

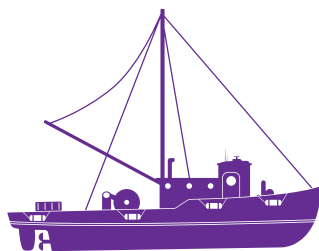
Significance of NJ Commercial & Recreational Fisheries

Jobs & Economics

NJ marine fisheries contribute
over \$3 billion



annually to NJ economy



over 21,000

commercial & recreational **jobs**

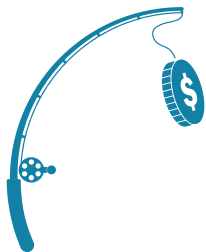


of **Atlantic coast states (of 15)** in
both recreational trips & total lbs.
landed commercially



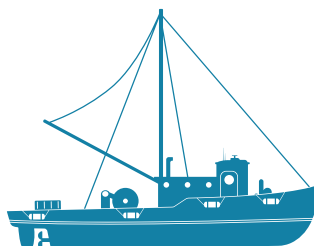
of **Atlantic coast states** in
total budget & **last**
in \$ spent per angler & per lb.
of commercial landings

Challenges



disproportionate funding
poses risk of loss of

**fishing
access**



risk of
industry closure

loss of access to **coastwide stocks**
& quota shares &
increased **public
health** risks



Approach

protect & enhance
commercial & recreational
fishing quotas



& the industries



increase & improve
fishing access,
(boat ramps,
piers, & more)



expand
data collection
to support fisheries
management

Outcomes

move NJ into
top 5
with **\$12 M**
in annual funding



protect & enhance NJ's
**marine habitat &
artificial reefs**



enhance
fishing access

protect NJ's well-established & historical
commercial & recreational



fishing industry

Jobs & Economics

New Jersey is a **leader in commercial and recreational marine fishery performance, contributing \$3.0 billion annually and supporting over 21,000 jobs**, despite lagging behind other states in funding and staffing levels.

Challenges

Insufficient funding and staffing presents a risk to fishing access and opportunity, shoreside support industries, and public health.

Approach

- **Remain competitive with other states** regarding access to shared and limited coastal fisheries and resources.
- Protect and enhance commercial and recreational **fishing quotas**.
- Increased resilience of support **industries and working waterfronts**.
- Expand **scientific data collection** to support evolving fisheries management at the state and regional levels.
- Maintain and improve **recreational fishing access** sites (e.g., boat ramps, fishing piers, and artificial reefs).

Outcomes

Provide **\$12 M in funding** to advance New Jersey into **top 5** in terms of annual funding levels consistent with fishery performance. Protect and enhance **marine fishing access and opportunities**. Maintain NJ's **leadership** in contributions to the cooperative fisheries management process. **Continued success** of NJ's vibrant and diverse commercial and recreational fisheries and shoreside support industries.