



2006 Recreational Fishing Expenditure Survey Results

In 2006, NOAA Fisheries conducted the first national survey of marine recreational anglers. The 2006 survey collected information on marine fishing-related expenditures in each state and was used to estimate the economic impact of marine recreational fishing to the economy of each state and the nation.

Angler Expenditures

Nationally, the survey results indicate that anglers spent \$31.4 billion on marine fishing in 2006.

- \$5.8 billion on trip-based expenditures (e.g., ice, bait, and fuel).
- \$25.6 billion on fishing equipment and durable goods (e.g., fishing rods, tackle, and boats).

The highest angler expenditures were in: Florida (\$16.7 billion), Texas (\$3.2 billion), California (\$3.0 billion), Louisiana (\$2.9 billion), and North Carolina (\$2.0 billion).

Economic Impacts

Angler expenditures generated \$82 billion in sales, \$39 billion in value-added impacts, \$24 billion in personal income, and supported over 530,000 jobs. The 2006 report is available at:
<http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st5/>

Your response is important!

We hope that this survey will interest you and that you will take the time to participate. You are one of a small number of anglers selected to participate, and your input is very important to the success of the survey. Your responses are completely confidential. The overall results of this research will be made available to fisheries management councils, state agencies, and all interested citizens.

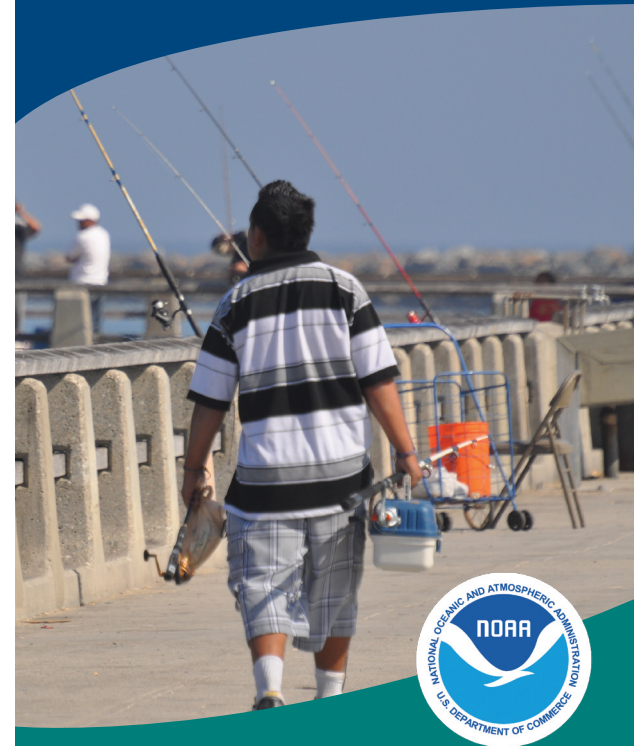


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2011 National Marine Recreational Fishing Expenditure Survey



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How much do you spend on marine recreational fishing?

We know marine recreational angling is important to you.

It is also economically important to coastal communities. This survey gathers the information necessary to measure the economic importance of your sport. We would like your help in estimating the economic impact of marine recreational fishing in the United States.

Why is this survey being conducted?

NOAA Fisheries is required to estimate the economic impacts of recreational fisheries management actions. Estimating the economic impacts requires information on how much anglers spend, where they spend it, and what they purchase. The only consistent method to collect this information is with a survey of anglers.

How is the survey conducted?

There are two ways in which anglers may be contacted and asked to participate in the survey. Anglers may be interviewed in the field while fishing and asked if they are willing to provide their contact information for a follow-up survey about their fishing expenditures.



Alternatively, anglers who purchased a state fishing license may be invited to participate in the survey by telephone. The survey will ask anglers about their expenses on their most recent fishing trip and their annual expenses on fishing tackle, boats, and other fishing-related expenses. Responses to each section of the survey is important because information on both trip expenses and annual expenses are needed to estimate the total economic impacts resulting from

marine recreational fishing.

How are the results used?

Information on the economic impacts generated by marine recreational fishing is very important for decisions that allocate funding and access among alternative uses of the coast and ocean.

When and where?

Anglers will be asked about their fishing trips that take place between January 2011 and December 2011. Surveys will be conducted in all coastal states across the U.S.

