

# NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES



## Semiannual Fisheries Bulletin

### 2021 Commercial Statistics

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November 2021

#### Preliminary North Carolina Commercial Landings January - June 2016-2021

| FINFISH                                       | January – June (Pounds – rounded) |           |           |           |         |           |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
|   | 2016                              | 2017      | 2018      | 2019      | 2020    | 2021      |
| Amberjacks <sup>1</sup>                       | 74,828                            | 58,948    | 63,247    | 76,163    | 54,171  | 63,975    |
| Anglerfish (Monkfish & Monkfish livers)       | 48,963                            | 51,791    | 40,205    | 38,294    | 25,653  | 19,736    |
| Bluefish                                      | 803,087                           | 1,119,042 | 470,193   | 526,497   | 631,509 | 568,392   |
| Bonito  | 8,274                             | 9,391     | 12,311    | 12,368    | 12,646  | 6,145     |
| Butterfish                                    | 24,085                            | 31,680    | 23,861    | 30,619    | 10,432  | 22,488    |
| Carp  | 22,605                            | 14,819    | 17,265    | 32,125    | 8,194   | 6,849     |
| Catfishes                                     | 587,375                           | 705,211   | 722,707   | 763,031   | 663,048 | 1,163,487 |
| Cobia   | 18,578                            | 17,633    | 17,695    | 19,901    | 16,159  | 11,738    |
| Croaker, Atlantic                             | 1,662,982                         | 869,373   | 1,574,302 | 1,214,880 | 470,948 | 467,737   |
| Cutlassfish, Atlantic                         | 1,135                             | 41,751    | 25,055    | 210,198   | 397,831 | 901,584   |
| Dolphinfish                                   | 334,863                           | 189,255   | 128,922   | 198,310   | 48,787  | 23,014    |
| Drum, Black                                   | 14,818                            | 43,362    | 41,121    | 19,848    | 19,035  | 55,706    |
| Drum, Red                                     | 20,957                            | 34,186    | 53,458    | 28,786    | 17,003  | 56,631    |
| Eel, American                                 | 2,234                             | 4,393     | 2,336     | 2,178     | 434     | 524       |
| Flounder, Southern                            | 93,560                            | 130,183   | 74,241    | 106,324   | *       | *         |
| Flounder, Summer                              | 1,875,669                         | 1,191,430 | 1,385,287 | 1,258,138 | 912,846 | 1,123,328 |
| Flounders, Other                              | 1,209                             | *         | *         | *         | *       | *         |
| Garfish                                       | 12,586                            | 19,641    | 12,623    | 24,608    | 15,029  | 7,089     |
| Grouper, Gag                                  | 33,419                            | 25,497    | 33,488    | 66,857    | 35,012  | 23,252    |
| Grouper, Red                                  | 9,477                             | 8,326     | 6,596     | 11,621    | 1,133   | 1,543     |
| Grouper, Scamp                                | 22,559                            | 15,957    | 20,352    | 17,747    | 8,083   | 5,930     |
| Grouper, Snowy                                | 70,403                            | 65,044    | 70,100    | 78,250    | 48,600  | 55,645    |
| Groupers, Other                               | 6,269                             | 4,775     | 5,211     | 13,352    | 6,493   | 9,688     |
| Grunts  | 16,574                            | 16,871    | 14,032    | 23,663    | 14,168  | 12,475    |
| Hakes   | 2,635                             | 2,506     | 974       | 2,067     | 1,899   | 2,178     |
| Harvestfish (Starbutters)                     | 96,956                            | 36,472    | 73,485    | 55,934    | 30,527  | 89,492    |
| Hogfish (Hog Snapper)                         | 3,206                             | 5,069     | 3,161     | 7,500     | 4,110   | 4,578     |
| Jacks (Crevalle, Rainbow Runner, Blue Runner) | 2,040                             | 833       | 316       | 1,894     | 1,883   | 1,165     |
| Mackerel, Atlantic (Boston)                   | 160                               | 629       | 1,418     | 799       | 431     | 282       |
| Mackerel, King                                | 55,875                            | 137,608   | 91,191    | 175,169   | 125,131 | 98,208    |
| Mackerel, Spanish                             | 223,015                           | 248,664   | 253,065   | 357,278   | 497,620 | 474,306   |
| Menhaden, Atlantic                            | 271,290                           | 532,323   | 420,421   | 405,683   | 435,823 | 277,951   |
| Mullet, Sea (Kingfishes)                      | 279,129                           | 356,193   | 227,466   | 392,881   | 284,955 | 392,438   |
| Mullet, Striped                               | 203,490                           | 189,321   | 238,572   | 262,913   | 252,289 | 532,150   |
| Perch, White                                  | 201,119                           | 159,796   | 118,547   | 72,721    | 173,654 | 136,743   |
| Perch, Yellow                                 | 27,462                            | 15,562    | 12,298    | 6,160     | 5,894   | 6,805     |
| Pigfish                                       | 2,164                             | 2,465     | 2,780     | 2,278     | 2,695   | 5,426     |
| Pinfish                                       | 193                               | 79        | 207       | 343       | 255     | *         |
| Pompano                                       | 4,408                             | 1,166     | 1,890     | 6,150     | 1,507   | 2,737     |
| Porgies                                       | 12,483                            | 22,057    | 22,591    | 23,632    | 14,106  | 14,164    |
| Pufferfish                                    | 1,453                             | 1,955     | 261       | 2,197     | 522     | 154       |
| Scup  | 99,632                            | 165,567   | 64,138    | 171,502   | 35,119  | 46,849    |
| Sea Basses                                    | 321,340                           | 376,302   | 334,513   | 262,785   | 210,967 | 186,517   |
| Seatrout, Spotted                             | 54,006                            | 97,732    | 15,389    | 64,854    | 232,443 | 363,779   |
| Shad, American                                | 62,245                            | 90,868    | 52,081    | 40,972    | 134,576 | 58,825    |

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|  | 2016                              | 2017              | 2018              | 2019              | 2020              | 2021              |
| Shad, Gizzard                                      | 83,994                            | 121,783           | 209,605           | 207,563           | 229,970           | 173,789           |
| Shad, Hickory                                      | 96,121                            | 73,627            | 75,402            | 111,716           | 68,876            | 95,506            |
| Sharks   | 457,610                           | 559,296           | 433,412           | 503,170           | 368,352           | 264,867           |
| Sharks, Dogfish, Smooth                            | 132,247                           | 152,938           | 198,810           | 101,594           | 47,044            | 28,806            |
| Sharks, Dogfish, Spiny                             | 2,243,146                         | 390,805           | 755,015           | 1,000,130         | 1,500,853         | 131,383           |
| Sheepshead   | 19,344                            | 14,455            | 11,240            | 21,227            | 5,906             | 13,844            |
| Skates   | 23,650                            | 39,454            | 32,527            | 64,839            | 35,303            | *                 |
| Skippers   | 9,002                             | 9,147             | 11,937            | 8,932             | 7,195             | 8,146             |
| Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)                      | 124,373                           | 105,757           | 105,130           | 188,260           | 94,353            | 65,827            |
| Snappers, Other                                    | 4,996                             | 2,157             | 7,262             | 17,755            | 12,473            | 15,602            |
| Spadefish  | 8,377                             | 7,969             | 4,807             | 4,914             | 7,527             | 9,553             |
| Spot   | 10,457                            | 29,685            | 42,015            | 19,324            | 57,084            | 56,300            |
| Striped Bass                                       | 124,712                           | 84,076            | 94,841            | 130,992           | 114,421           | 27,761            |
| Swordfish  | 346,005                           | 291,170           | 332,961           | 249,433           | 269,338           | 187,008           |
| Tilefish, Blueline                                 | 15,793                            | 41,943            | 32,282            | 42,167            | 35,794            | 51,906            |
| Tilefish, Other                                    | 16,973                            | 29,661            | 11,387            | 12,094            | 11,317            | 18,618            |
| Triggerfish  | 59,388                            | 53,137            | 82,275            | 72,889            | 56,410            | 29,292            |
| Tuna, Bigeye                                       | 57,080                            | 41,052            | 62,330            | 54,988            | 89,846            | 81,782            |
| Tuna, Bluefin                                      | 154,123                           | 303,781           | 200,423           | 323,901           | 371,371           | 272,765           |
| Tuna, Yellowfin                                    | 249,162                           | 509,674           | 329,979           | 154,717           | 271,770           | 264,008           |
| Tunas, Other                                       | 80,437                            | 52,705            | 38,120            | 8,115             | 16,367            | 9,127             |
| Tunny, Little (False Albacore)                     | 53,461                            | 88,374            | 56,799            | 176,058           | 119,642           | 34,876            |
| Wahoo  | 9,527                             | 14,546            | 9,642             | 18,098            | 4,953             | 3,643             |
| Weakfish (Grey Trout)                              | 34,139                            | 34,507            | 13,602            | 85,173            | 39,799            | 29,727            |
| Unclassified Fish for Food <sup>2</sup>            | 50,579                            | 46,091            | 48,944            | 48,665            | 31,587            | 53,174            |
| Unclassified Fish for Industrial/Bait <sup>2</sup> | 25,900                            | 80,614            | 60,615            | 52,983            | 31,326            | 29,567            |
| <b>TOTAL FINFISH</b>                               | <b>12,181,404</b>                 | <b>10,290,132</b> | <b>10,010,732</b> | <b>10,769,162</b> | <b>9,762,495</b>  | <b>9,258,575</b>  |
| <b>SHELLFISH</b>                                   |                                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Blue Crabs, Hard                                   | 8,341,899                         | 8,084,106         | 5,952,576         | 7,284,705         | 5,606,415         | 3,114,825         |
| Blue Crabs, Peeler                                 | 363,104                           | 717,038           | 327,855           | 401,122           | 258,147           | 450,628           |
| Blue Crabs, Soft                                   | 263,320                           | 407,962           | 225,796           | 172,311           | 114,339           | 209,518           |
| Clams, Hard (Meats)                                | 191,534                           | 152,208           | 130,891           | 70,840            | 37,835            | 45,129            |
| Clams, Hard (Number)                               | 9,868,865                         | 7,971,372         | 6,902,125         | 3,625,100         | 1,965,720         | 2,261,686         |
| Octopus  | 146                               | 124               | 123               | 178               | 86                | 81                |
| Oysters (Meats)                                    | 333,762                           | 414,315           | 322,777           | 361,521           | 329,641           | 526,255           |
| Oysters (Bushels)                                  | 63,093                            | 78,320            | 61,016            | 68,340            | 62,314            | 99,481            |
| Scallop, Sea (Meats)                               | 116,287                           | 92,827            | 55,331            | 126,445           | 76,666            | 8,358             |
| Shrimp (Heads On) <sup>3</sup>                     | 770,523                           | 2,281,795         | 318,264           | 1,211,922         | 3,043,672         | 2,632,442         |
| Squid  | 31,945                            | 18,406            | 25,173            | 16,826            | 12,645            | 19,574            |
| Stone Crabs  | 4,289                             | 3,658             | 2,918             | 2,990             | 3,074             | 4,631             |
| Whelks/Conchs (Meats)                              | 70,475                            | 47,820            | 48,890            | 37,267            | 17,855            | 47,309            |
| Unclassified Shellfish                             | 92,489                            | 81,175            | 35,255            | 44,338            | 12,779            | 39,869            |
| <b>TOTAL SHELLFISH</b>                             | <b>10,579,773</b>                 | <b>12,301,433</b> | <b>7,445,848</b>  | <b>9,730,465</b>  | <b>9,513,153</b>  | <b>7,098,618</b>  |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                                 | <b>22,761,177</b>                 | <b>22,591,565</b> | <b>17,456,580</b> | <b>20,499,628</b> | <b>19,275,649</b> | <b>16,357,193</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Includes species from genus *Seriola* (Greater Amberjack, Lesser Amberjack, Almaco Jack, and Banded Rudderfish).

<sup>2</sup> Prior to 2021, minnows were included in the Unclassified Fish for Food category but were moved to the Unclassified Fish for Industrial/Bait in this report.

<sup>3</sup> Includes brown, pink, and white shrimp.

\* Units not shown to avoid disclosure of private enterprise. Quantities were included in the “Unclassified Fish for Food” or “Unclassified Shellfish” categories.

NOTE: Landings collected by North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Trip Ticket Program (November 2021).