

NOAA Fisheries is Coming to a Recreational Fishing Show Near You!

This winter, our Port Agents and other NOAA Fisheries staff will be available at recreational fishing and outdoors shows throughout our region. Please stop by our booths to ask questions and say hello!

Changes are happening in the recreational fishing industry. They include new electronic reporting requirements for the for-hire fleet as well as revised saltwater recreational fishing survey methods. Our staff can help you understand these changes and how they may or may not affect you.

At some shows, we will be joined by other NOAA staff from Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary and our Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Marine Recreational Information Program. Together, staff can answer many types of questions, including those about recreational fisheries science, regulation, catch estimation, protected areas, and ethical angling practices.

Our [Port Agents](#) are stationed throughout the region and often communicate one-on-one with members of the fishing industry and the fishing public. They are able to bring back comments to the Regional Headquarters and talk to appropriate staff to address your issues.

Please find our staff at the following trade shows:

- New England Fishing and Outdoor Expo, Boxborough, MA, January 26-28
- 65th Annual Mid-Atlantic Boat Show, Virginia Beach, VA, February 9-11
- New England Boat Show, Boston, MA, Feb 10-18
- New Jersey Boat Sale and Expo/Marine Trades Show, Edison, NJ, February 15-18
- New York Sportfishing Federation Forum & Auction, Freeport, NY February 17-18
- New England Saltwater Fishing Show, RI, March 9-11
- Saltwater Fishing Expo, Edison, NJ, March 16-18
- Massachusetts Striped Bass Association Sport Fishing Expo, Pembroke, MA, March 24-25

In addition to these shows, our staff will be attending a number of other fishing industry events throughout the region. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for updates.

If you have general questions, contact Greg Power, Stakeholder Engagement Division, at 978-281-9304 or email him at Greg.Power@noaa.gov