

The Economic Strength of Recreational Fishing



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It All Starts With Anglers. How Many Are There?

- **33 million U.S. anglers**
- **Fishing is as popular as golf and tennis combined!**



How Much Do Anglers Spend?

In 2006, U.S. anglers spent \$45.3 billion in sales:

- **If fishing was a corporation, it would rank #47 in the Fortune 500**
- **Sportfishing sales exceed the revenues of Microsoft and Times Warner**

Anglers Support One Heck of an Economy

- Over 1 million jobs: three times more than employed by UPS
- Anglers' \$16 billion in federal tax revenues could fund the U.S. EPA



Oregon

- Anglers spent \$783 million in 2008:
 - ✓ 13,860 jobs = one-third of Corvallis region's jobs
 - ✓ \$90 million in state taxes = would buy over 138,000 fully loaded laptops for schools
 - ✓ \$1.25 billion in total economic activity = greater than the economy of the Virgin Islands

Washington

- \$905 million spent by anglers in 2006:
 - ✓ 12,850 jobs = Enough to employ 1/3 of Wenatchee
 - ✓ \$78 million in state taxes = 120,000 laptops
 - ✓ \$1.45 billion in total economic activity = greater than the economies of St. Lucia or Granada.

Salmon is Significant!

The percent of all trips that target salmon:

- OR = 31% of all trips
- WA = 29% of all trips

Estimated Contributions:

OR = 4,297 jobs, \$28 million in state & local tax revenues

WA = 3,727 jobs, \$23 million in state & local tax revenues

SAFE for Salmon Will Grow These Impacts

Just looking at Spring chinook's impacts:

- Average annual Spring chinook trips, 2009 to 2012 = 146,200
- SAFE would increase trips by 32.8% (47,950 more trips)



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SAFE's economic boost =

- \$6.0 million more spending
- 93 more jobs
- \$2.5 million in new income
- \$248,000 in new state & local taxes

Conclusion

- Recreational fishing is much more than play time, it's a serious jobs machine
- Nearly 1/3 of fishing activity in OR and WA targets salmon.
- SAFE will create more jobs, more benefits without offsetting commercial jobs.

