Better Data, Better Fishing

You and your clients make it possible

Delaware for-hire captains, crew, and clients play a key role in keeping our fish stocks healthy and productive.

When you and your clients participate in a recreational fishing data collection program, you improve our understanding of recreational catch and support informed management decisions.

The Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife partners with NOAA Fisheries to collect data for the Marine Recreational Information Program: the state-regional-federal partnership that estimates the number of fish anglers catch and the number of trips they take.

High-quality estimates of total catch are fundamental to the sustainability of our ocean resources, the future of recreational fishing, and the millions of lives and livelihoods connected to the sport.

For-hire fishing in Delaware supports:

$3 million sales
$1.1 million income

NOAA Fisheries 2017 estimates

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Collecting For-Hire Fishing Information

Delaware for-hire captains and clients participate in different data collection programs. Each is an important part of estimating total recreational catch.

**For-Hire Survey and Large Pelagics Telephone Survey**
Administered by NOAA Fisheries, conducted by DDFW

**Who’s interviewed?**
For-hire vessel operators and charter/headboat category HMS permit holders.

**Why?**
To estimate fishing effort of for-hire and HMS-permitted vessels.

**Large Pelagics Intercept Survey**
Administered by NOAA Fisheries, conducted by contractors

**Who’s interviewed?**
For-hire and private vessels targeting tunas, sharks, and other offshore species.

**Why?**
To estimate catch per trip of large pelagic species.

**Access Point Angler Intercept Survey**
Administered by NOAA Fisheries, conducted by DDFW

**Who’s interviewed?**
Recreational anglers, including for-hire clients.

**Why?**
To estimate catch per trip of all species.

**Electronic Vessel Trip Reports**
Administered by the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office

**Who must report?**
New England and Mid-Atlantic permit holders, regardless of waters fished.

**Why?**
To support the stock assessment process and estimate for-hire effort.

**How can you help?**

- When DDFW calls about the past week’s trips for the FHS or LPTS, please answer the phone or call us back
- Participate in the LPIS when you’re asked
- Encourage your clients to participate in the APAIS
- Submit your eVTRs

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