

What is MRIP?

The Marine Recreational Information Program, or MRIP, is the state-regional-federal partnership responsible for estimating how many trips saltwater anglers take, and how many fish they catch.

How do the catch surveys work?

- Interviewers are stationed at docks and shoreline fishing areas to collect information about your catch.
- The data you provide to shoreside samplers helps shape science and management decisions that directly impact you.

Who conducts the surveys?

Specially trained samplers working for the state marine fisheries agency where you've been fishing conduct the surveys. Using state-based samplers helps us all work more effectively toward our shared goals of ensuring sustainable fisheries and quality recreational fishing opportunities.

What happens with my information?

- All information gathered is strictly confidential.
- No information will be used for law enforcement.
- Information provided will help ensure the future of fish we all care about.

How does recreational fishing add up?

Over 10.4 million U.S. saltwater recreational anglers take nearly 68 million fishing trips each year. More than half of them happen on the Atlantic Coast.

Atlantic Coast Proportion of U.S. Trips and Catch

Source: NOAA Fisheries. 2014 data. Includes East Coast of Florida.

57% of trips
55% of catch

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Sustainable Fishing Starts with YOU!

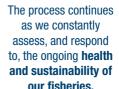
Information you share helps ensure sustainable fisheries today—and for generations to come.

Here's how:

Your fishing activity is counted through surveys conducted among thousands of recreational anglers.



This is combined with other data, such as commercial catch, biological factors like age and growth rates, and direct observation.









They send their evaluations to the **Councils** and **Commissions** that **manage our fisheries**.

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