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Representing Over 7,500 Recreational Anglers

RI Recreational Saltwater Fishing Licenses Annual Report Released

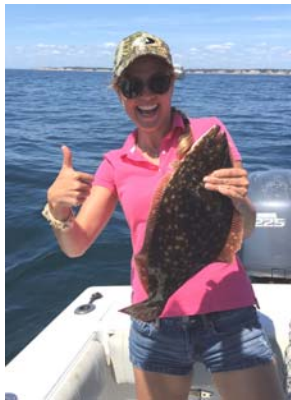


Shows number of licenses sold, fees collected, 2017 expenditures, and 2018 proposed expenditures to improve fishing opportunities

During the 2017 fiscal year, Rhode Island issued 46,946 recreational saltwater fishing licenses resulting in \$309.910 gross revenue and \$207,631 in net revenue.

Of those, 11,599 were purchased by non-RI residents.

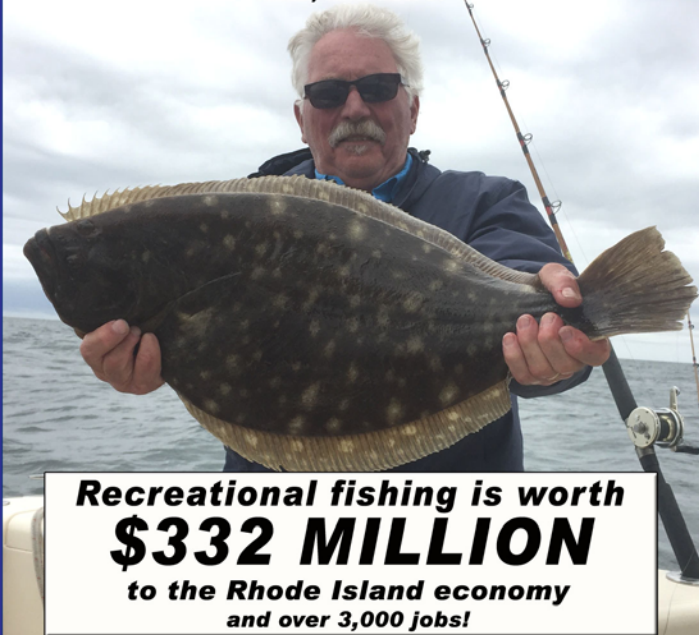
The Rhode Island Recreational Saltwater License Program, which was enacted



into law in 2010, has an “Accountability and Oversight” section which mandates that, on an annual basis, RIDEM shall provide a report detailing the number of licenses issued, total revenue and expenditures made and plans to allocate and use the fee revenue during the next year. (continued on page 25)

PETER NEWBAUER

displays a 7 lb. 14 oz. fluke tht he caught on July 23 while fishing aboard fellow member, Bill Sokolowski’s boat, *Red Sok’s*.



Recreational fishing is worth \$332 MILLION to the Rhode Island economy and over 3,000 jobs!

2018 Southern New England Recreational Fishing Symposium

The Magnuson-Stevens Act:
How To Make It Work For Recreational Fishing

That was the title of the Recreational Fishing Symposium held on January 26 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick.

Arranged and directed by the R.I. Saltwater Anglers Association, the Symposium was co-funded by grants from the Coastal Institute of the University of Rhode Island, the Marine Fish Conservation Network and the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Foundation.



Six panelists from five states were brought in to begin discussions on how the Magnuson-Stevens Act might be changed to better regulate recreational fishing.

The audience consisted of sixty-five invited guests that included the leadership of many recreational fishing clubs in the region, fisheries managers and staff from three states, NOAA representatives, staff from U.S. legislators and several members of the press. (see report on page 3)