

North Carolina Commercial Fishing



Trips By Major Gears



(January - June, 2004 - 2008)

Gear	Trips				
	Jan-Jun 2004	Jan-Jun 2005	Jan-Jun 2006	Jan-Jun 2007	Jan-Jun 2008
Beach seine	79	90	117	104	282
By Hand	9,558	6,822	6,981	8,094	6,802
Cast net	96	84	55	87	90
Channel net	473	129	217	272	330
Clam dredges	483	234	298	187	359
Clam trawl kicking	740	383	269	86	270
Crab dredge	19	8	1	22	0
Crab pot	33,803	23,459	21,695	20,253	19,444
Crab trawl	1,660	1,048	270	146	48
Eel pot	60	64	9	13	10
Fish pot	508	475	589	492	399
Flounder trawl	361	340	273	300	273
Flynet	275	171	103	112	122
Fyke net	438	254	255	290	267
Gigs	549	432	475	793	745
Gill net - Drift	210	381	176	171	130
Gill net - Runaround	473	456	611	809	730
Gill net - Anchored	22,295	20,929	18,425	19,708	18,765
Haul seines ¹	229	246	178	115	74
Longlines	228	180	223	168	190
Oyster dredge	566	840	1,123	469	845
Peeler pot	2,976	3,531	3,182	3,043	3,078
Pound nets	904	773	807	651	475
Purse seine	15	15	0	0	0
Rakes	8,596	6,759	8,140	9,399	6,582
Rod-n-reel	1,428	1,203	1,209	1,662	1,589
Shrimp trawl	1,720	587	809	1,166	1,242
Skimmer trawl	326	115	65	62	63
Tongs, Hand	2,693	2,675	3,501	3,234	2,910
Trolling	1,441	1,528	1,439	1,957	1,726
Trotline	37	78	53	27	0
Other gears ²	50	30	32	69	72
Total trips³	89,829	70,901	68,288	70,049	64,652

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, sea scallop dredges, scoops and trawls, spears (diving), 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 2008 trip data are preliminary.

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