NOAA FISHERIES
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CONSTITUENT SESSIONS

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Commercial Fisheries

- 9.5 billion lbs. (2001) Dockside value $3.2 billion- value to consumers $27 billion
- 9.1 billion lbs. (2000) Dockside value $3.7 billion
  - ✓World's 4th largest fishing nation

- Imports valued at $18.5 billion
- Exports valued at $11.8 billion
- Fish consumption 14.8 lb per person (2001)

2001 Commercial Landings by Region

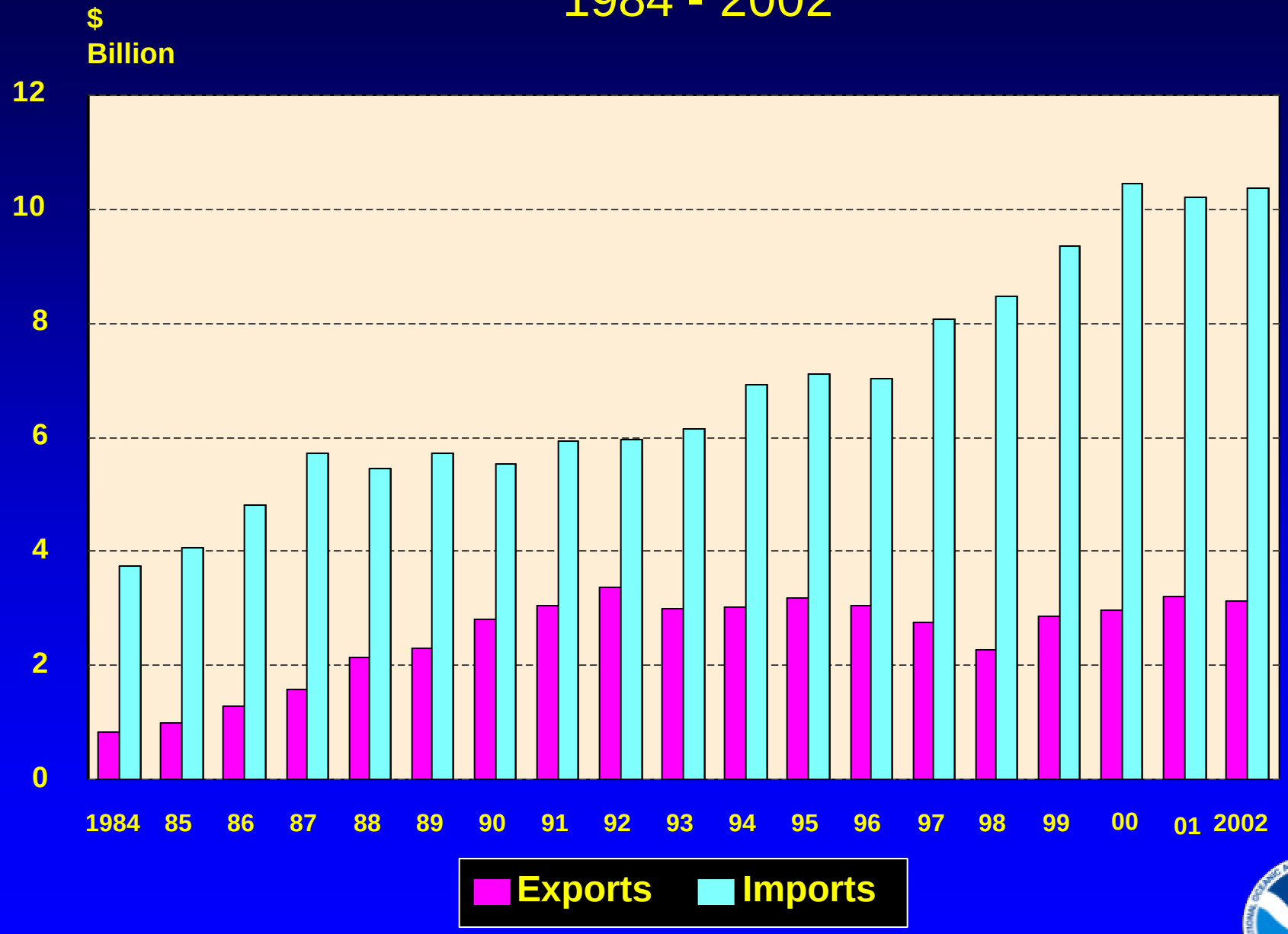
Region	Pounds	Dollars
Pacific Coast (AK-CA)	6,197,657,193	$ 1,200,020,855
Gulf of Mexico (FWC-TX)	1,611,003,461	$ 800,963,052
New England (CN-ME)	630,627,158	$ 639,438,668
Mid-Atlantic (VA-NY)	835,312,105	$ 347,940,327
South-Atlantic (FEC-NC)	199,801,074	$ 174,352,460
Western Pacific (HI)	23,870,471	$ 54,561,446

2001 Commercial Landings
Top Five Species for the Mid-Atlantic

Species	Volume	Species	Value
Menhaden	518,487,393	Sea Scallop	75,266,741
Surf Clam	68,325,103	Crabs	73,987,048
Crabs	65,544,245	Surf Clam	39,085,194
Atlantic Mackerel	25,519,542	Menhaden	27,783,043
Ocean Quahog	24,821,500	Hard Clam	22,743,665

U.S. SEAFOOD EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

1984 - 2002



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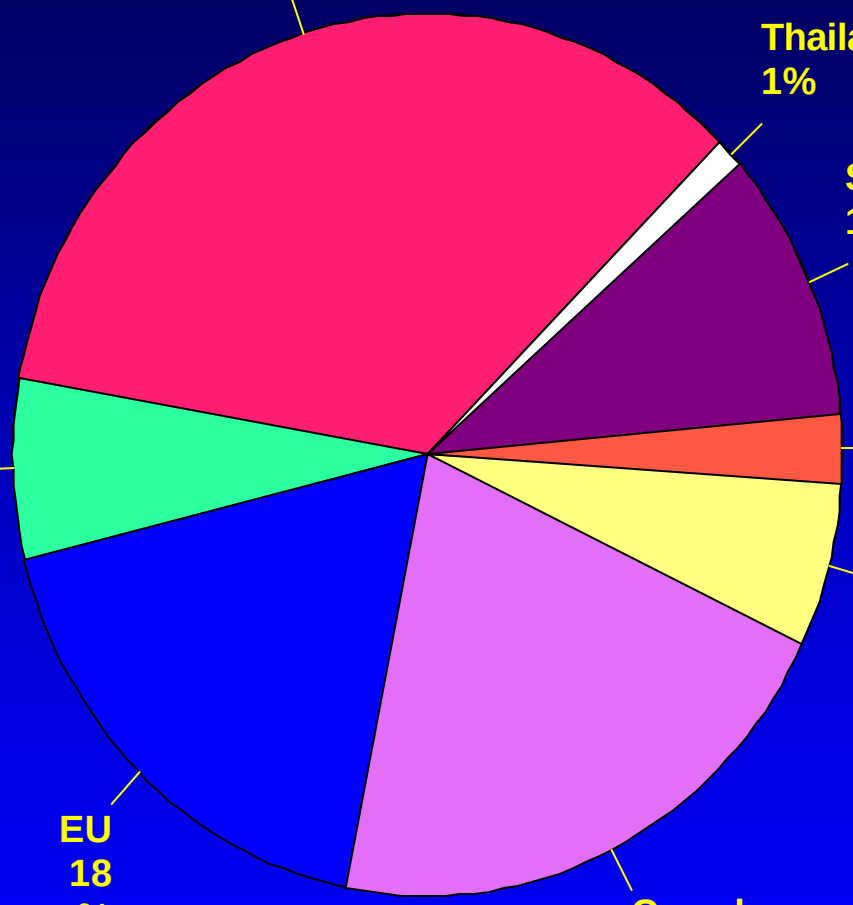
TOP U.S. EXPORT MARKETS, 2002



China: $139 Million
Hong Kong: $36 Million Taiwan: $32 Million

Total Exports: $3.1 Billion

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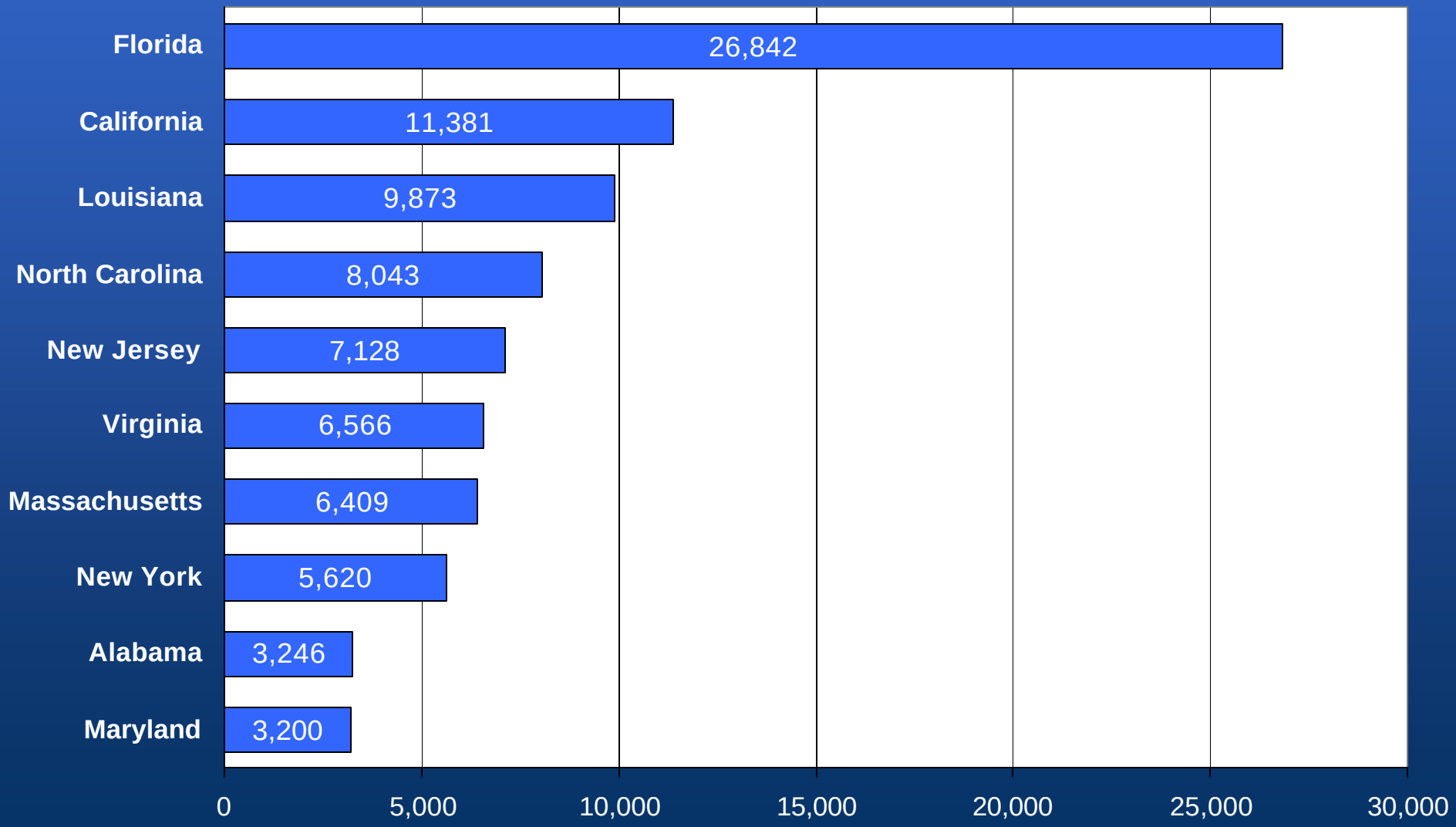
U. S. Recreational Fishery Statistics

- Over 17 million participants
- Over 65 million fishing trips per year
- Over 135 thousand metric tons landed per year
- Economic impact of more than $30 billion
- Over $22 billion in related expenditures
- More than 349,000 jobs supported
- Over $12 billion in related personal incomes

U.S. Recreational Fishery Landings by Top Ten States



We’ve Made Progress

- Summer flounder
- Surfclam & Ocean Quahog
- Squids & Butterfish
- Atlantic Mackerel

Hot Topics

- Prohibiting pound net leaders
- Closing the dogfish fishery in the EEZ
- Black sea bass allocation

Marine Mammal Protection Act Reauthorization Bill

- Improve Marine Mammal Bycatch Reduction
- Strengthen Harassment Definition
- Increase Enforcement
- Reduce Ship Strikes
- Improve Management of Subsistence Harvests

Endangered Species Act Listing Criteria

Will clarify and expand guidance through development of more analytical criteria for whether or not to list species under the ESA

Essential Fish Habitat

Implementation

- Identified and described EFH for 42 FMPs and nearly 1,000 species.
- Produced guidelines through regulation on fulfilling the EFH mandate (January 2002)
- Still need considerable basic information about species distribution and habitat use.
- High priority issue this year is to complete EFH Environmental Impact Statements for New England, Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean, Pacific, and North Pacific fisheries.

Regulatory Streamlining Project

- To improve performance, efficiency and accountability
- Improve NEPA expertise within the agency
- “Front loading” the regulatory process
- Electronic rulemaking initiatives
- Delegation of ESA Section 7 authority to the regions

Constituent Services

Public Outreach and Education:

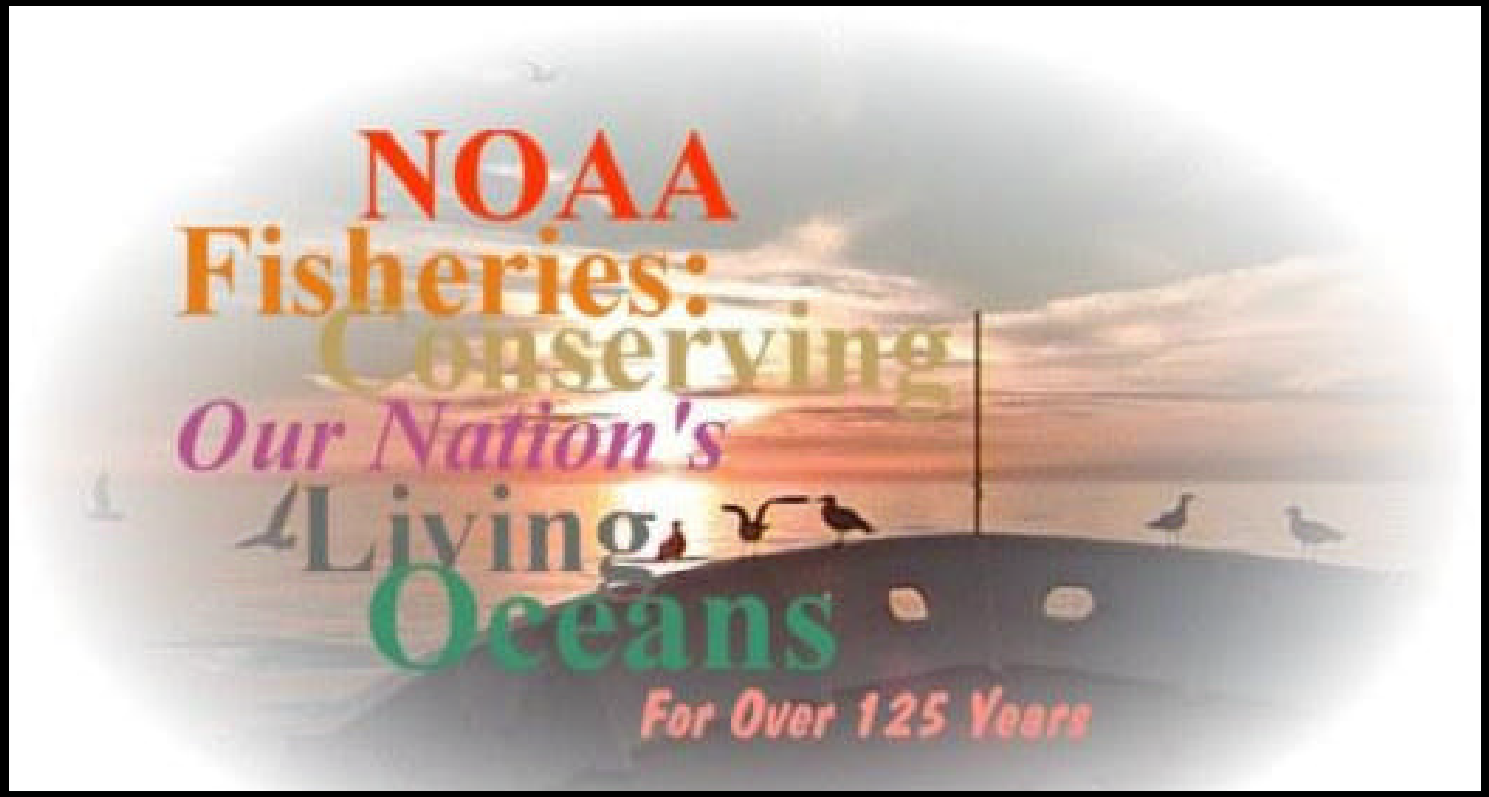
- Improving public and constituent relations
  - MAFAC
  - School/Educational Materials
- Improving communications
  - Constituent database
  - Fish list services
  - Web site design

Top Ten Goals

1. Review National Standard 1 Guidelines
2. Explore Ecosystem-based management
3. Stabilize fisheries for maximum economic benefit and improve rebuilding plans
4. Increase communication and cooperative research with industry
5. Promote U.S. seafood

Top Ten Goals- cont.

6. Incorporate ocean observing system
7. Minimize bycatch and develop new gear technology
8. Develop pilot projects in aquaculture
9. Improve timeliness and responsiveness in management
10. Export gear technology internationally to help recover endangered species



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