

# **Analysis of Community Dependence on Recreational Fishing**

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#### **Overview**

- Context and methods
  - Social indicators of coastal community vulnerability and resilience
- Measurement
  - Social indicators of community vulnerability
  - Indicators of community dependence on recreational and commercial fishing
- Tools available to public

# **Applications**

- MSA Mandated analysis of the potential effects of regulatory change on *place based* communities
  - Social Impact Assessment
  - National Standard 8
  - Environmental Justice
- Hurricane Sandy Rapid Assessment
  - Locate recreational and commercial dependent communities





Social Indicators for Fishing Communities

**NE & SE United States** 



#### **Criteria for indices**

- Used the following criteria to qualify indices that emerged:
  - Principal component analysis
    - Single factor solution
    - Factor loadings above .350
    - Variance explained 45%
  - Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin measure of sampling adequacy above .500
  - Bartlett's test of sphericity significance above .05
  - Theta reliability above .500
  - 14 indices

# **Social vulnerability**

- Is the pre-existing condition that affects a community's (social system) ability to prepare for and recover from a disruptive event.
- Inherent characteristics of the community that create the potential for harm



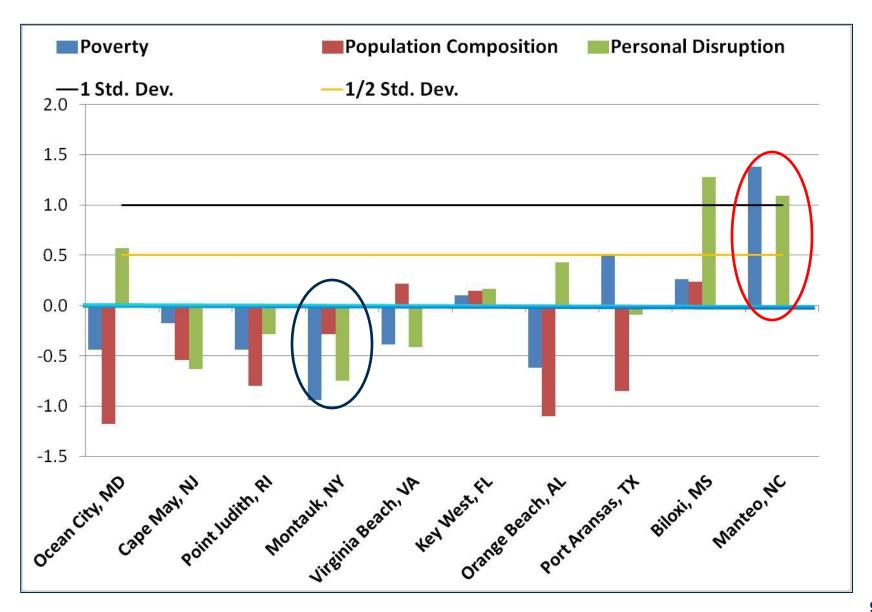
## Social vulnerability indices

- Poverty
- Personal disruption
- Population composition vulnerability

## Social vulnerability indices

Indices	Factor Loadings	% Variance Explained
Poverty		
% receiving assistance	0.544	
% of families below poverty level	0.915	
% over 65 in poverty	0.716	59.72
% under 18 in poverty	0.862	
Personal Disruption		
% unemployed	0.628	
Crime index	0.477	
% with no diploma	0.786	45.00
% in poverty	0.811	
% females separated	0.600	
Population Composition Vulnerability		
% white alone	-0.898	
% female single headed households	0.719	
% Population age 0-5	0.675	58.12
% Speak English less than well	0.739	

# **Social Vulnerability**



#### **Gentrification pressure indices**



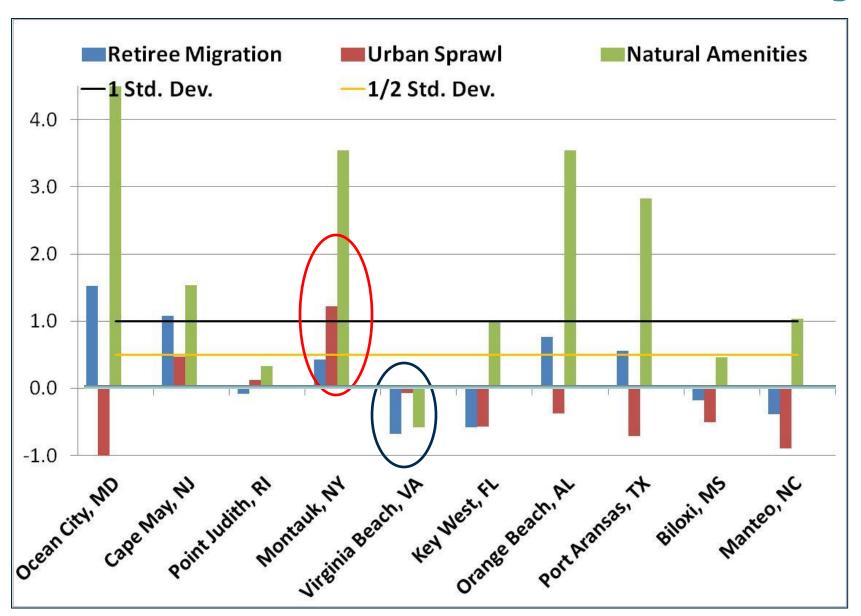
- Retiree migration
- Urban sprawl
- Natural amenities



## **Gentrification pressure indices**

	Factor	% Variance
Indices	Loadings	Explained
Retiree Migration		
Households with one or more over 65	0.950	
% receiving social security	0.951	
% receiving retirement income	0.766	78.58
% in labor force	-0.866	
Urban Sprawl		
Population density	0.387	
Nearest city (in miles) with a population of 50,000	-0.589	
Cost of living index	0.894	49.32
Median home value	0.819	
Natural Amenities		
Rental vacancy rate	0.770	
% homes vacant	0.824	
Boat launches by population	0.605	47.15
% water cover	0.493	

## **Gentrification Pressure Vulnerability**



#### Fishing dependence indices

#### Recreational

- Recreational fishing engagement
- Recreational fishing reliance





#### Commercial

- Commercial fishing engagement
- Commercial fishing reliance

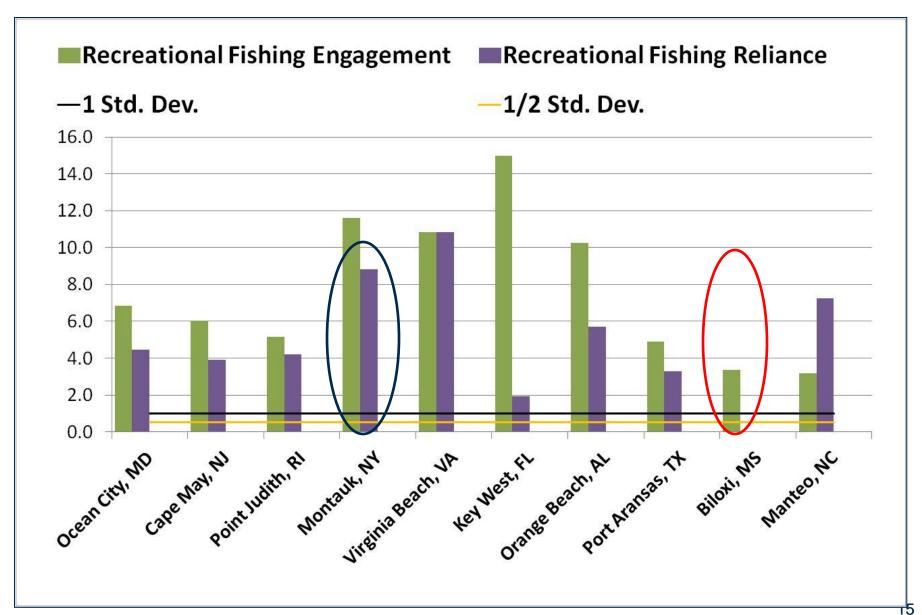


# Recreational fishing indices

		%
	Factor	Variance
Indices	Loadings	Explained
Recreational Fishing Reliance		
Recreational fishing mode charter by population	0.352	
Recreational fishing mode private by population	0.917	58.97
Recreational fishing mode shore by population	0.897	
Recreational Fishing Engagement		
Recreational charter fishing pressure	0.352	
Recreational private fishing pressure	0.815	63.02
Recreational shore fishing pressure	0.761	



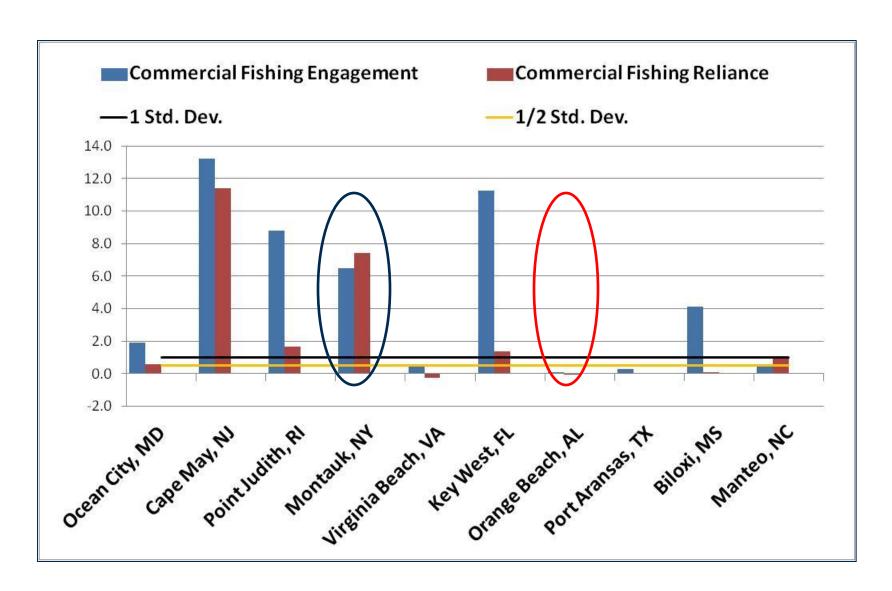
## Recreational Fishing Dependence



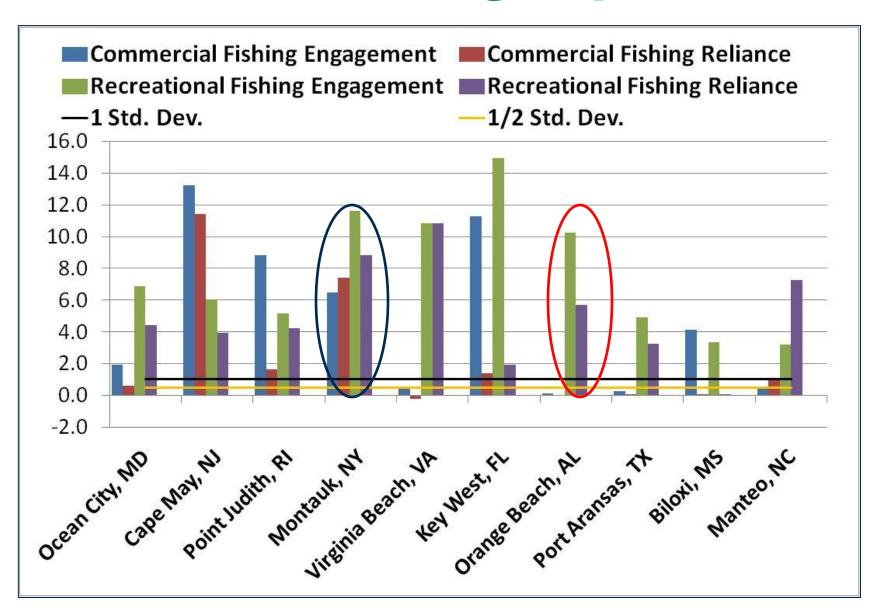
# **Commercial fishing indices**

Indices	Factor Loadings	% Variance Explained
Commercial Fishing Reliance		
Value of landings by population	0.833	
Number of commercial fishing permits by population	0.686	
Dealers with landings by population	0.592	50.30
% in forestry, farming and fishing occupation	0.705	
Commercial Fishing Engagement		
Value of landings	0.906	
Number of commercial fishing permits	0.862	
Number of dealers with landings	0.580	57.57
Pounds of landings	0.635	

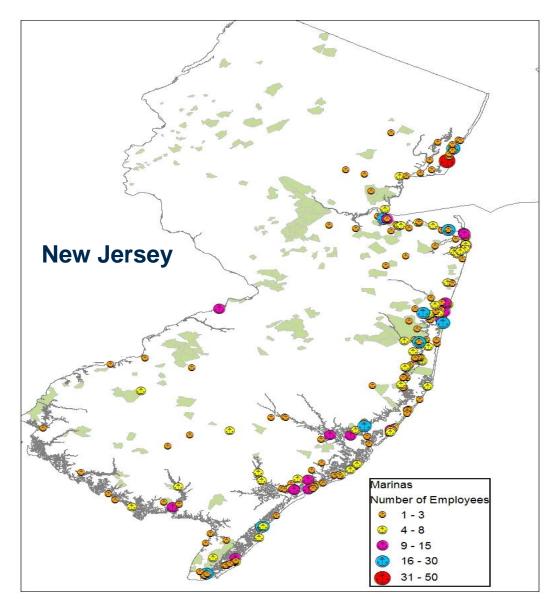
# **Commercial dependence**



# Combined fishing dependence



#### **Fishing Infrastructure Index**

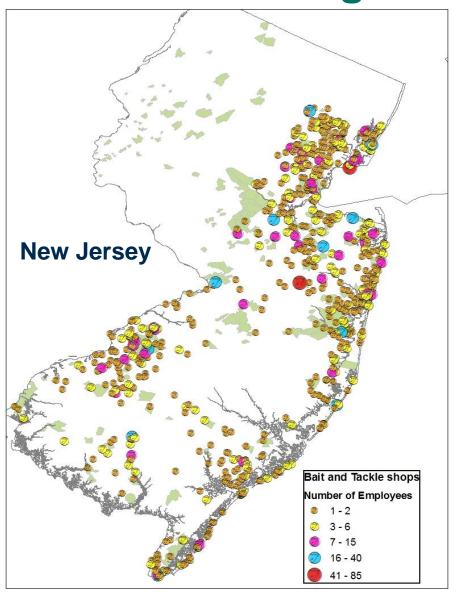


#### **Marinas**

-Number of Employees-



# Recreational Fishing Infrastructure

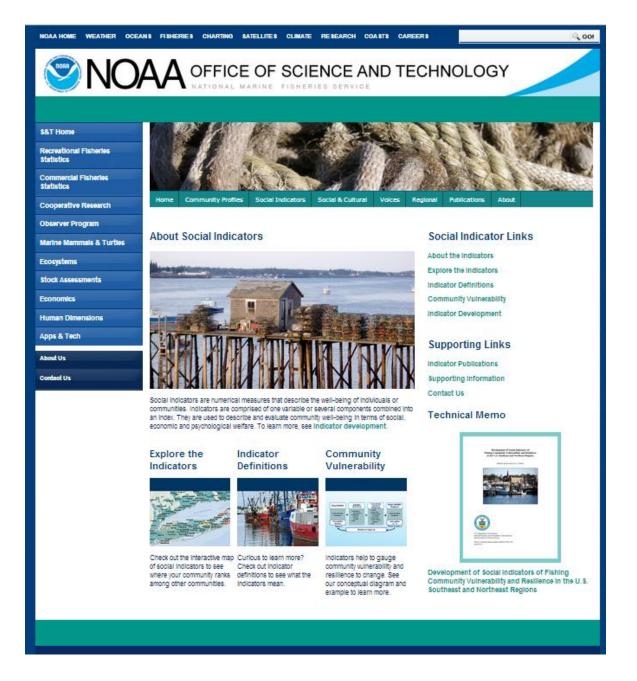


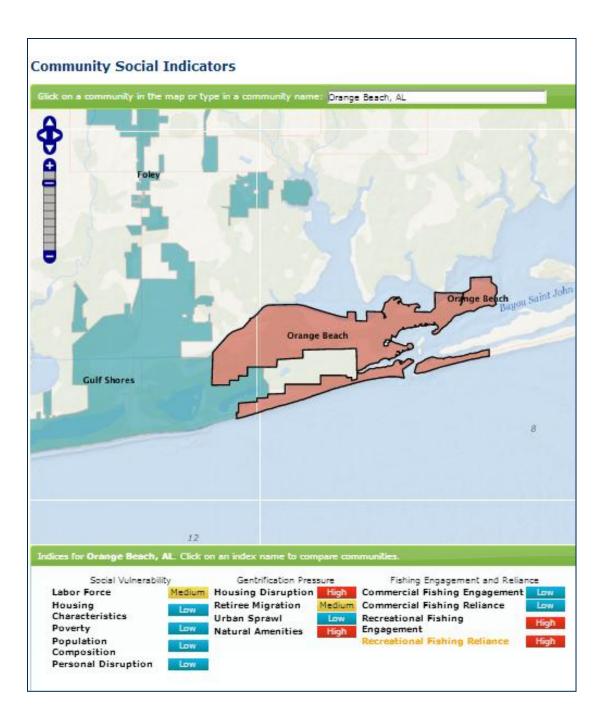
# **Bait and Tackle Stores**

-Number of Employees-



# Web based interactive mapping tool for use in SIA





# Recreational fishing dependence in context

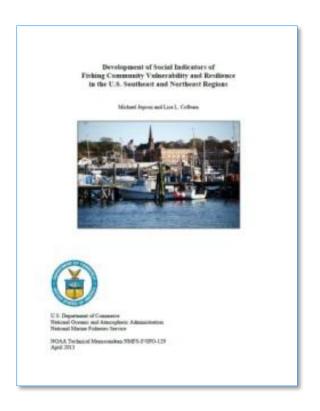
# **Continuing work:**

- Refine recreational fishing index
  - Replace MRIP site pressure data with regular intercept data on angler trips (stratify to get trips/community)
- Indices under development
  - Fishing Infrastructure
  - Species specific
  - Vulnerable species
  - Climate change
- Time series analysis
- National standardized indicators

#### Web accessible resources

(http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/humandimensions/social-indicators/index)

#### **Tech Memo**



#### **Mapping tool**



#### **Data available on request**

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