

Your Fishing Counts!

The **information you share** about your fishing helps ensure **sustainable fisheries** today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.

Saltwater fishers play a major role in Hawaiian culture, non-commercial fishing, nutrition and food security, and economic activity. The more fishers who participate in our surveys, the closer we get to understanding the health of our fisheries.

Collecting Data

On-site Interviews

You may be approached at harbors, beaches, or other public fishing access sites by trained field interviewers working for the Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources. The information collected during these interviews is used to estimate catch rate.

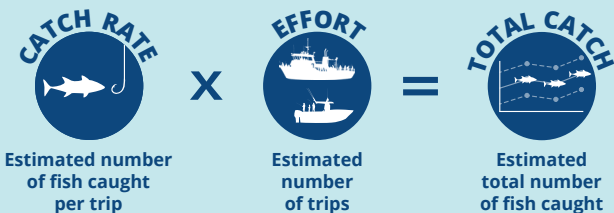


Mail

Some members of the public also receive a mail survey used to estimate the number of fishing trips taken during specified periods of time.

Estimating Total Catch

Combined with other sources, these estimates help ensure our fisheries don't become depleted, and you can keep fishing.



Maintaining Transparency

Our estimates are posted online to provide public access to our data.

Collaboration and Continued Improvement

Our data collection program is a state-regional-federal partnership that is continually improving to ensure we are producing quality data.

Please note: Field interviewers play no role in law enforcement. We value your participation and privacy. Any personal information collected is kept confidential.

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Your **Data** Makes a **Difference**

NOAA Fisheries collects catch and trip data from **charter captains** and hundreds of thousands of **fishers** through surveys. This information is used to produce estimates of non-commercial fishing activity.



These estimates **complement other sources**, such as **commercial catch, biological information, and direct observations of fish stocks**.



Stock assessment scientists evaluate these data to determine the **health of our fisheries**.

Working with **fishers and other partners**, fisheries managers use this information to ensure our marine fisheries resources **don't become depleted** and stocks are **sustainable** now and for future generations.



We continue to **evaluate and improve** our data collection program to provide fisheries scientists and managers with quality data.

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