

**NEW JERSEY SEAFOOD TOP TEN, BY WEIGHT CAUGHT, 1997 - 2002**

| Seafood             | 1997       | 1998       | 1999       | 2000       | 2001       | 2002       |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>pounds</b>       |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Clams, Surf         | 45,603,401 | 44,751,327 | 49,299,900 | 58,047,629 | 52,872,341 | 53,614,421 |
| Menhaden            | 39,118,579 | 33,287,641 | 31,036,717 | 31,266,780 | 26,375,573 | 24,725,015 |
| Mackerel            | 9,562,926  | 18,233,027 | 20,034,784 | 9,645,344  | 25,224,193 | 20,486,409 |
| Clams, Ocean Quahog | 18,285,640 | 15,746,800 | 16,814,590 | 14,810,080 | 21,027,780 | 20,358,290 |
| Scallops, Sea       | 1,933,079  | 1,588,411  | 2,748,618  | 4,948,862  | 8,217,333  | 8,645,130  |
| Crabs, Blue         | 4,290,678  | 5,345,074  | 5,251,058  | 4,863,858  | 4,430,330  | 5,999,612  |
| Monkfish            | 6,383,006  | 8,141,217  | 6,358,167  | 4,414,210  | 5,855,391  | 5,703,080  |
| Squid               | 24,861,904 | 40,395,145 | 13,189,749 | 14,345,886 | 7,935,547  | 4,613,738  |
| Summer flounder     | 1,319,895  | 1,916,964  | 1,916,964  | 1,848,119  | 1,745,488  | 2,407,081  |
| Atlantic croaker    | 1,994,446  | 2,071,046  | 2,071,046  | 2,130,465  | 1,389,837  | 1,828,615  |

SOURCE: National Marine Fisheries Service

**NEW JERSEY SEAFOOD TOP TEN, BY EX VESSEL VALUE, 1997 - 2002**

| Seafood             | 1997       | 1998       | 1999       | 2000       | 2001       | 2002       |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>dollars</b>      |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Scallops, Sea       | 12,431,184 | 9,815,527  | 14,533,617 | 24,107,816 | 29,974,809 | 33,339,750 |
| Clams, Surf         | 27,168,453 | 23,060,750 | 25,371,922 | 31,371,354 | 29,326,676 | 29,184,923 |
| Clams, Ocean Quahog | 7,613,216  | 6,694,408  | 7,163,664  | 6,394,288  | 11,865,975 | 10,631,701 |
| Clams               | 6,701,036  | 8,172,300  | 7,363,453  | 6,757,227  | 5,636,397  | 6,402,616  |
| Crabs, Blue         | 2,874,543  | 5,278,814  | 4,211,931  | 4,924,705  | 4,098,293  | 6,173,797  |
| Monkfish            | 4,108,367  | 4,359,892  | 7,782,258  | 6,505,343  | 6,134,956  | 5,901,839  |
| Summer flounder     | 2,051,861  | 5,808,704  | 3,037,572  | 2,604,285  | 2,312,504  | 3,504,599  |
| Squid               | 9,153,502  | 12,392,134 | 6,495,121  | 4,525,565  | 3,469,019  | 2,776,219  |
| Eastern oysters     | 2,262,315  | 2,686,411  | 1,571,711  | 966,531    | 1,918,117  | 1,852,523  |
| Atlantic mackerel   | 1,664,698  | 2,202,620  | 2,207,412  | 1,205,301  | 1,694,996  | 1,779,596  |

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 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, 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.