

POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION

Potomac River Commercial Finfish Landings for 2024

Species	2024		2023	1964 through 2024			
	Pounds	Dockside Value		Min. (Year)	Max. (Year)	Avg. lbs	# yrs
Catfish - All*	3,175,987	\$2,699,151	3,133,132	6,252 ('75)	3,174,656 ('24)	595,621	61
Blue	3,174,656	\$2,698,458	3,132,272	21,884 ('05)	3,174,656 ('24)	1,189,496	22
Channel	403	\$218	337	337 ('23)	131,112 ('04)	53,811	22
Bullhead	860	\$430	63	63 ('23)	110,564 ('94)	38,646	40
White	68	\$46	275	68 ('24)	8,424 ('07)	2,743	22
Flathead	-	\$0	185	0 ('24)	762 ('19)	241	7
Striped Bass**	443,300	\$1,790,932	371,328	0 ('89)	1,547,821 ('74)	580,363	61
Gizzard Shad	39,677	\$7,539	66,307	0 ('86)	460,048 ('95)	87,529	61
Ribbonfish	30,369	\$43,428	5,452	60 ('22)	30,369 ('24)	11,960	3
Bluefish	19,116	\$47,981	21,370	9,475 ('18)	1,165,324 ('88)	167,642	61
Summer Flounder	13,068	\$49,789	10,215	1,245 ('19)	118,269 ('87)	37,150	61
American Eel	11,316	\$19,577	20,229	10,439 ('21)	654,184 ('79)	195,893	61
American Shad - All*	15,380	\$25,803	20,028	287 ('85)	466,293 ('64)	69,208	61
Roe Shad	7,155	\$14,596	12,399	139 ('85)	86,165 ('76)	8,374	49
Buck shad	1,291	\$529	1,922	101 ('10)	34,137 ('76)	2,453	49
White Perch	6,934	\$10,678	5,707	4,521 ('21)	317,919 ('69)	60,016	61
Butterfish	3,399	\$9,857	13,436	0 ('05)	31,898 ('17)	5,537	61
Spot	1,973	\$2,506	12,960	1,973 ('24)	1,002,831 ('67)	126,993	61
Spanish Mackerel	1,455	\$2,619	8,520	0 ('85)	46,972 ('00)	6,391	61
Spotted Sea Trout	1,074	\$2,610	2,370	0 ('16)	21,340 ('86)	1,560	48
Carp	443	\$341	17,157	39 ('09)	153,212 ('76)	11,103	61
Atlantic Croaker	227	\$304	117	0 ('69)	1,963,294 ('01)	323,044	61
Puffer (Sugar Toad)	213	\$266	120	0 ('13)	422,327 ('65)	18,349	61
Cobia	134	\$492	-	0 ('23)	2,375 ('19)	614	9
Black Drum	105	\$376	363	0 ('21)	28,175 ('69)	1,612	61
Red Drum	78	\$174	98	0 ('19)	3,808 ('91)	162	37
Yellow Perch	71	\$176	19	0 ('17)	6,794 ('18)	1,110	61
Northern Snakehead	39	\$81	1,365	13 ('18)	3,167 ('20)	597	10
Largemouth Bass	3	\$0	-	3 ('24)	3 ('24)	3	1
Grey Trout (Weakfish)	-	\$0	7	0 ('24)	706,134 ('80)	88,248	61
Garfish	-	\$0	-	0 ('24)	68 ('21)	14	8
Subtotal	3,757,426	\$4,704,001	3,710,300				
Menhaden	692,078	\$186,861	2,051,020	692,078 ('24)	20,820,945 ('83)	7,028,354	61
	(313.9 mt)		(930 mt)	(313.9 mt)	(9,444 mt)	(3,188 mt)	
Total	4,449,504	\$4,890,862	5,761,320				

* 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.

