



Report: Recreational fishing has \$4.6 billion impact on California economy

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ALEXANDRIA, Virginia — California's 2,795,253 anglers, who spent \$2.4 billion while fishing in California, support more than 35,000 jobs and have a \$4.6 billion impact on the state's economic output according to a news release from the American Sportfishing Association and Southwick Associates.

The information is from the 2017 update of Economic Contributions of Recreational Fishing: U.S. Congressional Districts along with a new series of one-page infographics, which depict recreational fishing's economic impact on all 435 Congressional districts and the 50 states, ASA said.

Nationwide, ASA said, America's 46 million anglers generate more than \$48 billion in retail sales with a \$115 billion impact on the nation's economy creating employment for more than 800,000 people.

The information in the report and infographics use data from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation conducted in conjunction with the U.S. Census Bureau.

The study used mapping and population software to hone in on smaller geographic areas in a way that is particularly relevant to members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The report noted recreational fishing is the foundation of an industry involving not just the manufacturing, sale or provision of tackle and other fishing gear, but also includes services such as boat builders, hotels, restaurants and much more.

“A top priority for members of Congress is the ability to identify jobs and economic opportunity in their districts,” said ASA Conservation Director Mike Leonard. “By identifying recreational fishing’s economic impact at the Congressional district level, we can clearly show members of Congress that recreational fishing in their district or state is a tremendous economic driver and job creator.”

“Given the new Administration’s and Congress’ focus on job creation, it’s critically important that we provide accurate, detailed information to decision-makers on the tremendous value that recreational fishing provides to the nation.”

The ASA is the sportfishing industry’s trade organization representing the interests of the sportfishing and boating industries as well as the entire sportfishing community.

The complete report is under Facts & Figures at [ASAfishing.org](http://www.asafishing.org).

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