Better Data, Better Fishing

You make it possible

When you share information about your saltwater fishing trip, you're playing a key role in supporting healthy and productive fisheries.

Specially trained field interviewers gather catch information by surveying anglers at the end of their trips. Interviewers play no part in law enforcement, and all responses are confidential.

States collect data in support of the Marine Recreational Information Program: the state-regional-federal partnership that estimates saltwater anglers’ catch and effort.

Top Photo: FL FWC. Bottom Photo: Chase Katechis/AL DCNR.

State Data Collection Programs

NOAA Fisheries has worked with Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida to develop state-specific surveys to produce more precise and more timely catch estimates. In MS, AL, and FL, these surveys target certain species, including red snapper, and supplement MRIP data.

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Information you share about your fishing activity helps ensure sustainable fisheries today—and for generations to come.

Your fishing activity is counted through surveys conducted with tens of thousands of recreational anglers. This information is combined with other data, such as commercial catch and stock age and growth rates. Scientists evaluate all of these factors to determine the health of our fisheries. Managers work with anglers and other stakeholders to set rules that help keep stocks sustainable. The cycle continues as we assess and respond to the ongoing health and productivity of our fisheries.

View the estimates. Query the data. countmyfish.noaa.gov