

# Recreational Fishing

Recreational anglers provide a significant boost to the U.S. economy: America's 46 million recreational anglers make a combined economic contribution of:

**\$115 billion** annually,

**\$48 billion** spent

**828,000** American jobs

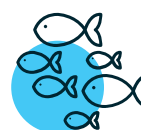
## Recreational boaters and anglers are America's leading conservationists.



Fishing license fees pay for the **management and restoration** of fish habitats.



Fishing equipment manufacturers produce fishing tackle and **best practices** that reduce fish mortality.



Building and **conserving healthy fish stocks** is in the best interest of all Americans, especially our nation's anglers.

## ACTIONS FOR LEADERS TO TAKE

- 1 Co-Sponsor H.R. 2023—the “Modern Fish Act”—legislation that increases fishing access and conservation, modernizes fisheries management, and improves data collection.
- 2 Urge the Senate to introduce similar legislation to H.R. 2023 that addresses the needs of America's 11 million recreational saltwater anglers.
- 3 Modernize state recruitment, retention and reactivation (R3) efforts to attract a new generation of anglers.
- 4 Protect traditional fishing tackle by prohibiting the EPA from enacting unwarranted bans on lead tackle.
- 5 Promote fish habitat conservation by strengthening the National Fish Habitat Partnership.