	(1)
2008	343	887	491	1	9	(1)
2009	333	883	373	1	6	(1)
2010	157	495	207	(1)	3	(1)
2011	159	441	193	111	1,279	39
2012	131	437	272	1	38	9
Year	Snappers			Surfperches		
	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
2003	9,496	4,501	10,059	655	1,062	1,044
2004	10,515	5,227	10,000	473	1,037	1,412
2005	8,008	4,191	9,898	295	704	1,073
2006	8,306	4,363	9,256	443	862	1,568
2007	9,843	5,513	12,919	324	623	690
2008	9,038	5,157	13,057	382	686	553
2009	8,126	4,240	9,115	232	536	510
2010	4,638	2,527	4,951	151	463	217
2011	6,615	2,581	5,259	524	824	714
2012	8,554	3,395	7,574	590	1,028	984

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U.S. RECREATIONAL HARVEST (A+B1) AND TOTAL LIVE RELEASES (B2), BY SPECIES GROUP, 2003-2012

Year	Temperate Basses			Toadfishes		
	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
2003	24,509	5,279	19,346	2	18	1,591
2004	31,064	4,516	22,011	16	12	1,541
2005	31,779	5,100	24,799	29	32	1,677
2006	32,774	5,852	28,153	(1)	5	1,614
2007	28,788	5,913	22,779	73	46	1,677
2008	32,852	6,027	17,895	16	18	2,005
2009	23,561	2,841	9,675	10	11	1,243
2010	24,493	4,965	10,070	45	34	1,174
2011	28,537	4,433	9,410	7	7	1,389
2012	20,575	3,419	10,835	20	17	1,696
Year	Triggerfishes/Filefishes			Tunas And Mackerels		
	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
2003	978	526	275	52,255	9,575	6,257
2004	1,389	724	468	41,421	9,589	6,479
2005	877	469	286	34,522	8,945	4,485
2006	721	360	254	40,925	12,024	7,089
2007	970	484	533	47,388	8,528	5,466
2008	909	409	300	43,912	11,197	5,541
2009	818	386	405	42,556	8,790	4,484
2010	720	274	369	30,486	9,044	4,929
2011	705	272	288	26,230	10,261	4,353
2012	635	280	316	32,898	8,735	3,859
Year	Wrasses					
	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)			
2003	2,909	1,270	2,076			
2004	3,543	1,359	2,316			
2005	2,974	1,044	2,113			
2006	4,283	1,350	2,886			
2007	5,414	1,694	4,118			
2008	4,224	1,472	2,969			
2009	3,729	1,210	2,574			
2010	4,437	1,426	3,182			
2011	1,811	605	2,294			
2012	2,942	890	2,383			

Note: (1) Number or pounds less than 1,000 or less than 1 metric ton.

TX only estimates harvest (no weight or release data) and includes only private and for-hire fisheries.

AK data not available for current year.

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U.S. RECREATIONAL FINFISH HARVEST (A+B1) AND RELEASED (B2), BY STATE, 2011 and 2012

State	2011		
	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
California	7,528	8,386	3,999
Oregon	1,849	371	108
Washington	941	298	59
Connecticut	4,031	1,429	2,701
Maine	1,719	1,741	798
Massachusetts	11,925	4,456	4,942
New Hampshire	3,085	2,583	883
Rhode Island	3,194	1,057	2,538
Delaware	989	681	2,163
Maryland	5,281	4,079	7,292
New Jersey	13,388	5,338	17,443
New York	16,127	3,420	14,391
Virginia	7,262	7,942	13,247
Florida	41,194	47,744	74,168
Georgia	1,863	1,842	3,476
North Carolina	13,239	8,565	15,865
South Carolina	2,731	2,970	6,046
Alabama	11,119	8,937	11,374
Louisiana	36,304	17,714	20,246
Mississippi	4,997	4,690	3,557
Hawaii	11,658	2,504	164
Texas	-	2,483	-
Alaska	-	1,314	904
Puerto Rico	892	387	59
Grand Total	201,316	140,930	206,424
State	2012		
	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
California	9,560	8,190	4,894
Oregon	2,753	457	97
Washington	957	304	48
Connecticut	5,792	1,934	4,391
Maine	971	1,150	751
Massachusetts	13,146	4,655	6,754
New Hampshire	1,524	1,413	749
Rhode Island	3,073	1,954	3,253
Delaware	1,050	495	2,059
Maryland	4,004	4,052	11,904
New Jersey	13,712	6,033	23,749
New York	13,923	3,593	15,138
Virginia	7,553	7,851	13,695
Florida	48,096	49,957	83,052
Georgia	1,392	1,338	3,559
North Carolina	12,055	8,473	18,536
South Carolina	3,948	4,347	7,090
Alabama	9,559	6,409	13,555
Louisiana	28,767	15,293	20,033
Mississippi	5,852	6,655	5,878
Hawaii	14,320	2,763	294
Texas	-	2,257	-
Alaska	-	-	-
Puerto Rico	1,246	478	49
Grand Total	203,253	140,053	239,527

Note: TX only estimates harvest (no weight or release data) and includes only private and for-hire fisheries.
 OR and WA Estimates include only private and for-hire fisheries.
 AK data not available for current year.

U.S. Marine Recreational Fisheries

U.S. RECREATIONAL NUMBERS OF ANGLERS AND TRIPS BY STATES, 2011 AND 2012

State	2011			
	Out-of-State Anglers	In-State Anglers		Number of Angler Trips
		From Coastal Counties	From Non-Coastal Counties	
----- Numbers in thousands -----				
California	-	-	-	3,702
Oregon	-	-	-	148
Washington	-	-	-	104
Connecticut	98	420	.	1,309
Maine	107	85	7	527
Massachusetts	293	490	115	2,813
New Hampshire	30	56	10	297
Rhode Island	190	105	-	1,114
Delaware	190	129	-	926
Maryland	372	415	49	2,819
New Jersey	357	687	23	5,163
New York	46	497	18	4,168
Virginia	320	516	56	2,899
Florida	2,177	2,701	-	24,057
Georgia	78	146	131	970
North Carolina	755	490	254	4,740
South Carolina	264	148	66	1,806
Alabama	435	295	177	2,483
Louisiana	183	690	86	4,576
Mississippi	60	160	48	1,615
Hawaii	-	-	-	1,382
Texas	-	-	-	1,125
Alaska	-	123	-	491
Puerto Rico	14	99	-	425
Grand Total				69,661
State	2012			
	Out-of-State Anglers	In-State Anglers		Number of Angler Trips
		From Coastal Counties	From Non-Coastal Counties	
----- Numbers in thousands -----				
California	-	-	-	5,436
Oregon	-	-	-	173
Washington	-	-	-	113
Connecticut	67	397	-	1,326
Maine	126	116	6	637
Massachusetts	309	502	130	2,825
New Hampshire	54	58	9	299
Rhode Island	169	99	-	1,077
Delaware	151	111	-	875
Maryland	258	374	40	2,249
New Jersey	431	662	27	5,020
New York	53	533	30	3,766
Virginia	193	412	78	2,522
Florida	2,655	2,899	-	24,171
Georgia	74	134	96	892
North Carolina	764	614	283	5,303
South Carolina	406	207	123	2,206
Alabama	339	254	131	2,305
Louisiana	165	651	77	4,137
Mississippi	91	179	60	1,950
Hawaii	-	-	-	1,519
Texas	-	-	-	1,159
Alaska	-	-	-	-
Puerto Rico	10	84	-	351
Grand Total				70,311

Note: All counties in HI, PR, RI, CT, DE, and FL are considered coastal. AK estimates are presented as coastal. TX, CA, OR, and WA angler data not available. AK data not available for current year. Out-of-state angler estimates are not additive across states.