

**2013 Council Training
Rec Fish Module**

Key Points:

1. Recreational fishing is more than a National pastime- it is BIG business.
2. The motivations for commercial and recreational fishing are very different, and so are the tools.
3. NOAA is committed to a strong trusting partnership with the recreational fisheries community.
4. MRIP plays a critical role in sustainably managing our ocean resources by providing estimates of fishing activity that are both **accurate** and **trusted**.
5. NOAA is making progress in not only understanding the fishery resource and the impact of angling, but also in understanding anglers themselves.