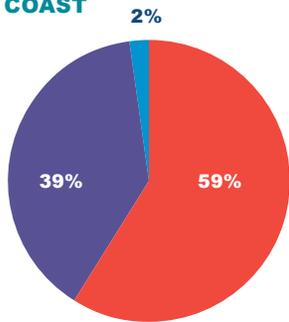




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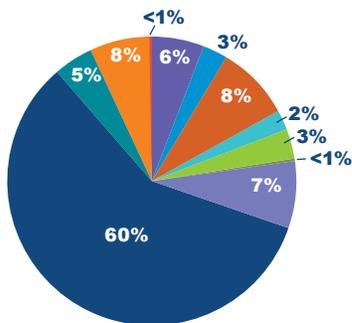
FISHING TRIPS BY MODE ON THE NEW ENGLAND COAST



- Shore 59%
- Private 39%
- For-Hire (Party/Charter) 2%

PRIMARY TARGET SPECIES

78% of all recreational fishing trips in New England targeted these popular recreational species. Of those trips, the primary target species breakdown is as follows:



- Atlantic Cod <1%
- Atlantic Mackerel 6%
- Black Sea Bass 3%
- Bluefish 8%
- Haddock 2%
- Little Tunny 3%
- Pollock <1%
- Scup 7%
- Striped Bass 60%
- Summer Flounder 5%
- Tautog 8%

Source: FEUS 2017

New England Recreational Fisheries

MAINE • NEW HAMPSHIRE • MASSACHUSETTS
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The history of New England is closely linked to the history of fishing in the United States. While many might picture the iconic New England commercial fisherman at the wheel in his yellow slicker, recreational saltwater fishing is a popular activity and a substantial economic driver in coastal New England. Fishing for tuna, bluefish, and groundfish, like cod, haddock, and pollock, supports thousands of jobs in some of America's oldest fishing ports. In partnership with the New England Fishery Management Council and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and its member states, NOAA Fisheries is working to ensure sustainable and enduring saltwater fishing opportunities along the coast for generations to come.

POPULAR RECREATIONAL SPECIES

| 2017 Species | Total Catch (number of fish) | HARVESTED RELEASED | Caught in State Waters | Caught in Federal Waters |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Striped Bass* | 24,145,000 | | 98% | 2% |
| Atlantic Mackerel | 20,515,000 | | 81% | 19% |
| Scup | 15,159,000 | | 94% | 6% |
| Black Sea Bass | 8,613,000 | | 87% | 13% |
| Haddock | 4,285,000 | | 7% | 93% |
| Bluefish | 4,005,000 | | 96% | 4% |
| Atlantic Cod | 2,287,000 | | 10% | 90% |
| Summer Flounder | 2,047,000 | | 95% | 5% |
| Pollock | 1,950,000 | | 53% | 47% |
| Little Tunny | 312,000 | | 94% | 6% |

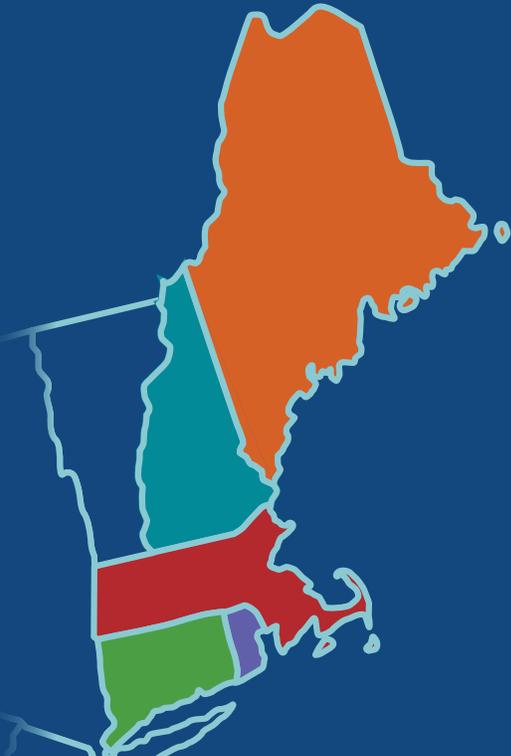
Source: Marine Recreational Information Program, Catch estimates calculated using Fishing Effort Survey data.

*Striped bass are managed by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and fishing for and possession of striped bass is prohibited in federal waters. For more on striped bass management visit <http://www.asmfc.org/species/atlantic-striped-bass>.

Economic Impacts of Recreational Fishing

| MAINE | NEW HAMPSHIRE | MASSACHUSETTS | RHODE ISLAND | CONNECTICUT |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| Fishing Trip and Durable Goods Expenditures: \$138.14M | Fishing Trip and Durable Goods Expenditures: \$45.75M | Fishing Trip and Durable Goods Expenditures: \$1.02B | Fishing Trip and Durable Goods Expenditures: \$364.90M | Fishing Trip and Durable Goods Expenditures: \$552.96M |
| Total Sales Impacts: \$160.12M | Total Sales Impacts: \$49.49M | Total Sales Impacts: \$1.01B | Total Sales Impacts: \$419M | Total Sales Impacts: \$608.16M |
| Total Jobs: 1,616 | Total Jobs: 497 | Total Jobs: 8,469 | Total Jobs: 4,046 | Total Jobs: 5,259 |
| Impacts From Fishing Trips Sales: \$75.29M Jobs: 714 | Impacts From Fishing Trips Sales: \$37.11M Jobs: 378 | Impacts From Fishing Trips Sales: \$325.82M Jobs: 2,784 | Impacts From Fishing Trips Sales: \$58.96M Jobs: 579 | Impacts From Fishing Trips Sales: \$106.17M Jobs: 913 |

In 2017
1 million
 anglers took
16.8 million
 fishing trips in New England, spending
\$2.1 billion
 on trips and durable goods



Diving Deeper

NEW ENGLAND RECREATIONAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

In fall 2019, NOAA Fisheries held three workshops to discuss new approaches to recreational fisheries management in New England. These workshops focused on gaining stakeholder feedback about long- and short-term management strategies and how best to achieve, but not exceed, recreational fishing quotas. Key workshop outcomes centered around providing fishermen stable access to stocks, considering pilot studies to try novel management approaches by collaborating with for-hire captains, and, most notably, increasing angler education as a tool for management. Angler education can be used to reduce bycatch of struggling stocks, increase success rates of catching target or under-utilized stocks, and improve compliance to increase the success rate of the management measures themselves. NOAA Fisheries will work closely with our management partners in the states and at the New England Council to advance these ideas.



Angler with Atlantic pollock

LEARN MORE

In New England, NOAA Fisheries works closely with the New England Fishery Management Council and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and their member states.

For more information visit <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic>.

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