

Your Fishing Counts!

The **information you share** about your fishing trips helps ensure **sustainable fisheries** today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.

As part of NOAA Fisheries' recreational data collection program, you may be approached by trained field interviewers who work on behalf of your state marine fisheries agency. Information gathered during these shore-side interviews is complemented by a mail survey. By participating in these surveys, you're helping to improve our data quality.

NOAA Fisheries works closely with state partners, regional fishery management councils, and fisheries commissions to help foster healthy, productive, and sustainable marine fisheries using quality data.

The team is committed to continually improving recreational fishing data collection to ensure our estimates represent the diverse array of recreational anglers, and reflect what's happening on the water.

Please note: Field interviewers play no role in law enforcement. We value your participation and privacy. Any personal information collected is kept confidential.



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One of America's **favorite pastimes**, saltwater recreational fishing contributes **tens of billions of dollars** annually to our nation's **coastal economies** and **working waterfronts**:

\$89.3
billion
sales

\$30
billion
income

553,000
jobs

Source: NOAA Fisheries

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Your **Data** Makes a **Difference**

NOAA Fisheries collects catch and trip data from **for-hire captains** and hundreds of thousands of **anglers** through mail, telephone, and shore-side surveys. This information is used to produce estimates of recreational fishing activity.



These estimates **complement other sources**, such as **commercial catch, biological information**, and **direct observations of fish stocks**.



Stock assessment scientists evaluate this data to determine the **health of our fisheries**.

Working with **anglers and other partners**, fisheries managers use this information to ensure our marine fisheries resources **don't become depleted** and stocks are **sustainable** now and for future generations.



We continue to **evaluate and improve** our data collection program to provide fisheries scientists and managers with quality data.

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