

The background features a stylized illustration. On the left, a large black silhouette of a deer with prominent antlers is shown. On the right, a black silhouette of a duck is depicted in flight. At the bottom, a black silhouette of a fish is shown swimming in a blue body of water. The background is composed of solid blocks of color: blue at the top, green in the middle, and tan at the bottom.

Louisiana's Commercial and Recreational Coastal Fisheries

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries



Saltwater Commercial Fishing

- Louisiana is second only to Alaska in commercial fisheries landings.
- Three of Louisiana's commercial fishing ports are in the top ten landings ports for the United States: Empire-Venice, Intracoastal City, and Cameron.
- One of out every 70 jobs in Louisiana can be attributed to commercial fisheries (Southwick 2006).

Saltwater Commercial Fishing

Dockside Value	\$264,960,224
Retail Sales	\$1,761,885,471
Total Economic Impact	\$2,349,180,628
Jobs Supported	26,345
State and Local Tax Revenues	\$166,923,916

LOUISIANA LANDINGS AND VALUE OF SALTWATER SPECIES IN 2006

SPECIES	TOTAL US LANDINGS (LBS)	TOTAL US DOCKSIDE VALUE (\$)	LOUISIANA LANDINGS (LBS)	LOUISIANA DOCKSIDE VALUE (\$)	PERCENT OF US LANDINGS
OYSTER	35,143,000	126,903,000	11,417,297	35,998,590	32.5%
BLUE CRAB	140,220,000	125,568,000	52,922,986	32,336,154	37.7%
SHRIMP (ALL SPECIES)	231,553,000	369,788,000	88,084,637	144,597,709	38%
MENHADEN	901,405,000	40,628,000	689,852,635	31,161,749	76.5%

Saltwater Recreational Fishing

Retail Sales	\$472,092,061
Total Economic Impact	\$757,091,876
Jobs Supported	7,733
State and Local Tax Revenues	\$49,976,489

Saltwater Recreational Fishing

- Louisiana is second only to Florida in recreational harvest among states surveyed by NOAA Fisheries' recreational creel survey. According to data collected by NOAA in 2006, 19% of saltwater recreational fishing trips occurred in Louisiana.

Coastal Freshwater Recreational Fishing

- A survey of freshwater anglers indicated that 17% of all angler days were spent fishing in the coastal marsh, and that 17% of angler days spent specifically targeting largemouth bass were spent in the coastal marsh (Kelso et al. 1999).

Fishing in Coastal Louisiana

Retail Sales	\$2,233,977,532
Total Economic Impact	\$3,106,272,504
Jobs Supported	34,078
State and Local Tax Revenues	\$216,900,405

ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF SALTWATER FISHERIES IN LOUISIANA IN 2006

	RETAIL SALES	TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT	JOBS SUPPORTED	STATE & LOCAL TAX REVENUES
SALTWATER REC FINFISH	\$472,092,061	\$757,091,876	7,733	\$49,976,489
SHRIMP(ALL SPECIES)	\$961,973,147	\$1,282,630,863	14,384	\$91,138,912
OYSTERS	\$35,851,947	\$317,876,668	3,565	\$22,587,117
BLUE CRAB	\$219,973,963	\$293,298,617	3,289	\$20,840,694
MENHADEN	\$233,080,959	\$297,441,278	3,336	\$21,135,055
OTHER MARINE FINFISH	\$118,449,901	\$157,933,202	1,771	\$11,222,138
TOTAL	\$2,233,977,532	\$3,106,272,504	34,078	\$216,900,405

