

North Carolina Commercial Fishing



Trips By Major Gears



(January - June, 2005 - 2009)

Gear	Trips				
	Jan-Jun 2005	Jan-Jun 2006	Jan-Jun 2007	Jan-Jun 2008	Jan-Jun 2009
Beach seine	90	117	103	281	83
By Hand	6,823	6,971	8,089	6,806	7,915
Cast net	84	55	87	90	211
Channel net	129	217	272	330	301
Clam dredges	234	298	187	359	200
Clam trawl kicking	383	269	86	270	337
Crab pot	23,459	21,695	20,261	19,524	22,825
Crab trawl	1,048	270	146	48	421
Eel pot	64	9	14	9	10
Fish pot	475	589	492	399	419
Flounder trawl	340	273	300	269	260
Flynet	171	103	112	123	174
Fyke net	254	255	290	267	246
Gigs	432	475	793	746	703
Gill net - Drift	381	176	171	130	104
Gill net - Runaround	456	611	809	733	900
Gill net - Anchored	20,929	18,439	19,719	18,884	17,443
Haul seines ¹	246	178	115	73	98
Longlines	180	223	168	192	284
Oyster dredge	840	1,123	469	845	1,100
Peeler pot	3,531	3,182	3,043	3,081	2,041
Pound nets	773	807	651	475	656
Rakes	6,759	8,140	9,399	6,615	6,570
Rod-n-reel	1,203	1,207	1,662	1,602	1,487
Scallop scoop	0	0	0	0	705
Shrimp trawl	587	809	1,166	1,243	1,093
Skimmer trawl	115	65	62	63	110
Spears, Diving	10	11	34	40	32
Tongs, Hand	2,675	3,501	3,234	2,909	2,544
Trolling	1,528	1,445	1,957	1,732	1,841
Trotline	78	53	27	0	0
Other gears ²	43	22	57	32	88
Total trips³	70,902	68,288	70,073	64,775	67,970

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 Includes long hauls, common seines, and swipe nets.

² Includes butterfly nets, conch pots, dip nets, purse seines, crab dredges, sea scallop dredges, scoops and trawls, shrimp pots and turtle pots.

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

January - June 2009 trip data are preliminary.

Source: North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Trip Ticket Program (October 2009.)