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**Representing Over 7,500 Recreational Anglers**



**NOAA FISHERIES**

**Marine Recreational Information Program**

## NOAA Fisheries Explores Electronic Reporting as Supplemental Source of Recreational Data

Last month, NOAA Fisheries submitted a report to Congress describing the Marine Recreational Information Program's (MRIP) efforts to explore the suitability of electronic reporting as a method of collecting data from saltwater anglers.

Electronic reporting is a method of data collection that can include smartphones, tablets, and other technologies




used to record, send, and store data.

In some cases, electronic reporting allows samplers to use tablets instead of paper and pencil to record and submit data collected in the field.

In others, electronic reporting allows anglers to record and submit data through a website or mobile device.


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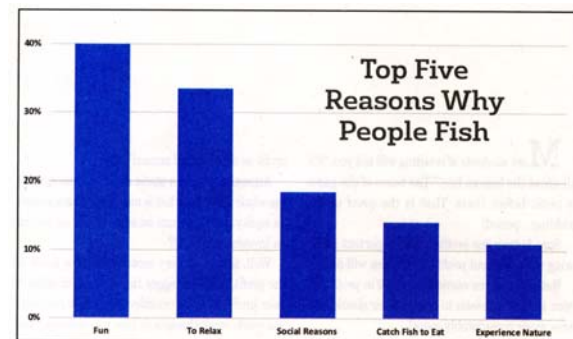
**Member Peter Vican**  
with 8.9 lb fluke that he caught off the south side of Block Island on June 18.

**Recreational fishing is worth \$412 MILLION to the Rhode Island economy and over 4,000 jobs!**

## Why Do People Fish?

by Rob Southwick 

Let's talk about why people fish. I'm certain no one ever went fishing just because he was a 50-year old white guy. Likewise, no female angler has ever bought a fishing license because she was a woman. However, the sport fishing industry and state agencies market to anglers based on what they look like. **(to page 34)**



Reason	Percentage
Fun	~40%
To Relax	~35%
Social Reasons	~18%
Catch Fish to Eat	~15%
Experience Nature	~12%