

**NEW JERSEY SEAFOOD TOP TEN, BY EX VESSEL VALUE, 2001 - 2006**

Seafood	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>1,000 Dollars</b>						
Scallops, Sea	29,975	33,340	43,494	67,365	88,476	58,541
Clams, Surf	29,327	29,185	27,432	22,284	20,029	25,107
Mackerel, Atlantic	1,694	1,780	2,855	3,353	4,028	9,318
Clams, Ocean Quahog	11,866	10,632	10,622	9,095	7,556	5,931
Crabs, Blue	4,098	6,174	4,238	5,274	6,103	5,974
Clams	5,636	6,403	5,228	7,409	5,538	7,615
Flounder, Summer	2,312	3,505	3,682	4,400	4,642	5,091
Monkfish	6,134	5,902	6,189	3,495	4,436	4,501
Atlantic Herring	32	60	145	6	295	2,905
American Lobster	2,471	1,139	1,028	1,801	2,002	2,522

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.