NC Seafood: Opportunities and Challenges

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National Seafood Consumption Rankings, 2016





- 1. Shrimp
- 2. Salmon
- 3. Canned Tuna ca
- 4. Tilapia
- 5. Pollock
- 6. Pangasius
- 7. Cod
- 8. Crab
- 9. Catfish
- 10. Clams

5 of top 10

can be

sourced

from NC

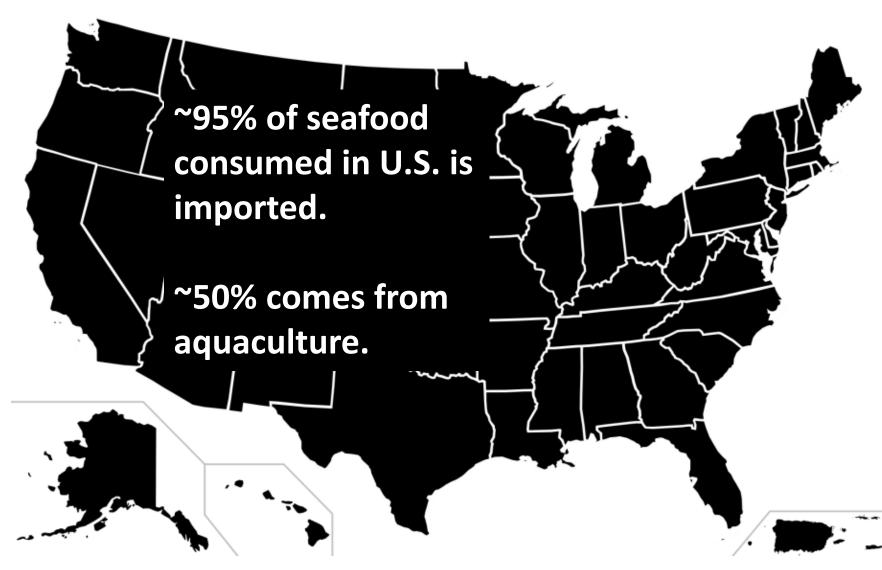


14.9 Lbs. processed (E.g., fillets) seafood per person (total)

Source: https://www.aboutseafood.com/about/about-seafood/top-10-consumed-seafoods







Source: Fisheries of the United States, 2016 edition. NOAA Fishwatch, 2018.





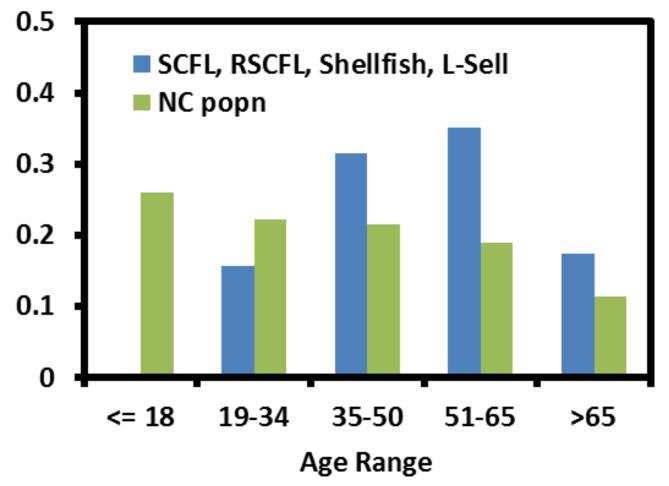
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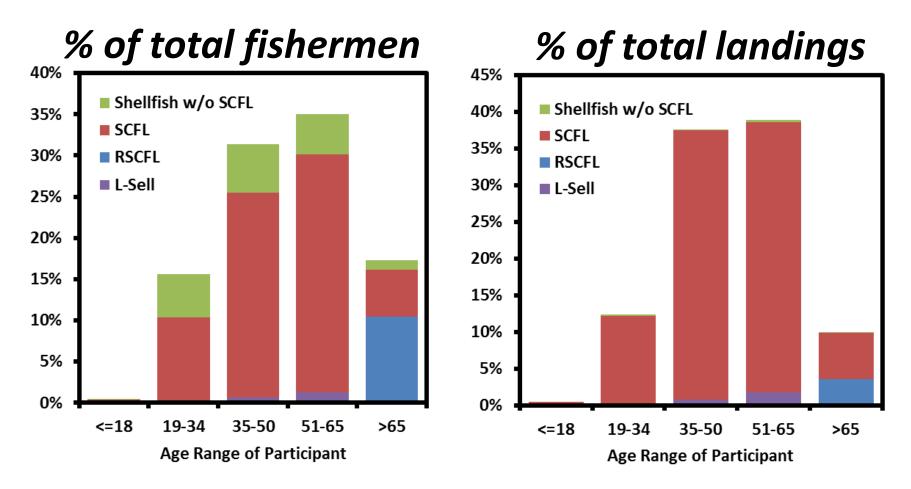


Source: Data request from NCDMF, 2016 data. www.suburbanstats.org/population/how-many-people-live-in-north-carolina





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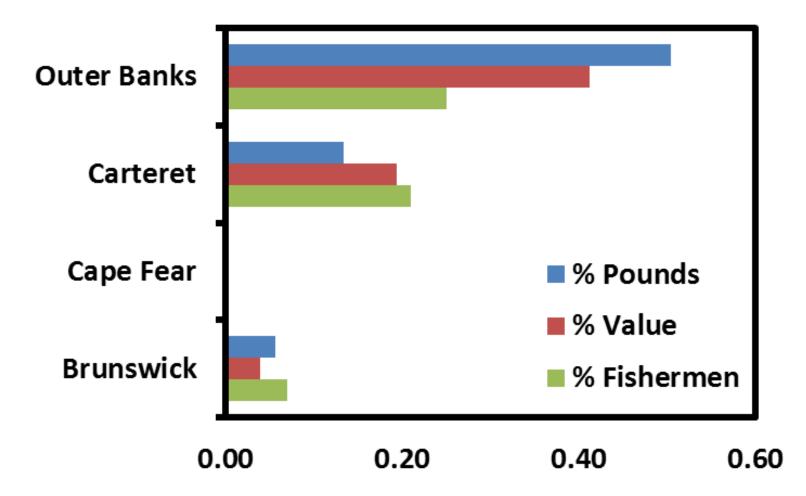
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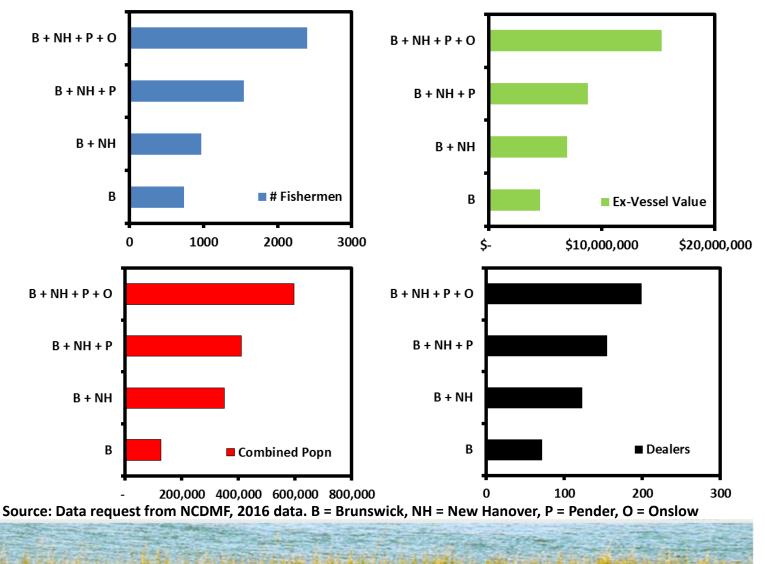
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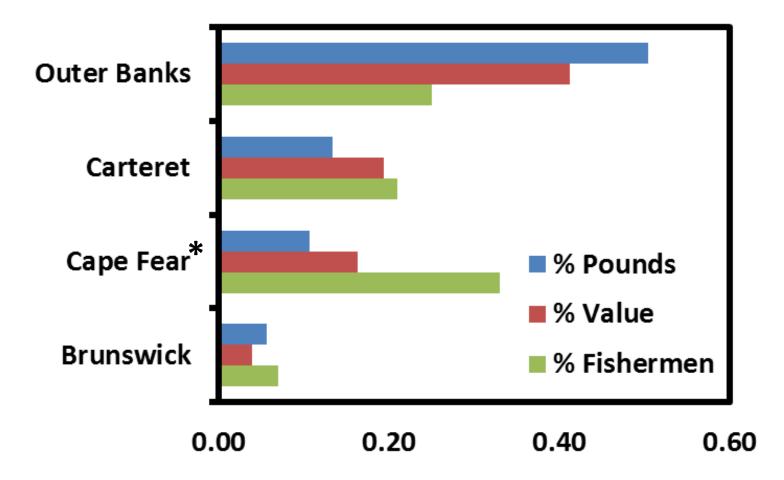


If Brunswick Catch Footprint Expanded...





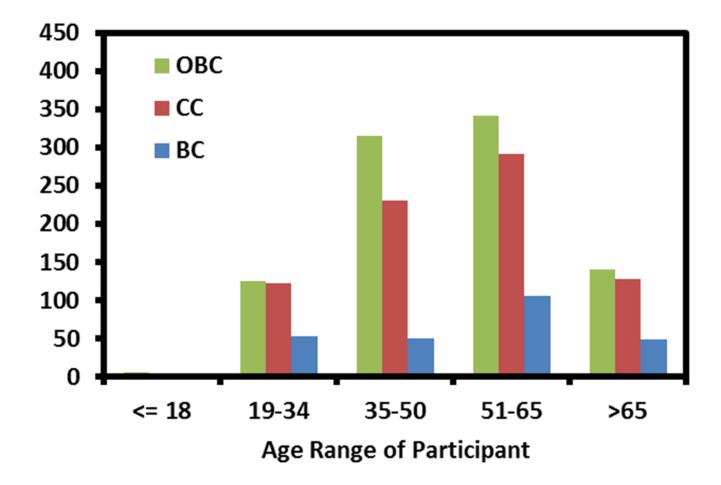
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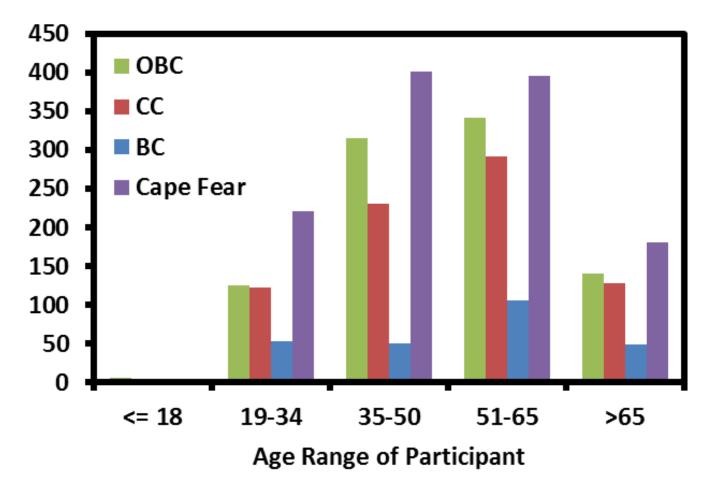
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