

Recreational Fishing

Number of recreational angling and crabbing license sales[†]



What Is This Indicator?

Recreational fishing license sales are being tracked as an indicator of Puget Sound's overall health and the prosperity and quality of life for the people in the region. This indicator was adopted without setting specific 2020 targets because annual goals are set through separate regulatory processes.

Staff are considering including this parameter in the Quality of Life Index that is under development.

[†] This report is adapted from the *2012 State of the Sound*.

Recreational Fishing and Crabbing Licenses for the Puget Sound
 1999-2000 Season through 2009-2010 Season

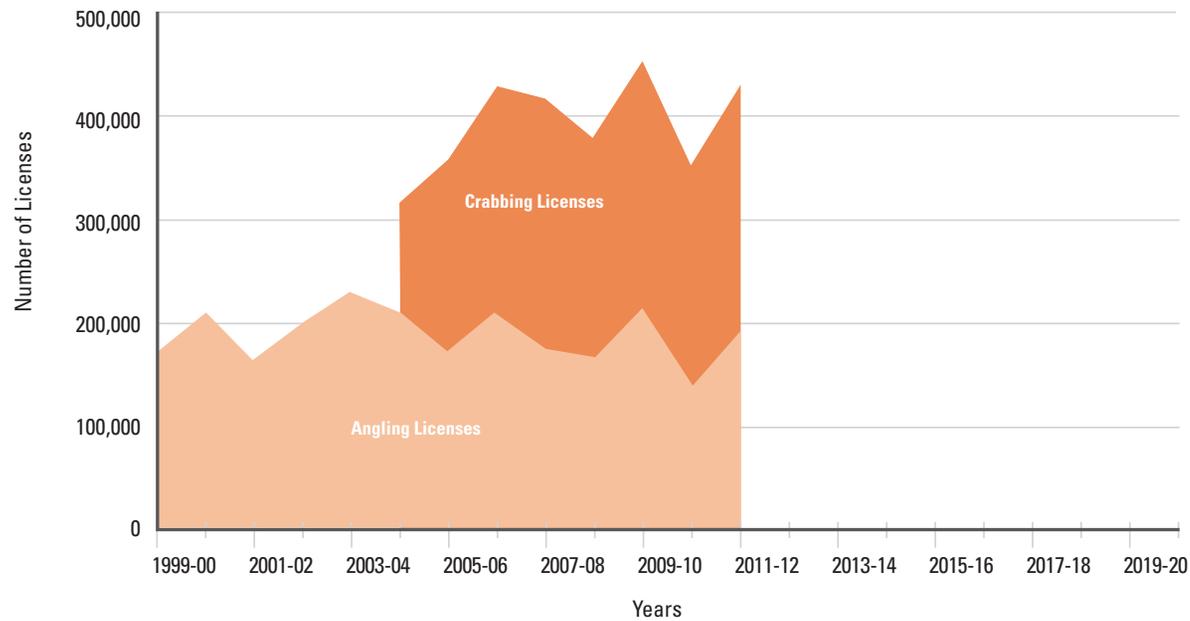


Figure 3.7. Fishing licenses: Number of saltwater or combination license holders that fished or intended to fish in Puget Sound, as estimated by the Dedicated Funds telephone survey conducted after the end of the license year. License years run April 1 through March 31.

Crabbing licenses: Number of shellfish-only license holders that purchased a Puget Sound Crab endorsement. Available since 2004-05, when the Washington State Legislature created the Puget Sound Dungeness crab endorsement, which allows data to be collected.

Source: Catch Record Card Data, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington Interactive License Database (WILD) Dedicated Fund Telephone Survey

For more in-depth information, please see:

www.psp.wa.gov/vitalsigns/recreational_fishing_permit_sales.php