



# Fish Dealer Report

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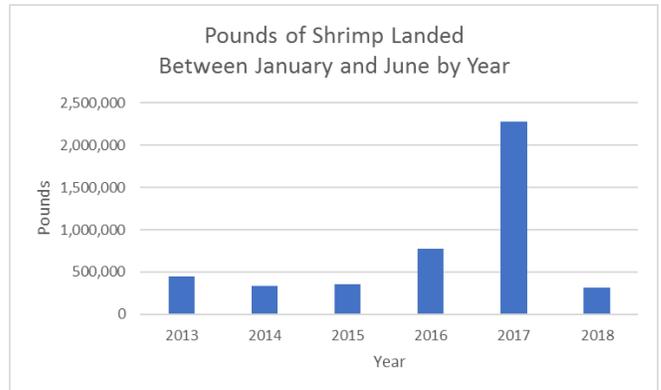
## 2018 COMMERCIAL LANDINGS REVIEW

According to the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Trip Ticket Program, North Carolina fishermen landed 17.3 million pounds of seafood from January through June 2018. These landings represent a 23.2 percent decline in total landings over the same period in 2017, and a 24.7 percent decline from the previous five-year average.

The top five species landed were hard Blue Crab (5.8 million pounds), Atlantic Croaker (1.6 million pounds), Summer Flounder (1.4 million pounds), Spiny Dogfish (755,937 pounds), and catfishes (722,552 pounds).

Shrimp landings fell 86 percent from the same period last year and 62 percent from the previous five-year average. Shrimp landings for the period of January through June has been increasing in recent years with notable increases in 2016 with a total of 770,523 pounds and 2017 totaling 2.3 million pounds. Landings of shrimp from January to June dropped in 2018 to 318,051 pounds.

Catfish landings saw a dramatic increase in the past five years. Landings of catfishes from January to June increased 2 percent over the same period in 2017 and increased 54 percent from the previous five-year average.



## REPORT FISH AND CRAB KILLS

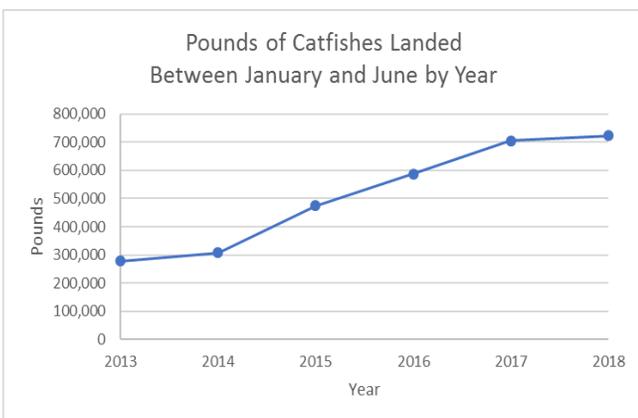
Fishermen and seafood dealers are often the first to observe an abundance of dead or dying fish and crabs in one area. Such fish kill events may be due to weather or human induced causes which stress organisms or degrade water quality. Water quality conditions that can contribute to fish kills include low dissolved oxygen, rapid salinity change, or elevated levels of pollutants such as pesticides in the water. Rapid reporting of observed fish/crab kills helps state agencies determine the cause of the event and how it can be prevented in the future. Calls may be anonymous.

To report fish or crab kills, one can fill out a simple online form provided by the NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Alternatively, call the nearest DEQ regional office, or on evenings and weekends, call the Environmental Emergency hotline.

**DEQ Washington Regional Office:**  
252-946-6481; 800-338-7804

**DEQ Wilmington Regional Office:**  
910-796-7215; 800-248-4536

**Environmental Emergency hotline (after work hours): 800-858-0368**



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## TRIP TICKET REMINDERS

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The Trip Ticket Program would like to remind dealers that they are required to check licenses and vessel numbers prior to making a purchase from a fisherman. The most common errors found on trip tickets are incorrect or invalid fishing license and vessel numbers. This often happens to electronic dealers after license sales season, as they save a fisherman's license number into the reporting software and forget to check the fisherman's license for any changes. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Also, the Trip Ticket Program recently implemented a new field called Disposition. This field was asked to be included on trip ticket forms by the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission and it is used to record the amount of landings that might be retained or not sold to dealers. Staff would like to remind dealers to take advantage of that field when necessary.

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## STAFF CHANGES

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Long time Trip Ticket Program employee Grace Kemp retired August 31<sup>st</sup>. Grace was a point of contact for our electronic dealers for many years, and while we work to replace her, any questions you have regarding electronic reporting can be submitted to Alan Bianchi by email at [Alan.Bianchi@ncdenr.gov](mailto:Alan.Bianchi@ncdenr.gov) or by phone at 252-808-8092. Also, our commercial port agent in the Wilmington area has moved on. While we work to replace the port agent, dealers seeking information can reach our other port agents based on their county of operation below. Interviews have been completed for both positions, and we hope to have them filled in November.

**Brunswick County Dealers:**

Jon Anglemyer: 252-948-3881

**Pender County Dealers:**

Chris Kelly: 252-264-3911

**New Hanover County Dealers:**

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Chuck Davis: 252-808-8029

**All other counties:**

Marty Brill: 252-473-2158

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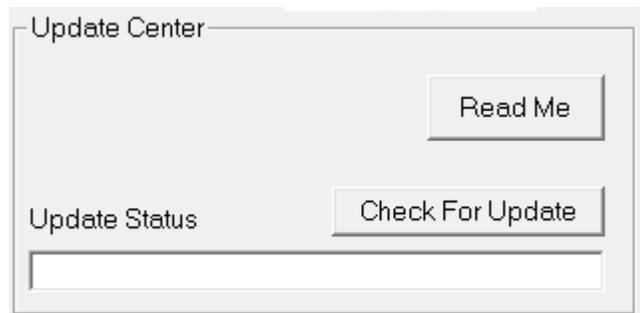
## TRIP TICKET CODES

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In response to changing fisheries practices, the Trip Ticket Program has created a new gear code to capture oyster products farmed in cages. Code 395 - "Oyster Cage/Rack/Bag".



Update your electronic reporting software to the latest version (Version 7.0.6) to make use of this new code. You can update your software by clicking on the "Check for Update" button in the update center.



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## HURRICANE DAMAGE

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The Trip Ticket Program would like to extend a thank you to dealers who reported financial impacts from Hurricane Florence to the Division of

Marine Fisheries. We received preliminary accounts of damages and losses from 68 dealers. Dealers reported everything from no damages to complete destruction of their fish houses, docks, inventory, and vessels. The maximum reported to date was a \$600,000 loss. A majority of the damage reported to the division came from the coastal areas from Carteret, Craven, Onslow, Pender, New Hanover, and Brunswick counties.

## TECH TIPS

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With a little know-how, Trip tickets can be entered in a matter of seconds. The more you customize the program to your needs and the more you use the keyboard, the faster your ticket creation will be. Here are some examples:

### Tab and Type

Push the mouse aside. Use the Tab key to take you from field to field. Located at the top of several drop-down lists is a blank space for the search and type-ahead feature. Use the Enter key rather than clicking on a button. If a button that you need to click becomes highlighted with a dotted box just inside the button box (because you tabbed to it), hit the Enter key. Hitting Enter when the button is highlighted is the same as clicking on the button with the mouse.

### Defaults

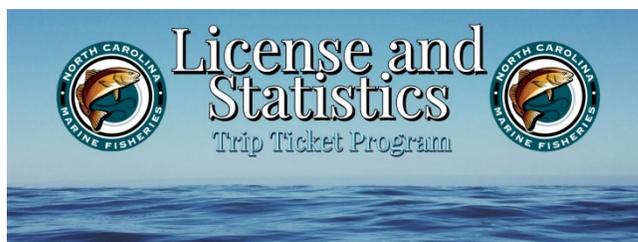
Setup default values on the fisherman/vessels and species screens. These default values will fill in automatically in the ticket screen. If the default value is correct, then pass over it. If the default value is not appropriate, then change it on the ticket screen.

## MOREHEAD CITY HQ OFFICE REMODEL

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The North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Morehead City Headquarters Office has recently gone through some remodeling to improve and upgrade security. The receptionist desk has been moved to the right of the front door in the lobby and the sitting area in the lobby has been

expanded. Security access locks have been added to the hallways to prevent unauthorized access to staff offices. We are also implementing a new customer management system to allow for better coordination of license sales in the Morehead City Headquarter Office. Implementation of the customer management software will happen before the end of the year.



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