

Annual Fisheries Bulletin

2008 Commercial & Recreational Statistics



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The Annual Fisheries Bulletin contains the North Carolina commercial and recreational fisheries harvest statistics for 2008. Included in the bulletin are the 2008 landings for each program, along with the 2004 to 2007 landings for comparison purposes. The bulletin also contains a summary of commercial fishing trips by major gears.

The North Carolina Trip Ticket Program collects commercial fishery landings and effort statistics. This program mandates trip level fish dealer reporting of all finfish and shellfish landed in the state. Recreational fishery harvest and effort statistics are derived from the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey (MRFSS) that conducts recreational angler interviews at public access points, combined with telephone surveys. The Recreational Commercial Gear License (RCGL) statistics are based on monthly surveys of RCGL holders.

Total Pounds Harvested in 2008

Commercial
71,188,548 pounds

Recreational
15,895,631 pounds

Recreational Commercial Gear
482,083 pounds

Top Five Species Caught In Each Fishery

Commercial	
Species	Pounds
Blue crabs	32,890,243
Shrimp	9,423,815
Croaker	5,791,858
Southern flounder	2,602,020
Summer flounder	2,406,601

Recreational	
Species	Pounds
Dolphinfish	3,576,104
Groupers	1,223,825
Bluefish	1,096,478
Striped bass	921,051
Spotted seatrout	911,097

Recreational Commercial Gear	
Species	Pounds
Blue crabs	110,234
Spot	105,392
Flounder	54,359
Striped mullet	51,785
Shrimp	37,315

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North Carolina Commercial Landings

Date Issued: April 30, 2009

	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
FINFISH		
Amberjacks ¹	160,740	\$110,217
Anglerfish (Monkfish including Monklivers)	109,102	\$127,688
Bluefish	1,930,391	\$707,749
Bonito	16,571	\$19,931
Butterfish	76,455	\$39,668
Carp	6,344	\$753
Catfishes	361,456	\$91,752
Cobia	22,047	\$30,042
Croaker, Atlantic	5,791,858	\$3,141,937
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	21,614	\$13,059
Dolphinfish	289,461	\$573,176
Drum, Black	301,998	\$104,937
Drum, Red	229,809	\$352,426
Eel, American	24,658	\$55,481
Flounder, Southern	2,602,020	\$5,649,543
Flounder, Summer	2,406,601	\$5,235,996
Flounders, Other	305	\$386
Garfish	11,869	\$593
Grouper, Gag	179,598	\$615,991
Grouper, Red	473,899	\$1,232,716
Grouper, Scamp	86,250	\$287,831
Grouper, Snowy	26,700	\$80,973
Groupers, Other	18,353	\$54,605
Grunts	91,281	\$86,054
Hakes	1,091	\$362
Harvestfish (Starbutters)	75,285	\$77,282
Herring, River (Alewife and Blueback Herring)	1,292	\$775
Hogfish (Hog Snapper)	13,035	\$34,731
Jacks	3,490	\$2,400
Mackerel, Atlantic (Boston)	751	\$379
Mackerel, King	1,036,439	\$1,631,000
Mackerel, Spanish	415,388	\$545,281
Menhaden, Atlantic	645,231	\$70,339
Mullet, Sea (Kingfishes)	920,763	\$814,785
Mullet, Striped	1,676,058	\$672,191
Perch, White	398,307	\$318,802
Perch, Yellow	43,507	\$49,763
Pigfish	34,984	\$12,777
Pinfish	80,384	\$26,762
Pompano	18,081	\$49,608
Porgies	114,457	\$137,053
Pufferfish	680	\$318
Scup	205,868	\$164,204
Sea Basses	484,892	\$1,155,772
Seatrout, Spotted	304,544	\$466,760
Shad, American	118,971	\$168,826
Shad, Gizzard	58,933	\$1,768
Shad, Hickory	66,767	\$11,665

2008 North Carolina Commercial Landings

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
Sharks ²	468,864	\$210,829
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	826,028	\$265,402
Sharks, Dogfish, Spiny	158,727	\$26,042
Sheepshead	89,726	\$53,053
Skates	384	\$76
Skippers	13,605	\$3,168
Snapper, Red	8,852	\$30,806
Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)	591,371	\$1,747,386
Snappers, Other	2,557	\$5,959
Spadefish, Atlantic	11,694	\$3,293
Spot	737,218	\$454,569
Striped Bass	373,450	\$822,566
Swordfish	454,031	\$1,156,954
Tilefish	404,295	\$659,213
Triggerfish	198,722	\$283,025
Tuna, Bigeye	272,340	\$922,083
Tuna, Bluefin	147,410	\$1,461,166
Tuna, Yellowfin	503,007	\$956,142
Tunas, Other	19,413	\$19,544
Tunny, Little (False Albacore)	103,743	\$40,280
Wahoo	11,641	\$27,063
Weakfish (Gray Trout)	170,394	\$148,980
Unclassified Fish for Food	56,439	\$115,525
Unclassified Fish for Industrial Use or Bait	54,957	\$6,961
TOTAL FINFISH	27,637,444	\$34,447,190
 SHELLFISH		
Shrimp (Heads On) ³	9,423,815	\$19,243,008
Clams, Hard (Meats)	381,411	\$2,351,527
	(19,301,392 clams)	--
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	10,266	\$18,607
Blue Crabs, Hard	32,312,449	\$25,414,608
Blue Crabs, Peeler	351,984	\$882,314
Blue Crabs, Soft	225,810	\$1,243,809
Stone Crabs	6,109	\$15,742
Octopus	4,022	\$5,878
Oysters (Meats)	465,563	\$2,036,491
	(88,008 bushels)	--
Scallop, Bay (Meats)	0	\$0
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	162,007	\$1,013,048
Squid	108,583	\$38,569
Unclassified Shellfish	99,086	\$102,214
TOTAL SHELLFISH	43,551,104	\$52,365,816
GRAND TOTAL	71,188,548	\$86,813,005

¹ Includes species from the genus *Seriola* (amberjacks, almaco jacks, and banded rudderfish.)

² Includes shark fins and the following sharks: blacktip, bull, shortfin mako, thresher, tiger, hammerhead, and Atlantic sharpnose.

³ Includes brown, pink, and white shrimp.

Date Updated: April 1, 2009

	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
FINFISH		
Amberjacks ¹	133,519	\$93,910
Anglerfish (Monkfish including Monklivers)	153,346	\$188,124
Bluefish	2,332,118	\$701,134
Bonito	16,085	\$20,403
Butterfish	122,124	\$62,851
Carp	26,580	\$2,852
Catfishes	475,217	\$129,282
Cobia	19,005	\$25,711
Croaker, Atlantic	7,301,296	\$2,726,029
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	27,042	\$27,968
Dolphinfish	369,472	\$726,111
Drum, Black	148,231	\$50,320
Drum, Red	243,658	\$354,400
Eel, American	37,591	\$73,302
Flounder, Southern	2,082,996	\$4,970,772
Flounder, Summer	2,670,221	\$6,364,131
Flounders, Other	312	\$316
Garfish	10,359	\$518
Grouper, Gag	200,818	\$652,226
Grouper, Red	448,580	\$1,179,470
Grouper, Scamp	110,983	\$353,144
Grouper, Snowy	48,354	\$152,739
Groupers, Other	19,058	\$56,795
Grunts	118,545	\$109,044
Hakes	785	\$271
Harvestfish (Starbutters)	90,151	\$99,919
Herring, River (Alewife and Blueback Herring)	1,103	\$856
Hogfish (Hog Snapper)	7,112	\$17,072
Jacks	2,176	\$1,030
Mackerel, Atlantic (Boston)	816	\$412
Mackerel, King	1,059,107	\$1,967,079
Mackerel, Spanish	487,879	\$731,076
Menhaden, Atlantic	1,134,167	\$139,178
Mullet, Sea (Kingfishes)	817,868	\$795,685
Mullet, Striped	1,668,804	\$721,171
Perch, White	174,494	\$130,426
Perch, Yellow	45,698	\$58,012
Pigfish	33,643	\$11,894
Pinfish	73,238	\$14,899
Pompano	19,553	\$36,105
Porgies	97,919	\$108,863
Pufferfish	930	\$339
Scup	66,979	\$42,756
Sea Basses	474,297	\$1,195,325
Seatrout, Spotted	374,722	\$524,465
Shad, American	300,032	\$280,582
Shad, Gizzard	84,998	\$2,550
Shad, Hickory	35,808	\$7,726

2007 North Carolina Commercial Landings

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
Sharks ²	348,887	\$170,268
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	641,888	\$196,104
Sharks, Dogfish, Spiny	149,543	\$26,080
Sheepshead	77,173	\$41,235
Skates	2,335	\$332
Skippers	12,676	\$3,252
Snapper, Red	7,288	\$23,267
Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)	541,185	\$1,573,301
Snappers, Other	2,145	\$4,660
Spadefish, Atlantic	19,567	\$6,939
Spot	879,082	\$612,673
Striped Bass	576,384	\$1,238,956
Swordfish	645,396	\$1,769,054
Tilefish	58,219	\$87,899
Triggerfish	155,261	\$186,141
Tuna, Bigeye	339,750	\$1,088,203
Tuna, Bluefin	131,881	\$892,398
Tuna, Yellowfin	1,214,188	\$2,002,484
Tunas, Other	15,688	\$14,710
Tunny, Little (False Albacore)	134,674	\$48,748
Wahoo	24,306	\$55,644
Weakfish (Gray Trout)	175,596	\$149,207
Unclassified Fish for Food	58,804	\$101,965
Unclassified Fish for Industrial Use or Bait	71,786	\$4,430
TOTAL FINFISH	30,451,485	\$36,207,185
 SHELLFISH		
Shrimp (Heads On) ³	9,552,155	\$17,937,913
Clams, Hard (Meats)	425,333	\$2,600,658
	(21,787,426 clams)	--
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	12,414	\$18,804
Blue Crabs, Hard	20,562,159	\$18,109,497
Blue Crabs, Peeler	498,904	\$1,186,031
Blue Crabs, Soft	363,896	\$2,136,426
Stone Crabs	4,605	\$13,599
Octopus	4,183	\$6,440
Oysters (Meats)	441,431	\$2,244,707
	(83,446 bushels)	--
Scallop, Bay (Meats)	0	\$0
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	267,252	\$1,692,479
Squid	291,826	\$100,122
Unclassified Shellfish	50,370	\$76,988
TOTAL SHELLFISH	32,474,528	\$46,123,664
GRAND TOTAL	62,926,013	\$82,330,849

¹ Includes species from the genus *Seriola* (amberjacks, almaco jacks, and banded rudderfish.)

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
FINFISH		
Amberjacks ¹	101,722	\$65,811
Anglerfish (Monkfish including Monklivers)	164,953	\$176,908
Bluefish	2,791,157	\$815,639
Bonito	9,770	\$10,503
Butterfish	94,430	\$50,843
Carp	29,285	\$2,873
Catfishes	429,948	\$121,288
Cobia	20,270	\$24,076
Croaker, Atlantic	10,396,554	\$3,562,502
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	6,153	\$4,668
Dolphinfish	159,452	\$307,239
Drum, Black	125,214	\$38,076
Drum, Red	169,206	\$232,818
Eel, American	33,581	\$70,893
Flounder, Southern	2,287,823	\$4,850,300
Flounder, Summer	3,981,413	\$8,449,646
Flounders, Other	2,397	\$1,417
Garfish	12,218	\$828
Grouper, Gag	240,927	\$707,641
Grouper, Red	240,782	\$587,538
Grouper, Scamp	104,964	\$303,898
Grouper, Snowy	102,554	\$256,074
Groupers, Other	19,643	\$50,429
Grunts	118,234	\$104,278
Hakes	974	\$294
Harvestfish (Starbutters)	88,040	\$107,606
Herring, River (Alewife and Blueback Herring)	109,847	\$84,276
Hogfish (Hog Snapper)	7,296	\$16,717
Jacks	2,260	\$1,144
Mackerel, Atlantic (Boston)	7,160	\$1,718
Mackerel, King	1,185,534	\$2,120,138
Mackerel, Spanish	470,662	\$617,689
Menhaden, Atlantic	962,648	\$147,779
Mullet, Sea (Kingfishes)	559,440	\$550,566
Mullet, Striped	1,728,607	\$977,756
Perch, White	156,426	\$124,299
Perch, Yellow	34,599	\$34,815
Pigfish	40,963	\$12,406
Pinfish	65,456	\$11,950
Pompano	6,075	\$10,989
Porgies	72,241	\$81,784
Pufferfish	402	\$138
Scup	140,062	\$96,932
Sea Basses	778,230	\$1,715,625
Seatrout, Spotted	312,620	\$410,695
Shad, American	184,965	\$201,026
Shad, Gizzard	66,808	\$2,672
Shad, Hickory	54,802	\$10,639

2006 North Carolina Commercial Landings

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
Sharks ²	835,415	\$373,881
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	610,247	\$177,745
Sharks, Dogfish, Spiny	11,574	\$2,517
Sheepshead	57,481	\$28,167
Skates	839	\$210
Skippers	13,219	\$3,303
Snapper, Red	6,137	\$19,189
Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)	336,145	\$927,721
Snappers, Other	2,789	\$6,381
Spadefish, Atlantic	19,623	\$6,851
Spot	1,364,743	\$998,047
Striped Bass	281,736	\$680,902
Swordfish	615,877	\$1,500,495
Tilefish	138,090	\$186,677
Triggerfish	126,354	\$146,634
Tuna, Bigeye	505,745	\$1,373,891
Tuna, Bluefin	188,454	\$994,678
Tuna, Yellowfin	1,155,802	\$1,636,198
Tunas, Other	25,163	\$19,846
Tunny, Little (False Albacore)	106,617	\$35,703
Wahoo	16,426	\$37,879
Weakfish (Gray Trout)	363,078	\$310,697
Unclassified Fish for Food	52,042	\$57,814
Unclassified Fish for Industrial Use or Bait	130,831	\$8,864
TOTAL FINFISH	35,643,190	\$37,670,132
 SHELLFISH		
Shrimp (Heads On) ³	5,736,649	\$9,141,435
Clams, Hard (Meats)	422,293	\$2,631,373
	(21,475,443 clams)	--
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	12,180	\$13,731
Blue Crabs, Hard	24,408,932	\$14,146,592
Blue Crabs, Peeler	549,916	\$1,172,353
Blue Crabs, Soft	384,311	\$1,768,449
Stone Crabs	3,951	\$14,195
Octopus	3,578	\$5,705
Oysters (Meats)	447,889	\$2,234,558
	(84,667 bushels)	--
Scallop, Bay (Meats)	0	\$0
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	146,721	\$993,847
Squid	940,958	\$251,794
Unclassified Shellfish	42,781	\$41,360
TOTAL SHELLFISH	33,100,157	\$32,415,390
GRAND TOTAL	68,743,347	\$70,085,521

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FINFISH		
Amberjacks ¹	122,361	\$72,800
Anglerfish (Monkfish including Monklivers)	90,099	\$86,084
Bluefish	2,837,612	\$790,304
Bonito	11,672	\$7,286
Butterfish	69,374	\$36,638
Carp	38,443	\$4,872
Catfishes	401,516	\$91,165
Cobia	17,886	\$22,023
Croaker, Atlantic	11,903,292	\$3,408,527
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	2,234	\$1,245
Dolphinfish	139,761	\$258,625
Drum, Black	44,989	\$12,192
Drum, Red	128,770	\$173,040
Eel, American	49,278	\$106,769
Flounder, Southern	1,870,754	\$3,462,308
Flounder, Summer	4,064,464	\$7,500,273
Flounders, Other	1,508	\$688
Garfish	10,857	\$109
Grouper, Gag	251,645	\$697,713
Grouper, Red	140,333	\$310,511
Grouper, Scamp	84,802	\$226,857
Grouper, Snowy	86,131	\$199,131
Groupers, Other	16,366	\$39,920
Grunts	90,364	\$76,568
Hakes	619	\$174
Harvestfish (Starbutters)	70,251	\$82,294
Herring, River (Alewife and Blueback Herring)	250,021	\$128,834
Hogfish (Hog Snapper)	7,877	\$18,127
Jacks	2,095	\$968
Mackerel, Atlantic (Boston)	312	\$79
Mackerel, King	1,246,088	\$2,053,692
Mackerel, Spanish	446,001	\$586,845
Menhaden, Atlantic	13,386,245	\$1,223,078
Mullet, Sea (Kingfishes)	296,263	\$271,731
Mullet, Striped	1,620,394	\$801,181
Perch, White	178,146	\$108,855
Perch, Yellow	23,254	\$28,488
Pigfish	30,469	\$9,251
Pinfish	36,345	\$5,944
Pompano	6,519	\$10,169
Porgies	47,864	\$44,799
Pufferfish	404	\$151
Scup	352,422	\$156,920
Sea Basses	690,201	\$1,332,261
Seatrout, Spotted	129,601	\$173,533
Shad, American	191,301	\$205,304
Shad, Gizzard	82,963	\$4,148
Shad, Hickory	173,886	\$39,687

2005 North Carolina Commercial Landings

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	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
Sharks ²	1,175,544	\$610,086
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	647,578	\$181,174
Sharks, Dogfish, Spiny	18,865	\$5,974
Sheepshead	53,259	\$21,234
Skates	1,264	\$251
Skippers	12,704	\$2,495
Snapper, Red	7,253	\$21,331
Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)	421,952	\$1,086,272
Snappers, Other	3,624	\$8,452
Spadefish, Atlantic	35,445	\$9,059
Spot	1,714,484	\$905,013
Striped Bass	864,289	\$1,673,068
Swordfish	609,200	\$1,508,598
Tilefish	44,014	\$52,576
Triggerfish	145,639	\$162,533
Tuna, Bigeye	273,537	\$840,623
Tuna, Bluefin	206,859	\$1,486,973
Tuna, Yellowfin	681,083	\$945,408
Tunas, Other	20,391	\$23,547
Tunny, Little (False Albacore)	88,741	\$24,183
Wahoo	14,980	\$32,814
Weakfish (Gray Trout)	421,779	\$357,062
Unclassified Fish for Food	63,661	\$53,332
Unclassified Fish for Industrial Use or Bait	163,063	\$12,519
TOTAL FINFISH	49,433,258	\$34,896,733
SHELLFISH		
Shrimp (Heads On) ³	2,357,516	\$4,409,124
Clams, Hard (Meats)	412,995	\$2,777,957
	(21,165,143 Clams)	--
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	10,964	\$11,744
Blue Crabs, Hard	23,571,451	\$15,374,714
Blue Crabs, Peeler	1,166,270	\$1,902,625
Blue Crabs, Soft	692,397	\$2,996,565
Stone Crabs	4,490	\$10,478
Octopus	2,528	\$4,287
Oysters (Meats)	378,014	\$1,682,646
	(71,458 Bushels)	--
Scallop, Bay (Meats)	0	\$0
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	62,216	\$424,604
Squid	1,498,747	\$368,018
Unclassified Shellfish	37,844	\$29,781
TOTAL SHELLFISH	30,195,429	\$29,992,542
GRAND TOTAL	79,628,687	\$64,889,275

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FINFISH		
Amberjacks ¹	106,507	\$63,415
Anglerfish (Monkfish including Monklivers)	386,821	\$372,198
Bluefish	3,762,950	\$849,304
Bonito	9,302	\$9,086
Butterfish	141,731	\$54,342
Carp	39,004	\$1,909
Catfishes	414,694	\$100,507
Cobia	20,162	\$26,410
Croaker, Atlantic	11,993,003	\$3,527,983
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	687	\$1,011
Dolphinfish	255,805	\$452,590
Drum, Black	62,445	\$13,993
Drum, Red	54,086	\$69,753
Eel, American	128,875	\$270,986
Flounder, Southern	2,454,577	\$3,880,410
Flounder, Summer	4,844,126	\$7,619,934
Flounders, Other	3,006	\$2,495
Garfish	10,701	\$438
Grouper, Gag	215,889	\$563,944
Grouper, Red	159,700	\$342,769
Grouper, Scamp	92,406	\$234,964
Grouper, Snowy	97,454	\$205,594
Groupers, Other	19,468	\$44,180
Grunts	81,075	\$64,707
Hakes	2,788	\$1,049
Harvestfish (Starbutters)	39,243	\$40,248
Herring, River (Alewife and Blueback Herring)	188,541	\$80,694
Hogfish (Hog Snapper)	8,902	\$18,811
Jacks	3,221	\$1,712
Mackerel, Atlantic (Boston)	146,407	\$55,425
Mackerel, King	955,002	\$1,572,495
Mackerel, Spanish	456,675	\$526,595
Menhaden, Atlantic	50,577,983	\$4,532,534
Mullet, Sea (Kingfishes)	567,659	\$492,452
Mullet, Striped	1,598,617	\$721,855
Perch, White	217,996	\$122,619
Perch, Yellow	39,785	\$37,976
Pigfish	31,400	\$8,292
Pinfish	15,079	\$3,343
Pompano	10,958	\$15,864
Porgies	45,534	\$46,132
Pufferfish	1,507	\$731
Scup	523,554	\$332,019
Sea Basses	881,358	\$1,486,297
Seatrout, Spotted	130,961	\$172,033
Shad, American	270,245	\$180,304
Shad, Gizzard	96,060	\$2,409
Shad, Hickory	187,463	\$32,329

2004 North Carolina Commercial Landings

(continued)

	POUNDS (Whole/Round Weight)	VALUE
Sharks ²	1,079,817	\$583,701
Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth	623,696	\$159,770
Sharks, Dogfish, Spiny	522,576	\$26,165
Sheepshead	82,009	\$30,399
Skates	1,085	\$1,195
Skippers	9,284	\$1,870
Snapper, Red	11,097	\$31,326
Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)	325,908	\$836,443
Snappers, Other	2,448	\$5,529
Spadefish, Atlantic	44,521	\$10,284
Spot	2,317,171	\$1,068,032
Striped Bass	911,473	\$1,160,631
Swordfish	604,095	\$1,508,281
Tilefish	78,126	\$134,695
Triggerfish	136,211	\$147,096
Tuna, Bigeye	149,730	\$385,457
Tuna, Bluefin	310,298	\$1,974,929
Tuna, Yellowfin	849,454	\$926,712
Tunas, Other	25,686	\$20,137
Tunny, Little (False Albacore)	92,327	\$15,497
Wahoo	22,006	\$50,026
Weakfish (Gray Trout)	685,469	\$488,900
Unclassified Fish for Food	86,341	\$67,080
Unclassified Fish for Industrial Use or Bait	59,937	\$8,694
TOTAL FINFISH	91,382,174	\$38,904,621
SHELLFISH		
Shrimp (Heads On) ³	4,880,817	\$9,462,853
Clams, Hard (Meats)	542,935	\$3,357,124
	(27,199,777 Clams)	--
Whelks/Conchs (Meats)	16,990	\$15,742
Blue Crabs, Hard	32,592,768	\$20,248,333
Blue Crabs, Peeler	982,874	\$1,678,928
Blue Crabs, Soft	554,966	\$2,538,582
Stone Crabs	3,357	\$9,450
Octopus	7,726	\$10,827
Oysters (Meats)	367,961	\$1,551,870
	(69,558 Bushels)	--
Scallop, Bay (Meats)	*	*
Scallop, Sea (Meats)	264,578	\$1,360,022
Squid	2,465,394	\$522,115
Unclassified Shellfish	45,147	\$44,762
TOTAL SHELLFISH	42,725,593	\$40,801,008
GRAND TOTAL	134,107,767	\$79,705,630

¹ Includes species from the genus *Seriola* (amberjacks, almaco jacks, and banded rudderfish.)

² Includes shark fins and the following sharks: blacktip, bull, shortfin mako, sandbar, thresher, tiger, hammerhead, and Atlantic sharpnose.

³ Includes brown, pink, white and rock shrimp.

* Units and value not shown to avoid disclosure of private enterprise.

North Carolina Commercial Fishing Trips By Major Gears

(2004 - 2008)

Gear	Trips				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 ¹
Beach Seine	413	681	317	243	329
Cast Net	536	517	495	563	552
Channel Net	1,355	870	911	962	1,118
Clam Dredges	658	429	391	344	471
Clam Trawl Kicking	1,026	538	373	214	423
Crab Pot	73,514	57,817	48,167	49,162	47,215
Crab Trawl	1,780	1,126	303	157	314
Eel Pot	269	159	103	85	47
Fish Pot	1,157	861	1,022	815	689
Flounder Trawl	490	400	378	369	339
Flynet	363	265	221	160	161
Fyke Net	530	330	308	380	307
Gigs	1,200	1,225	1,397	1,955	1,549
Gill Net - Anchored	40,959	39,161	39,054	41,457	39,936
Gill Net - Drift	320	435	255	173	190
Gill Net - Runaround	1,981	2,364	2,687	2,780	2,827
Hand Harvest (By Hand)	18,448	14,647	14,688	18,367	16,931
Haul Seines ²	498	473	539	438	383
Longlines	418	428	488	384	440
Peeler Pot	3,622	3,780	3,407	3,466	3,396
Pound Nets	2,196	2,269	2,234	2,311	1,880
Purse Seine	64	15	0	0	0
Rakes	15,047	12,780	16,099	16,808	12,772
Rod-n-Reel	3,065	2,707	2,886	3,569	3,421
Shrimp Trawl	8,391	4,553	5,710	6,735	5,992
Skimmer Trawl	2,108	1,137	1,366	1,574	953
Spears (Diving)	81	45	47	99	121
Tongs	5,260	4,412	5,682	5,924	5,762
Trolling	4,127	4,193	4,497	4,965	3,844
Trotline	83	85	65	46	0
Oyster Dredge	1,751	2,343	2,487	1,733	2,684
Other Gears	117	47	55	88	53
Total trips³	185,715	155,359	150,126	159,296	148,831

A **trip** is defined as the time period beginning when a vessel or fisherman leaves port to conduct fishing activities and ends when that vessel or fisherman returns to land the catch. The duration of a trip can vary from a few hours, as in hand clamming, to several days, as in ocean flounder trawling. An assessment of the number of trips gives an indication of the amount of effort conducted by commercial fishermen within that fishery.

¹ Trips are preliminary.

² Includes long hauls, common seines, and swipe nets.

³ Total trips are not equal to the sum of trips by gear due to multi-gear trips.

Source: North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Trip Ticket Program (April 2008).

PRELIMINARY

North Carolina Marine Recreational Finfish Harvest

2007 and 2008

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>NUMBER 2007</u>	<u>NUMBER 2008</u>	<u>POUNDS 2007</u>	<u>POUNDS 2008</u>
Amberjacks	6,999	14,473	121,787	320,908
Barracudas	1,742	8,146	23,133	99,763
Bluefish	1,338,333	1,282,692	1,469,414	1,096,478
Bonito	6,653	2,790	28,680	19,954
Cobia	2,900	2,413	82,785	83,124
Croaker, Atlantic	397,702	364,158	87,013	151,260
Dolphin	608,422	405,784	5,717,862	3,576,104
Drum, Red	65,353	58,086	318,157	269,737
Drum, Black	231,516	374,471	239,241	537,327
Flounder, Southern	154,429	155,801	366,305	383,442
Flounder, Summer	184,476	67,208	289,486	104,013
Groupers	85,200	99,468	717,042	1,223,825
Grunts	144,736	124,335	169,900	126,193
Jacks	11,262	15,129	84,172	50,111
Kingfishes	771,497	1,144,717	389,414	382,474
Mackerel, King	228,669	107,866	2,004,574	868,101
Mackerel, Spanish	491,357	690,258	729,687	789,346
Perch, Silver	53,244	9,490	8,613	1,772
Pigfish	275,950	231,770	94,886	76,614
Pinfish	144,039	267,563	59,806	93,389
Pompano	97,182	201,795	53,953	92,867
Porgies	33,694	47,159	54,899	78,103
Puffers	23,887	221,188	5,536	45,208
Sea Bass, Black	121,722	66,757	196,134	88,327
Seatrout, Spotted	525,156	576,703	988,527	911,097
Sharks	9,301	3,333	51,716	22,502
Sharks, Dogfish	4,849	8,916	2,383	2,758
Sheepshead	221,579	185,329	732,983	321,338
Snappers	88,540	118,862	124,273	153,253
Spot	4,268,838	2,297,195	1,378,993	818,037
Striped Bass ¹	45,502	44,006	1,048,581	921,051
Tuna, Bluefin ²	174	113	18,861	15,537
Tuna, Yellowfin	114,638	28,641	3,216,095	816,282
Wahoo	36,197	13,705	1,025,379	321,100
Weakfish	114,332	134,664	125,459	136,471

¹ Striped Bass landings reflect Atlantic Ocean catches only.

² Landings for Atlantic Bluefin Tuna (ABT) reflect the Highly Migratory Species fishing year (January 1 through December 31st).

NOTE: The number and pounds of finfish listed represent estimated harvest; finfish released alive are not included. Recreational finfish catches from headboats are not included in this table. The National Marine Fisheries Service collected headboat data separately in 2007 and 2008.

North Carolina Marine Recreational Finfish Harvest

2004, 2005 and 2006

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Amberjacks	2,439	1,699	5,867	50,179	45,522	89,471
Barracudas	3,175	3,205	253	32,398	35,378	2,771
Bluefish	1,043,620	1,374,124	1,128,157	1,020,437	1,191,719	1,209,785
Bonito	4,138	2,145	1,201	17,280	9,819	5,560
Cobia	9,215	16,622	4,722	350,240	423,545	134,430
Croaker, Atlantic	474,180	292,629	434,735	267,459	143,964	151,403
Dolphin	387,350	686,045	590,139	2,963,930	5,921,443	4,761,594
Drum, Red	30,315	53,268	51,522	115,057	242,081	217,464
Drum, Black	107,039	75,822	105,606	237,093	169,261	169,706
Flounder, Southern	196,906	161,292	172,136	425,225	368,101	366,400
Flounder, Summer	172,736	128,926	152,683	245,511	180,924	207,770
Groupers	40,160	44,615	62,672	390,208	405,146	767,675
Grunts	99,821	113,732	115,306	143,177	100,800	133,339
Jacks	9,806	56,860	33,493	15,349	24,730	31,105
Kingfishes	953,235	736,798	687,833	440,957	307,973	251,106
Mackerel, King	104,502	152,561	119,249	1,218,324	1,348,144	1,082,351
Mackerel, Spanish	308,996	331,601	305,343	558,973	359,932	454,749
Perch, Silver	19,335	13,618	21,640	4,538	3,682	3,523
Pigfish	324,408	346,982	249,591	137,282	149,041	93,561
Pinfish	248,867	243,187	173,533	57,244	61,754	81,993
Pompano	329,115	183,143	81,058	145,045	74,007	45,291
Porgies	24,556	25,288	14,739	42,988	40,513	27,165
Puffers	90,802	22,456	30,798	48,427	10,222	5,655
Sea Bass, Black	264,018	241,205	156,063	274,344	229,896	151,075
Seatrout, Spotted	316,894	512,262	577,537	385,628	628,744	941,161
Sharks	5,955	16,205	4,736	18,541	26,141	39,176
Sharks, Dogfish	1,935	8,403	2,652	13,332	57,632	19,989
Sheepshead	53,254	44,680	59,453	237,816	211,793	197,638
Snappers	35,754	52,368	46,618	59,640	71,189	66,352
Spot	4,058,426	3,125,897	2,770,151	1,846,706	1,103,842	978,181
Striped bass ¹	278,270	104,997	90,753	5,574,845	2,195,067	2,153,231
Tuna, Bluefin	49	16	31	10,716	2,125	5,452
Tuna, Yellowfin	203,762	216,080	244,357	5,498,780	6,061,936	7,089,259
Wahoo	24,757	16,943	17,736	700,359	502,635	390,880
Weakfish	237,395	163,265	153,696	273,685	157,977	139,392

¹ Striped bass landings reflect Atlantic Ocean catches only.

² Landings for Bluefin Tuna represent Highly Migratory Species fishing year (January 1 through December 31st).

NOTE: The number and pounds of finfish listed represent estimated harvest; finfish released alive are not included. Recreational finfish catches from headboats are included for 2005 and 2006 only. The National Marine Fisheries Service collected headboat data separately in 2004.

NORTH CAROLINA MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHERY STATISTICS SURVEY

(continued)

North Carolina Marine Recreational Finfish Harvest and Release Catch Estimates

Year	<u>Number Harvested</u>	<u>Pounds Harvested</u>	<u>Number Released</u>
2004	14,313,977	25,351,659	18,211,838
2005	12,738,334	22,077,464	16,027,278
2006	11,854,532	23,806,139	20,652,808
2007	14,863,238	23,348,687	19,986,627
2008	12,194,408	15,895,631	19,971,833

North Carolina Marine Recreational Fishing Trip Estimates (number)

Year	<u>Beach/Bank</u>	<u>Charter Boat</u>	<u>Manmade</u>	<u>Private Boat</u>	<u>Headboat¹</u>	<u>Total</u>
2004	2,195,631	178,335	2,110,328	2,542,824	--	7,027,118
2005	2,148,335	253,162	1,980,210	2,353,569	50,642	6,785,918
2006	2,227,317	229,179	2,073,130	2,656,155	60,735	7,246,516
2007	2,012,304	212,284	1,897,366	2,783,516	73,838	6,979,308
2008	2,253,789	207,261	1,988,901	2,550,207	93,201	7,093,359

Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL) sales by residency, 2007 – 2008.

Year	<u>Coastal¹</u>	<u>Non-Coastal</u>	<u>Out-of-State</u>	<u>Total</u>
2007	224,357	90,878	154,640	469,875
2008	190,081	76,849	145,407	412,337
Grandfathered ²	101,213	149,026	6,460	256,699

¹ Coastal is defined as any county within 100 miles of coastal waters.

² All lifetime Inland State Fishing License sold prior to 2007 were grandfathered into the new CRFL requirement on January 01, 2007.

Survey Methods

The survey consists of telephone and on-site angler interviews. Telephone interviews are used to collect data on number of trips, fishing location, and when these trips were made. Information on actual catch (species, number, weight, and length) is collected through on-site angler interviews. Information from both types of interviews is combined to produce estimates of total number and pounds of finfish caught.

Precision of Estimates

Numbers and pounds presented are estimates, not actual counts, therefore having varying levels of precision.



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PRELIMINARY

North Carolina Recreational Commercial Gear Landings

2008

	NUMBER OF TRIPS	NUMBER LANDED	POUNDS LANDED	NUMBER DISCARDED
FINFISH				
Bluefish	6,230	15,668	19,554	9,060
Catfish	1,382	1,650	9,121	2,213
Croaker, Atlantic	4,513	18,080	13,480	10,480
Drum, Black	3,349	3,470	8,670	2,069
Drum, Red	3,936	1,653	8,896	5,476
Flounder	14,048	18,414	37,315	19,246
Herring, River	409	0	0	22,504
Mackerel, Spanish	2,852	5,323	8,517	721
Menhaden, Atlantic	281	508	284	3,634
Mullet, Striped	4,967	51,465	51,785	9,207
Perch, White	2,051	54,294	23,347	24,666
Pigfish	83	97	46	56
Pinfish	493	1,080	715	3,381
Seatrout, Spotted	5,157	9,070	14,448	1,317
Shad, American	794	1,745	4,235	1,411
Shad, Hickory	510	1,664	3,467	972
Sharks and rays	376	364	1,020	1,442
Sheepshead	776	632	1,411	334
Spot	7,664	201,465	105,392	12,813
Striped bass	1,522	554	3,735	1,391
Weakfish (gray trout)	120	127	181	55
Finfish (misc.) ¹	1,813	1,341	1,553	2,498
TOTAL FINFISH		388,664	317,172	134,946
SHELLFISH				
Blue crab	24,732	311,690	110,234	132,519
Shrimp	2,252	1,174,764	54,359	6,165
Shellfish (misc.) ²	3,389	3,046	318	4,529
TOTAL SHELLFISH		1,489,500	164,911	143,213
GRAND TOTAL		1,878,164	482,082	278,159

¹ Finfish (miscellaneous) includes: American eel, Atlantic sturgeon, bowfin, butterfish, carp, cobia, gar, gizzard shad, grunt, killifishes, minnow, mullets, oyster toad, puffer (blow toad), sea bass, sea mullet (whiting), and sunfish.

² Shellfish (miscellaneous) includes: Spider crab and stone crab.

NOTE: The number and pounds of finfish and shellfish listed represent estimated harvest and discard. Recreational estimates presented are from Recreational Commercial Gear License holders only and do not include hook-and-line angling or commercial fishing activities.

North Carolina Recreational Commercial Gear Landings

2007

	NUMBER OF TRIPS	NUMBER LANDED	POUNDS LANDED	NUMBER DISCARDED
FINFISH				
Bluefish	5,560	13,228	17,338	6,901
Catfish	964	1,596	7,837	2,221
Croaker, Atlantic	4,567	14,800	8,899	9,486
Drum, Black	2,123	2,418	4,450	1,413
Drum, Red	4,234	2,133	8,767	5,720
Flounder	11,812	18,442	41,542	14,874
Herring, River	137	865	2,144	200
Mackerel, Spanish	1,389	2,738	3,817	767
Menhaden, Atlantic	493	3,300	1,510	10,020
Mullet, Striped	4,879	34,735	37,958	7,449
Perch, White	1,605	32,522	14,042	11,982
Pigfish	201	2,914	1,755	21
Pinfish	515	771	180	12,342
Seatrout, Spotted	5,445	8,908	14,749	2,629
Shad, American	1,370	9,003	25,833	1,781
Shad, Hickory	447	2,319	3,132	468
Sharks and rays	468	112	538	1,392
Sheepshead	774	441	1,387	48
Spot	7,399	189,922	97,753	7,979
Striped bass	1,433	1,301	3,472	1,163
Weakfish (gray trout)	170	130	221	61
Finfish (misc.) ¹	1,639	3,618	3,857	5,722
TOTAL FINFISH		346,216	301,181	104,639
SHELLFISH				
Blue crab	25,153	286,856	98,003	102,695
Shrimp	2,096	890,659	33,778	4,939
Shellfish (misc.) ²	2,722	2,642	190	2,199
TOTAL SHELLFISH		1,180,157	131,971	109,833
GRAND TOTAL		1,526,373	433,152	214,472

¹ Finfish (miscellaneous) includes: American eel, Atlantic sturgeon, bowfin, butterfish, carp, cobia, gar, gizzard shad, grunt, killifishes, minnow, mullets, oyster toad, puffer (blow toad), sea bass, sea mullet (whiting), and sunfish.

³ Shellfish (miscellaneous) includes: Spider crab and stone crab.

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North Carolina Recreational Commercial Gear Landings

2006

	NUMBER OF TRIPS	NUMBER LANDED	POUNDS LANDED	NUMBER DISCARDED
FINFISH				
Bluefish	4,940	7,790	10,263	5,298
Catfish	1,030	1,012	5,835	1,184
Croaker, Atlantic	5,088	11,975	7,328	37,970
Drum, Black	3,134	2,939	4,496	2,549
Drum, Red	4,192	1,889	7,781	7,760
Flounder	13,921	21,010	45,622	18,237
Herring, River	1,033	6,600	3,806	1,452
Mackerel, Spanish	1,314	968	1,614	831
Menhaden, Atlantic	650	3,445	2,107	13,105
Mullet, Striped	5,479	38,175	37,385	5,352
Perch, White	1,606	13,959	6,474	11,657
Pigfish	170	1,407	667	375
Pinfish	602	1,711	565	4,642
Seatrout, Spotted	5,688	7,795	12,950	1,946
Shad, American	1,123	2,418	5,756	1,660
Shad, Hickory	743	4,274	4,605	2,822
Sharks and rays	403	176	293	951
Sheepshead	385	225	608	37
Spot	10,511	338,487	180,342	24,241
Striped bass	1,536	870	3,381	2,371
Weakfish (gray trout)	214	210	447	91
Finfish (misc.) ¹	2,169	1,894	1,958	7,181
TOTAL FINFISH		469,229	344,283	151,712
SHELLFISH				
Blue crab	24,401	297,875	94,459	123,787
Shrimp	2,411	956,281	49,362	13,217
Shellfish (misc.) ²	3,184	2,145	269	2,587
TOTAL SHELLFISH		1,256,301	144,090	139,591
GRAND TOTAL		1,725,530	488,373	291,303

¹ Finfish (miscellaneous) includes: American eel, Atlantic sturgeon, bowfin, butterfish, carp, cobia, gar, gizzard shad, grunt, killifishes, minnow, mullets, oyster toad, puffer (blow toad), sea bass, sea mullet (whiting), and sunfish.

² Shellfish (miscellaneous) includes: Spider crab and stone crab.

NOTE: The number and pounds of finfish and shellfish listed represent estimated harvest and discard. Recreational estimates presented are from Recreational Commercial Gear License holders only and do not include hook-and-line angling or commercial fishing activities.

North Carolina Recreational Commercial Gear Landings

2005

	NUMBER OF TRIPS	NUMBER LANDED	POUNDS LANDED	NUMBER DISCARDED
FINFISH				
Bluefish	5,907	10,698	13,431	5,603
Catfish	857	2,312	6,885	1,488
Croaker, Atlantic	4,603	15,692	9,544	14,453
Drum, Black	1,458	1,374	1,518	1,267
Drum, Red	4,383	1,922	8,089	3,460
Flounder	15,632	30,926	58,099	18,168
Herring, River	2,085	19,244	8,859	3,097
Mackerel, Spanish	1,347	1,710	3,152	604
Menhaden, Atlantic	806	4,224	2,749	7,139
Mullet, Striped	4,405	35,888	36,314	3,492
Perch, White	1,380	10,348	4,751	16,526
Pigfish	268	4,176	881	470
Pinfish	240	1,145	378	2,226
Seatrout, Spotted	4,356	6,336	9,752	1,202
Shad, American	1,030	3,032	10,185	2,192
Shad, Hickory	1,255	2,586	3,628	7,645
Sharks and rays	561	878	2,467	1,677
Sheepshead	407	245	406	30
Spot	9,703	366,845	193,769	12,587
Striped bass	1,401	758	3,058	880
Weakfish (gray trout)	242	367	647	78
Finfish (misc.) ¹	1,989	1,370	903	2,559
TOTAL FINFISH		522,076	379,465	106,843
SHELLFISH				
Blue crab	26,278	323,531	105,179	152,905
Shrimp	2,677	771,198	32,542	1,102
Shellfish (misc.) ²	3,451	3,185	346	4,074
TOTAL SHELLFISH		1,097,914	138,067	158,081
GRAND TOTAL		1,619,990	517,532	264,924

¹ Finfish (miscellaneous) includes: American eel, bowfin, butterfish, carp, cobia, gar, gizzard shad, grunt, killifishes, minnow, mullets, oyster toad, puffer (blow toad), sea bass, sea mullet (whiting), and sunfish.

² Shellfish (miscellaneous) includes: Spider crab and stone crab.

NOTE: The number and pounds of finfish and shellfish listed represent estimated harvest and discard. Recreational estimates presented are from Recreational Commercial Gear License holders only and do not include hook-and-line angling or commercial fishing activities.

North Carolina Recreational Commercial Gear Landings

2004

	NUMBER OF TRIPS	NUMBER LANDED	POUNDS LANDED	NUMBER DISCARDED
FINFISH				
Bluefish	6,001	10,045	13,565	4,475
Catfish	1,334	1,833	5,751	1,100
Croaker, Atlantic	6,279	22,858	13,956	24,134
Drum, Black	2,424	1,480	3,651	1,338
Drum, Red	4,181	1,357	4,620	3,779
Flounder	20,668	45,334	85,915	25,718
Herring, River	1,678	20,120	9,089	447
Mackerel, Spanish	873	871	2,007	418
Menhaden, Atlantic	739	4,308	1,997	11,453
Mullet, Striped	4,545	34,736	35,947	2,875
Perch, White	1,674	25,608	11,533	10,467
Pigfish	380	4,607	2,734	1,821
Pinfish	429	0	0	1,936
Seatrout, Spotted	4,274	3,760	7,079	1,243
Shad, American	731	2,578	8,703	456
Shad, Hickory	1,399	7,206	12,371	4,488
Sharks and rays	707	169	434	3,159
Sheepshead	989	204	535	130
Spot	12,631	412,375	252,726	23,200
Striped bass	1,225	913	3,651	1,178
Weakfish (gray trout)	345	349	494	501
Finfish (misc.) ¹	1,563	9,872	2,342	9,185
TOTAL FINFISH		610,583	479,100	133,501
SHELLFISH				
Blue crab	28,021	329,478	117,590	138,316
Shrimp	3,838	1,111,790	43,698	4,313
Shellfish (misc.) ²	3,126	2,029	248	1,555
TOTAL SHELLFISH		1,443,297	161,536	144,184
GRAND TOTAL		2,053,880	640,636	277,685

¹ Finfish (miscellaneous) includes: American eel, bowfin, butterfish, cobia, gar, gizzard shad, grunt, killifishes, minnow, mullets, oyster toad, puffer (blow toad), sea bass, sea mullet (whiting), and sunfish.

² Shellfish (miscellaneous) includes: Spider crab and stone crab.

NOTE: The number and pounds of finfish and shellfish listed represent estimated harvest and discard. Recreational estimates presented are from Recreational Commercial Gear License holders only and do not include hook-and-line angling or commercial fishing activities.

North Carolina Recreational Commercial Gear Statistics

2008

Number of Recreational Commercial Gear License trips by geographic region (see map - page 23).

Region	Crab Pot	Small Mesh Gill Net	Large Mesh Gill Net	Shrimp Trawl	Fish Pot	Other RCGL Gears ¹	All Gear
Northern	6,384	1,441	1,100	337	925	82	10,269
Pamlico	5,179	2,267	1,736	1,464	-	21	10,667
Central	3,912	2,111	1,228	132	7	14	7,405
Southern	4,239	4,579	751	500	-	126	10,196
Unspecified	536	743	403	89	249	0	2,020
Total	20,250	11,141	5,217	2,523	1,181	244	40,556

¹ Other RCGL Gears include: trotline, eel pot, seine, and electric shocking device.

2007

Number of Recreational Commercial Gear License trips by geographic region (see map - page 23).

Region	Crab Pot	Small Mesh Gill Net	Large Mesh Gill Net	Shrimp Trawl	Fish Pot	Other RCGL Gears ¹	All Gear
Northern	6,022	1,137	994	69	795	41	9,058
Pamlico	6,192	2,791	2,109	1,510	-	54	12,656
Central	3,996	2,264	1,152	295	-	62	7,769
Southern	4,012	4,813	1,174	355	38	82	10,474
Unspecified	805	447	286	56	40	26	1,660
Total	21,028	11,451	5,716	2,286	873	265	41,617

¹ Other RCGL Gears include: trotline, eel pot, seine, and electric shocking device.

2006

Number of Recreational Commercial Gear License trips by geographic region (see map - page 23).

Region	Crab Pot	Small Mesh Gill Net	Large Mesh Gill Net	Shrimp Trawl	Fish Pot	Other RCGL Gears ¹	All Gear
Northern	4,669	1,494	940	50	476	95	7,724
Pamlico	3,608	2,065	1,262	464	-	55	7,454
Central	5,748	3,350	2,717	1,441	-	97	13,353
Southern	4,478	6,558	1,353	471	107	91	13,058
Unspecified	619	699	271	38	65	60	1,752
Total	19,122	14,166	6,542	2,464	648	399	43,341

¹ Other RCGL Gears include: trotline, eel pot, seine, and electric shocking device.

North Carolina Recreational Commercial Gear Statistics

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2005

Number of Recreational Commercial Gear License trips by geographic region (see map - page 23).

Region	Crab Pot	Small Mesh Gill Net	Large Mesh Gill Net	Shrimp Trawl	Fish Pot	Other RCGL Gears ¹	All Gear
Northern	3,386	1,814	406	387	730	48	6,771
Pamlico	6,614	3,413	4,182	1,127	-	159	15,495
Central	5,384	2,209	1,922	365	84	24	9,988
Southern	4,288	6,371	1,806	553	240	185	13,443
Unspecified	472	245	348	92	-	81	1,238
Total	20,144	14,052	8,664	2,524	1,054	497	46,935

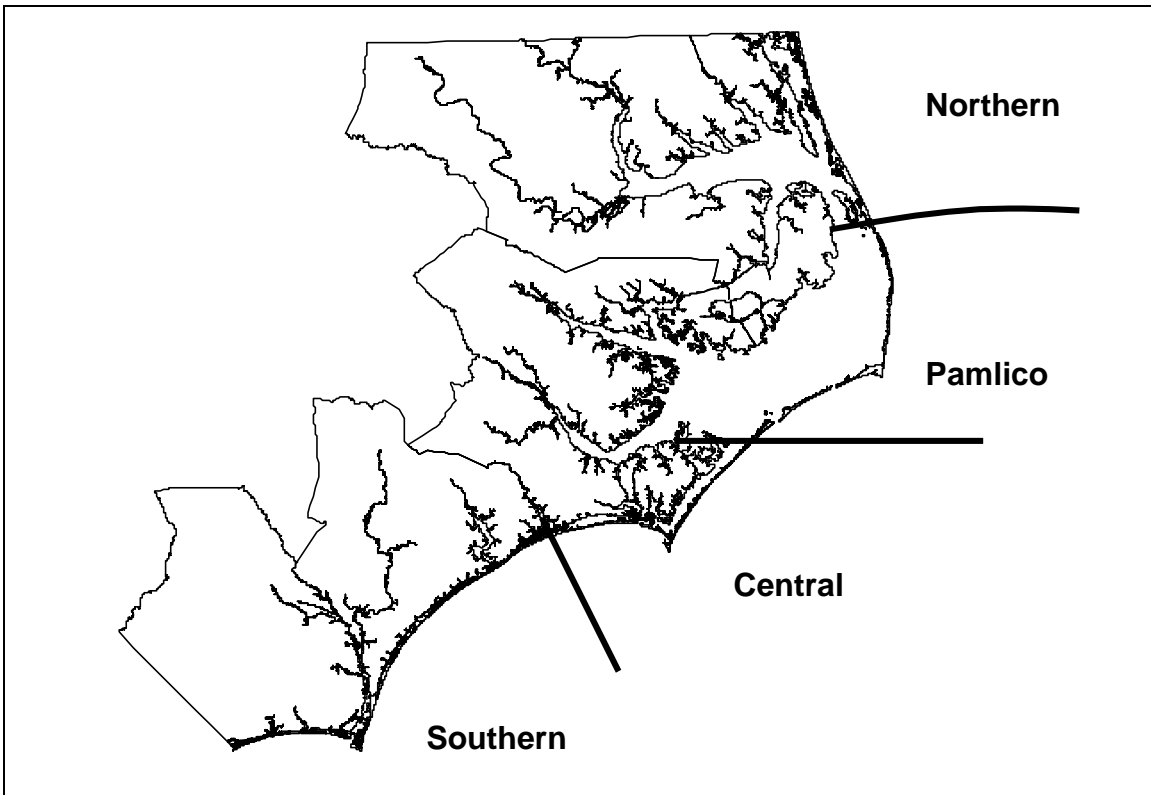
¹ Other RCGL Gears include: trotline, eel pot, seine, and electric shocking device.

2004

Number of Recreational Commercial Gear License trips by geographic region (see map - page 23).

Region	Crab Pot	Small Mesh Gill Net	Large Mesh Gill Net	Shrimp Trawl	Fish Pot	Other RCGL Gears ¹	All Gear
Northern	4,144	1,713	883	912	715	57	8,424
Pamlico	5,664	3,643	3,606	2,122	18	46	15,099
Central	5,511	2,426	3,001	318	36	84	11,376
Southern	5,230	8,720	2,832	392	10	222	17,406
Unspecified	221	368	585	36	-	0	1,210
Total	20,771	16,870	10,907	3,781	780	409	53,518

¹ Other RCGL Gears include: trotline, eel pot, seine, and electric shocking device.



Regions used to describe the geographic distribution of RCGL trips.

Survey Methods

Each month, 30% of all RCGL license holders were mailed questionnaires to collect information on catch and effort. Data returned were extrapolated to the entire RCGL population to produce the estimates.

Precision of Estimates

Numbers and pounds presented are estimates, not actual counts, therefore having varying levels of precision.