

HOOKED ON CLEAN WATER

INVESTING IN CLEAN WATER
KEEPS MARYLAND'S ECONOMY
AND FISHERIES HEALTHY

A healthy fish population depends on clean water. Local planning decisions that prioritize sustainable development and land conservation are vital for a stable fish habitat, which provide economic and environmental benefits to the community. These decisions help decrease flooding, control erosion and reduce pollution flowing into local waterways. Access to clean water and healthy fisheries encourage people to contribute to the economy by purchasing fishing licenses, visiting local businesses and increasing tourism to the area.



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\$46 MILLION
STATE AND LOCAL
TAX REVENUE

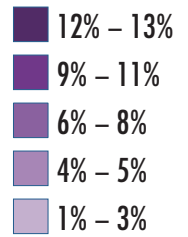


\$491 MILLION
SPENT ON FISHING
ANNUALLY



5,085
JOBS SUPPORTED
BY FISHERIES

PERCENTAGE OF COUNTY
POPULATION LICENSED
FOR RECREATIONAL OR
COMMERCIAL FISHING



Source: 2018 Maryland
Department of Natural
Resources fishing license sales
and population estimates from
U.S. Census Bureau

Estimates based on data from the American Sportfishing Association