

# Connecticut sportsmen

297,000 hunters & anglers spending \$928,000 a day



TOTAL SPENDING \$339 million

Casting benefits throughout the economy.

- Annual spending by Connecticut sportsmen is nine times the value of the state's commercial seafood landings (\$339 million vs. \$37 million).
- Sportsmen support more jobs in Connecticut than the Hartford Financial Group (5,500 jobs vs. 5,000).
- Annual spending by Connecticut sportsmen is more than the cash receipts from greenhouse/nursery, dairy products and egg production, the top three commodities in the state (\$339 million vs. \$334 million).
- Connecticut sportsmen outnumber the populations of Bridgeport and Hartford, the state's two largest cities (297,000 vs. 264,000).

Lots of bang. Even more bucks.

Jobs	5,500
Salaries and wages	\$191 million
Federal Taxes	\$52 million
State and Local Taxes	\$36 million
Ripple Effect	\$554 million



CSF and NASC are the most respected and trusted hunting and fishing organizations in the political arena. With support from every major hunting and fishing organization, we are the leader in promoting sportsmen's issues with elected officials. CSF works directly with the bi-partisan Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus in the U.S. Congress; NASC works with affiliated state sportsmen's caucuses in state legislatures around the country.

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If the \$76 billion that sportsmen spend on hunting and fishing were the Gross Domestic Product of a country, sportsmen as a nation would rank 57 out of 181 countries.

PARTICIPATION	SPENDING	JOBS	SALARIES/WAGES	FEDERAL STATE & LOCAL TAXES
Sportsmen 34 million	\$76 billion	1.6 million	\$60 billion	\$25.6 billion
Anglers 30 million	\$42 billion	1 million	\$38 million	\$16.4 billion
Hunters 12.5 million	\$23 billion	600,000	\$21 billion	\$9.2 billion

Every single state makes a contribution through revenue, taxes, and jobs. Here are the facts on Connecticut's anglers and hunters.

PARTICIPATION			RANK		SPENDING			RANK	
Resident sportsmen	297,000	# 35	Sportsmen	\$339 million	# 44				
Resident anglers	251,000	# 35	Fishing	\$269 million	# 42				
Resident hunters	36,000	# 47	Hunting	\$70 million	# 47				
Out of state hunters	***	# ***	<b>JOBS</b>						
Out of state anglers	51,000	# 44	Sportsmen	5,500	# 43				
Days afield	500,000	# 47	Fishing	4,300	# 39				
Days on the water	5.4 million	# 32	Hunting	1,150	# 47				



The majority of all sportsmen consider themselves "likely voters" and 8 in 10 say that a candidate's position on sportsmen's issues is important in determining for whom they will vote.

If all hunters and anglers living in Connecticut voted in the 2004 presidential election, they would have equaled 20% of the entire vote.

1 out of 10 residents hunt or fish.

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\*A respondent who is both a hunter and an angler is counted in each category, but only once for total participation numbers.

\*\*Money spent on an item for both hunting and fishing is only counted for in the total spending category.

\*\*\*Sample size too small to be reliable.

Statistics come from the U.S.F.W.S. 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, Southwick and Associates, American Sportfishing Association, and Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. For further information, contact CSF at 202-543-6850.