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NOAA Releases 2012 Report Card on U.S. Fisheries

Arlington, VA, November 1, 2013 ó The [Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program \(ACCSP\)](#) is proud to collaborate with [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service \(NOAA Fisheries\)](#) for the release of the 2012 [Fisheries of the United States \(FUS\)](#) publication. The document is a report of the domestic commercial and recreational fisheries data for 2012 and includes landings from U.S. territorial seas, the Exclusive Economic Zone, and the high seas.

According to the report from NOAA Fisheries, "Dutch Harbor, Alaska and New Bedford, Massachusetts remain the top commercial fishing ports" and "Approximately 9.4 million saltwater recreational anglers took over 70 million trips and caught nearly 380 million fish, 63 percent of which were released."

As the principal source of landings data for the Atlantic coast, ACCSP has worked with program partners to provide landings from Maine to Virginia to NOAA Fisheries for FUS since 2007. For the recently released publication of 2012 data, ACCSP added North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia to the list of states for which they provided landings to NOAA Fisheries. The data submitted to NOAA Fisheries were obtained from program partners in the spring of 2013 as preliminary and the final data are currently being updated. By working with partners to develop the FUS datasets, ACCSP is able to populate the [Data Warehouse](#) at a finer resolution. 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/dataware.htm>. For more information about the data load schedule, please visit <http://www.accsp.org/dataloadprocess.html>. For more details on FUS, please visit <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/Assets/commercial/fus/fus12/FUS2012.pdf>. Please note, data in FUS are considered to be preliminary for 2012 and are subject to revision.

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, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. For further information please visit www.accsp.org.