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NOAA Releases 2011 Report Card on U.S. Fisheries

Arlington, VA, September 24, 2012 – The Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) is proud to collaborate with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries Service for the release of the [2011 Fisheries of the United States](#) (FUS) publication. The document is a report of the domestic commercial and recreational fisheries data for 2011 and includes landings from U.S. territorial sea, the Exclusive Economic Zone, and the high seas.

According to the report from NOAA Fisheries Service, “For the 12th year in a row, New Bedford, Massachusetts, had the highest-valued catch, due in large part to the sea scallop fishery. New Bedford fishermen saw a 24 percent increase in ex-vessel price for scallops.”

Since 2007, ACCSP has worked with northeast program partners to provide landings from Maine to Virginia to NOAA Fisheries Service headquarters. For the 2011 publication, ACCSP added North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia to the list of states for which they provided landings. These datasets were obtained in the spring as preliminary and the in the fall of 2011 were updated as final data. By working with partners to develop the FUS datasets, ACCSP is able to populate the Data Warehouse at a finer resolution to further support the ACCSP mission. The Data Warehouse is an on-line database populated with fisheries-dependent data supplied by the program partners.

For more information about the Data Warehouse please visit <http://www.accsp.org/dataaware.htm>. Data in FUS are considered to be preliminary for 2011 and are subject to revision. For more details on FUS please visit <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/fus/fus11/index.html>.

About the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program

ACCSP is a cooperative state-federal program to design, implement, and conduct marine fisheries statistics data collection programs and to integrate those data into a single data management system that will meet the needs of fishery managers, scientists and fishermen. It is composed of representatives from natural resource management agencies coastwide, including the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the three Atlantic fishery management councils, the 15 Atlantic states, the Potomac River Fisheries Commission, the D.C. Fisheries and Wildlife Division, NOAA Fisheries Service, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. For further information please visit www.accsp.org.