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.

Recreational anglers take about 200 million saltwater fishing trips in the U.S. each year.

67% of trips
60% of catch

29% of trips
37% of catch

Source: Fisheries of the United States, 2018

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Your Fishing Counts!

Information you share 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 is combined with other data, such as commercial catch, direct observation, and biological factors like age and growth rates.

Scientists evaluate all of these factors to determine the health of our fisheries.

Managers work with anglers and other involved community members 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.

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