

NORTH PACIFIC

Fisheries: Manages five fishery management plans (FMPs) covering 140+ species within 47 stocks and stock complexes, including pollock, cod, rockfish, crab, scallops, halibut, and state-managed salmon fisheries.

Over half of all seafood caught in the U.S. is from Alaska. Fishing-related industries in the area employ more people than any other private sector.
www.npfmc.org

NEW ENGLAND

Fisheries: Manages 29 species under nine FMPs, including sea scallops, groundfish, Atlantic herring, skates, monkfish, whiting, and red crab. Habitat/coral protection across all plans. Working on ecosystem-based fishery management.

Major fishing ports include New Bedford, MA, the U.S.'s highest grossing port, and Gloucester, MA, the oldest fishing port in the nation.
www.nefmc.org

MID-ATLANTIC

Fisheries: Manages 14 species under seven FMPs, including summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, bluefish, surfclams, ocean quahogs, squid, mackerel, butterfish, tilefish, and dogfish.

Implemented an Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management that protects habitat and forage fish across all FMPs. Established a 38,000 square mile deep sea coral protection zone.
www.mafmc.org

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Fisheries: Manages 75 species, including snapper grouper, mahi mahi, wahoo, mackerels, cobia, spiny lobster, corals, and shrimp. National leader in protecting habitat and ecosystem-based management.

Council managed fisheries contribute greatly to the approximate 78,000 jobs and \$7.7 billion in business sales supported by fishing activity in the South Atlantic region.
www.safmc.net



Councils manage fisheries within the U.S. EEZ (dark blue waters in the map above), which covers approximately 3.4 million square nautical miles of ocean.

QUICK FACTS

9.7 billion – total pounds of commercial fishing *landings* in the U.S. in 2015

8.9 million – number of saltwater *recreational anglers* in the U.S. in 2015

60.9 million – saltwater *recreational fishing trips* in 2015

1.6 million – *jobs supported* by commercial and recreational saltwater fishing in 2015

\$207.6 billion – combined *sales impacts* from saltwater recreational and commercial fishing in 2015

46 – number of *fishery management plans* providing a framework for managing the harvest of 473 fish stocks and stock complexes

Source: NMFS Fisheries Economics of the United States, 2015

WESTERN PACIFIC

Fisheries: Manages thousands of species under five fishery ecosystem plans.

With waters comprising half the U.S. EEZ, the Western Pacific Region provides 80% of the nation's fresh domestic bigeye tuna and half of its yellowfin tuna and swordfish. Honolulu is one of the top 10 U.S. fishing ports in value landed. The fishing sector accounts for 52% of American Samoa's GDP.
www.wpcouncil.org

PACIFIC

Fisheries: Manages 119+ species under four FMPs, including over 90 species of groundfish, albacore tuna, swordfish, sardines, squid, and Pacific halibut. Manages salmon that migrate from freshwater to ocean and back.

Fishery Ecosystem Plan proactively protects forage species and monitors environmental indicators. Essential Fish Habitat protection for ocean/river.
www.pcouncil.org

GULF OF MEXICO

Fisheries: Manages 42 species, including American red snapper, groupers, mackerels, reef fish, spiny lobster, and shrimp stocks that support the largest shrimp industry in the U.S. Addresses essential fish habitat across seven FMPs and offshore aquaculture.

Hosts the largest number of recreational fishing trips in the nation.
www.gulfcouncil.org

CARIBBEAN

Fisheries: Manages 300+ species under four FMPs, including spiny lobster, queen conch, groupers, snappers, parrotfish, surgeon fish, trigger fish, wrasses, and angelfish. Habitat protection for coral reefs, seagrass beds, mangroves, and estuaries.

Developing island-based fishery management plans that account for geographical and cultural differences.
www.caribbeanfmc.com