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Fisheries Economics of the U.S., 2006

Fisheries Economics of the U.S., 2006 is the first volume in this new series, reporting economic data related to commercial and recreational fishing, and fishing-related industries in the United States. This report covers the 1997-2006 time period and includes descriptive statistics on commercial fisheries landings, revenue, and price trends and economic impacts of the commercial fishing industry in 2006; recreational fishing catch, effort, and participation rates and 2006 angler expenditures and economic impacts of saltwater angling; and employer and non-employer establishment, payroll, and annual receipt information for fishing-related industries. It is a companion to *Fishing Communities of the U.S., 2006*. The purpose of this publication is to provide the public with easily accessible economic information about the Nation's commercial and recreational fishing activities and associated fishing-related industries.

Sources of Data

Information in this report came from many sources. Commercial landings, revenue, and price data, and recreational fishing effort and participation data was primarily obtained from the Fisheries Statistics Division, NMFS Office of Science & Technology. Other sources include: Alaska Fisheries Science Center, NMFS; the Pacific Coast Fisheries Information Network (PacFIN); Texas Parks & Wildlife Department; and Western Pacific Fisheries Information Network (WPacFIN). Economic impacts from the commercial fishing industry and recreational fisheries are from two separate national IMPLAN models of the Economics & Sociocultural Analysis Division, NMFS Office of Science & Technology. Fishing-related industry information was obtained from the: U.S. Census Bureau (County Business Patterns data

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