

Release of Revised MRIP Catch Estimates Pending

NOAA anticipates the release of revised catch estimates for the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts in early 2012. The estimates will be produced using a new, peer-reviewed MRIP catch estimation methodology, which will yield more accurate results by eliminating numerous sources of potential bias that could skew the survey results high or low. The revised estimates of catch will date back to 2004.

Until the revised estimates are released, NOAA will continue to produce wave estimates using the current MRFSS method. Preliminary catch estimates for Wave 4 of 2011 are now online. You can query these estimates at <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/recreational/queries/index.html>.