



GULF COUNCIL BY THE NUMBERS

#1 U.S. RANK
Recreational Harvest

#2 U.S. RANK
Commercial Harvest

REGIONAL IMPACT

91,565

TOTAL JOBS SUPPORTED

\$10,162,956,056

IN TOTAL SALES

SPECIES MANAGED

35

FINFISH SPECIES

5

CRUSTACEANS

140+

CORALS

AREA MANAGED

218,000

SQUARE MILES

17,000

MILES OF COASTLINE

INVOLVING FISHERMEN

Effective fisheries management depends on the knowledge and experience of the people who use the resource every day. The Gulf Council invests significant time and effort in reaching fishermen, gathering feedback, and creating opportunities for meaningful public participation to ensure that management decisions are based on local expertise.

REEL Input

ADVISORS

19

ADVISORY BODIES

179

PARTICIPANTS

FISHERMAN FEEDBACK

4,000

ON-THE-WATER
OBSERVATIONS ACROSS

17 SPECIES

COUNCIL MEETING TESTIMONY

2,377

PUBLIC TESTIMONIES
SINCE 2015

- **3,580** comments gathered through **246** hearings on 35 topics
- **9,000** written comments since 2017
- **100** anonymous voicemail comments since June 2025

The Council NET-work

200,000

WEBSITE SESSIONS
PER YEAR

150,000

YOUTUBE VIEWS
ACROSS 144 VIDEOS

18,000

SOCIAL MEDIA
SUBSCRIBERS

- **17,000** Facebook followers
- **304** YouTube subscribers
- **569** Instagram followers
- **7,000** email subscribers



FISHERY IMPACTS BY STATE



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TEXAS

COMMERCIAL	RECREATIONAL
LANDINGS (POUNDS)	TRIPS
51,082,163	1,042,587
JOB	JOB
7,617	4,481
SALES	SALES
\$633,805,109	\$732,625,597

LOUISIANA

COMMERCIAL	RECREATIONAL
LANDINGS (POUNDS)	TRIPS
694,742,637	1,677,877
JOB	JOB
22,727	4,516
SALES	SALES
\$1,522,561,804	\$659,006,618

MISSISSIPPI

COMMERCIAL	RECREATIONAL
LANDINGS (POUNDS)	TRIPS
253,658,459	5,548,861
JOB	JOB
6,047	365
SALES	SALES
\$387,898,882	\$89,218,563

ALABAMA

COMMERCIAL	RECREATIONAL
LANDINGS (POUNDS)	TRIPS
26,558,054	5,800,992
JOB	JOB
7,228	4,318
SALES	SALES
\$415,068,143	\$645,864,287

WEST FLORIDA

COMMERCIAL	RECREATIONAL
LANDINGS (POUNDS)	TRIPS
53,682,198	42,795,395
JOB	JOB
6,235	28,030
SALES	SALES
\$748,216,853	\$4,328,690,200

COMMERCIAL

TOTAL LANDINGS
1,079,723,511 POUNDS

SUPPORTED

GENERATED

TOTAL JOBS
49,855

TOTAL SALES
\$3,707,550,791

RECREATIONAL

TOTAL TRIPS
56,865,712

SUPPORTED

GENERATED

TOTAL JOBS
41,710

TOTAL SALES
\$6,455,405,265

ABOUT THE DATA: All statistics on this page are from 2024 as reported by NOAA. Values for recreational trips and jobs are calculated by combining all states and all modes of fishing (shore, private, and charter) with the exception of TX shore. Values are based on all marine fisheries including both state and federally managed species. Values for FL, AL, MS provided by MRIP, LA values provided by LA Creel, TX values provided by TPWD. Imports not included.