

POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION

Potomac River Commercial Finfish Landings for 2023

Species	2023		2022 Pounds	1964 through 2023			# yrs
	Pounds	Dockside Value		Min. (Year)	Max. (Year)	Avg. lbs	
Catfish - All*	3,133,132	\$1,504,063	3,109,425	6,252 ('75)	3,133,132 ('23)	552,277	60
Blue	3,132,272	\$1,503,491	3,103,300	21,884 ('05)	3,132,272 ('23)	1,094,002	21
Channel	337	\$233	2,261	337 ('23)	131,112 ('04)	56,354	21
Bullhead	63	\$32	2,737	63 ('23)	110,564 ('94)	39,615	39
White	275	\$184	1,127	88 ('16)	8,424 ('07)	2,869	21
Flathead	185	\$124	0	0 ('22)	762 ('19)	281	6
Striped Bass**	371,328	\$1,251,375	428,298	0 ('89)	1,547,821 ('74)	584,627	60
American Eel	20,229	\$30,344	12,814	10,439 ('21)	654,184 ('79)	198,969	60
Croaker	117	\$199	2,362	0 ('69)	1,963,294 ('01)	328,425	60
Spot	12,960	\$17,237	35,346	8,480 ('16)	1,002,831 ('67)	129,077	60
Gizzard Shad	66,307	\$14,588	107,086	0 ('86)	460,048 ('95)	88,326	60
Spanish Mackerel	8,520	\$23,430	11,356	0 ('85)	46,972 ('00)	6,473	60
Cobia	-	-	147	0 ('18)	2,375 ('19)	674	8
Bluefish	21,370	\$11,326	20,225	9,475 ('18)	1,165,324 ('88)	170,117	60
Butterfish	13,436	\$14,377	15,203	0 ('05)	31,898 ('17)	5,573	60
American Shad - All*	14,321	\$26,082	7,126	287 ('85)	466,293 ('64)	70,220	60
Roe Shad	12,399	\$25,294	5,002	139 ('85)	86,165 ('76)	8,400	48
Buck shad	1,922	\$788	2,124	101 ('10)	34,137 ('76)	2,477	48
Yellow Perch	19	\$19	6	0 ('17)	6,794 ('18)	1,128	60
White Perch	5,707	\$7,419	14,830	4,521 ('21)	317,919 ('69)	60,901	60
Summer Flounder	10,215	\$36,774	4,973	1,245 ('19)	118,269 ('87)	37,551	60
Puffer (Sugar Toad)	120	\$150	252	0 ('13)	422,327 ('65)	18,651	60
Grey Trout (Weakfish)	7	\$14	0	0 ('22)	706,134 ('80)	89,719	60
Spotted Sea Trout	2,370	\$5,664	612	0 ('16)	21,340 ('86)	1,571	47
Black Drum	363	\$1,296	258	0 ('21)	28,175 ('69)	1,637	60
Red Drum	98	\$267	30	0 ('19)	3,808 ('91)	164	36
Carp	17,157	\$2,574	1,254	39 ('09)	153,212 ('76)	11,280	60
Northern Snakehead	1,365	\$1,365	258	13 ('18)	3,167 ('20)	659	9
Garfish	-	-	0	0 ('23)	68 ('21)	14	7
Subtotal	3,869,357	\$3,110,859	3,990,394				
Menhaden	2,051,020	\$430,714	3,569,450	2,051,020 ('23)	20,820,945 ('83)	7,133,958	60
	(930 mt)		(1,619 mt)	(930 mt)	(9,444 mt)	(3236 mt)	
Total	5,920,377	\$3,541,573	7,559,844				

* Values not counted twice

** Calculated by Compliance year not calendar year

Note: Dockside values calculated from VA landing and dealer reporting.

Note: American Shad reported by sex since 1976; Spotted Sea Trout reported since 1977; Bullhead since 1985; Red Drum since 1988; Catfish species reported separately since 2003; Northern Snakehead reported since 2015; Cobia since 2016; Garfish since 2017; and Flathead Catfish since 2018.