Your Fishing Counts!

Saltwater Recreational Fishing in Massachusetts

From coldwater groundfish north of Cape Cod to fluke and scup in warmer southern waters, and striped bass everywhere in between, we have something for everyone.

Saltwater recreational fishing is a vital part of the Bay State’s economy.

Residents and anglers from around the world fish in Massachusetts.

8,400+ jobs
$460+ million income
$1+ billion sales

Source: NOAA Fisheries

Your Data Matter

When you respond to a Massachusetts DMF field interviewer’s questions for NOAA Fisheries’ Marine Recreational Information Program, you’re playing a key role in supporting healthy and productive fish stocks. So it’s important to answer all questions accurately.

Field interviewers play no role in law enforcement, and your responses are confidential.

What Massachusetts Anglers Are Catching

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<td>Bluefish</td>
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<td>Striped Bass</td>
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These 2019 estimates of fish caught by recreational anglers include released fish.

Questions? Contact Dave Martins
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Information you provide to a Massachusetts DMF field interviewer about your fishing helps ensure sustainable fisheries today—and for generations to come.

Your fishing activity is counted through shoreside surveys.

Managers set rules that help keep stocks sustainable.

This information is combined with other data.

Scientists evaluate these data to determine the health of our fisheries.

View the estimates. Query the data.

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