

Economic Importance of Sport fishing

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says in a report released Monday, January 13, 2009. That Florida makes up **more than \$16 Billion of the total economic impact of recreational fishing in the United States.**

From the U.S. Department of Agriculture the 2005 **TOTAL Wheat production was worth \$5.9 Billion dollars.** In other words, Florida fishing alone is worth MORE to the Gross National Product, than **ALL** the Wheat producing states!

..... The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says in a report released Monday that Saltwater Anglers spent **\$5.8 billion nationwide on expenses related to their fishing trips, such as ice and bait.**

Another \$25.6 billion was spent on fishing equipment.

Florida saltwater anglers led the nation by spending **more than \$16 billion.**

According to the American Sports Fishing Association, Florida leads the nation in impact from recreational fishing. What's more, if you take **NE Florida's share of that,** (Georgia Border to St. Augustine, but not south of St. Augustine.) you come up with about **\$600 million in annual economic impact.**

That is \$600 Million to the local economy EACH AND EVERY YEAR!