



\$72 MILLION
STATE AND LOCAL
TAX REVENUE



\$998 MILLION
SPENT ON FISHING
ANNUALLY



9,785
JOBS SUPPORTED
BY FISHERIES

Estimates based on data from the American Sportfishing Association

HOOKED ON CLEAN WATER

INVESTING IN CLEAN WATER KEEPS VIRGINIA'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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PERCENTAGE OF COUNTY POPULATION LICENSED FOR RECREATIONAL FISHING

- 9% – 13%
- 7% – 9%
- 5% – 7%
- 3% – 5%
- 1% – 3%

Source: 2018 VA Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries fishing license sales and population estimates from U.S. Census Bureau

