

NEW JERSEY SEAFOOD TOP TEN, BY EX VESSEL VALUE, 2000 - 2005

Seafood	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Dollars						
Scallops, Sea	24,108	29,975	33,340	43,494	67,365	88,476
Clams, Surf	31,371	29,327	29,185	27,432	22,284	20,029
Clams, Ocean Quahog	6,394	11,866	10,632	10,622	9,095	7,556
Crabs, Blue	4,925	4,098	6,174	4,238	5,274	6,103
Clams	6,757	5,636	6,403	5,228	7,409	5,538
Flounder, Summer	2,604	2,312	3,505	3,682	4,400	4,642
Monkfish	6,505	6,134	5,902	6,189	3,495	4,436
Mackerel, Atlantic	1,205	1,694	1,780	2,855	3,353	4,028
Longfin Squid	3,010	3,264	2,776	1,421	1,780	2,840
American Lobster	3,693	2,471	1,139	1,028	1,801	2,002

SOURCE: National Marine Fisheries Service

Explanation of Shifts in the New Jersey Seafood Top Ten

Local harvests of seafood reflect active management practices that result in shifts within the top ten harvest numbers. The New Jersey fishing industry has actively partnered with government agencies and/or academic institutions to help ensure the development of sustainable fisheries through the formulation of fishery management plans based on the “best available” scientific research. The sea scallop fishery is a prime example of these successes. As a result of better data, more effective management plans, and reduction of by-catch, the harvest has grown significantly. Similarly, a generation of better data allowed the monkfish fishery to remain open and viable. Changes in the squid harvest reflect a recent moratorium on the harvest of a locally harvested species. All of these efforts are designed to help ensure that our seafood resources are available for future generations.