

POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION

Potomac River PRELIMINARY Commercial Finfish Landings for 2025

Species	2025		2024 Pounds	1964 through 2025			
	Pounds	Dockside Value		Min. (Year)	Max. (Year)	Avg. lbs	# yrs
Catfish - All*	2,636,930	\$1,766,539	3,175,987	6,252 ('75)	3,174,656 ('24)	628,545	62
Blue	2,634,901	\$1,765,384	3,174,656	21,884 ('05)	3,174,656 ('24)	1,252,370	23
Channel	1,783	\$1,052	403	337 ('23)	131,112 ('04)	51,549	23
Bullhead	198	\$69	860	63 ('23)	110,564 ('94)	37,708	41
White	48	\$34	68	48 ('25)	8,424 ('07)	2,624	23
Flathead	-	\$0	-	0 ('24)	762 ('19)	211	8
Striped Bass**	452,167	\$1,975,970	443,300	0 ('89)	1,547,821 ('74)	580,211	62
Gizzard Shad	29,391	\$7,348	39,677	0 ('86)	460,048 ('95)	86,591	62
Ribbonfish	-	\$0	30,369	0 ('25)	30,369 ('24)	8,970	4
Bluefish	4,820	\$12,098	19,116	4,820 ('25)	1,165,324 ('88)	165,016	62
Summer Flounder	3,886	\$13,135	13,068	1,245 ('19)	118,269 ('87)	36,613	62
American Eel	26,704	\$40,056	11,316	10,439 ('21)	654,184 ('79)	193,164	62
American Shad - All*	16,519	\$22,251	15,380	287 ('85)	466,293 ('64)	68,147	62
Roe Shad	1,686	\$1,686	7,155	139 ('85)	86,165 ('76)	8,240	50
Buck shad	1,779	\$854	1,291	101 ('10)	34,137 ('76)	2,439	50
White Perch	13,054	\$19,711	6,934	4,521 ('21)	317,919 ('69)	59,259	62
Butterfish	10,089	\$29,258	3,399	0 ('05)	31,898 ('17)	7,191	62
Spot	13,056	\$18,017	1,973	1,973 ('24)	1,002,831 ('67)	125,155	62
Spanish Mackerel	25	\$47	1,455	0 ('85)	46,972 ('00)	6,289	62
Spotted Sea Trout	740	\$2,220	1,074	0 ('16)	21,340 ('86)	1,544	49
Carp	55	\$33	443	39 ('09)	153,212 ('76)	10,924	62
Atlantic Croaker	109	\$262	227	0 ('69)	1,963,294 ('01)	317,836	62
Puffer (Sugar Toad)	-	\$0	213	0 ('25)	422,327 ('65)	18,053	62
Cobia	-	\$0	134	0 ('25)	2,375 ('19)	533	10
Black Drum	19	\$68	105	0 ('21)	28,175 ('69)	1,586	62
Red Drum	6	\$15	78	0 ('19)	3,808 ('91)	158	38
Yellow Perch	19	\$48	71	0 ('17)	6,794 ('18)	1,093	62
Northern Snakehead	197	\$503	39	13 ('18)	3,167 ('20)	560	11
Largemouth Bass	-	\$0	-	3 ('24)	3 ('24)	2	2
Grey Trout (Weakfish)	-	\$0	7	0 ('24)	706,134 ('80)	86,825	62
Garfish	-	\$0	-	0 ('24)	68 ('21)	11	9
Subtotal	3,194,732	\$3,887,867	3,764,364				
Menhaden	169,423	\$38,967	2,051,020	169,423 ('25)	20,820,945 ('83)	6,917,726	62
	(76.9 mt)		(313.9 mt)	(76.9 mt)	(9,444 mt)	(3,137.9 mt)	
Total	3,364,155	\$3,926,835	5,815,384				

* Values not counted twice

** Calculated by Compliance year not calendar year

Note: Dockside values calculated from VA landing and dealer reporting.

Note: American Shad reported by sex since 1976; Spotted Sea Trout reported since 1977; Bullhead since 1985; Red Drum since 1988; Catfish species reported separately since 2003; Northern Snakehead reported since 2015; Cobia since 2016; Garfish since 2017; and Flathead Catfish since 2018.