Recreational Fishing in New York

Saltwater recreational fishing is a vital part of the Empire State’s economy. Residents and anglers from around the world fish in New York.

13,221 jobs
$582 million income
$1.36 billion sales

Source: January 2020 addendum to Fisheries Economics of the United States, 2016.

What’s biting in New York?

Black Sea Bass
Bluefish
Scup
Striped Bass
Summer Flounder

These 2019 estimates of fish caught by recreational anglers include released fish.

View the estimates. Query the data.
countmyfish.noaa.gov
Find a Fishing Access Site

There are more than 300 public saltwater fishing access sites in New York. You can search for them all—and find out whether amenities like tackle shops and restaurants are nearby—through the Marine Recreational Information Program Site Register. This free online database lists thousands of places to fish from Maine through Louisiana. The site register also helps determine where and when field interviewers from the New York Division of Marine Resources will conduct angler surveys to estimate recreational catch.

Visit countmyfish.noaa.gov, open the site register, and click “Guest Login” to start searching.

With the Site Register, Anglers Can:

• Search for a site by state, county, ZIP code, or name.
• View site features, like the number of boat ramps and parking spaces, or the availability of cleaning stations.
• Email SR.Admin@noaa.gov to share information that helps us keep the site register up to date.