

## Reviewing the Social and Economic Benefits of Marine Recreational Fisheries

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While fishery resources are discussed traditionally from a biological perspective, adequate funding support for marine fisheries management depends to a much greater extent on an understanding of the social and economic benefits involved. Decision makers don't understand the biology involved, but do understand the politics of fisheries management. They can be responsive to social and economic arguments regarding recreational fisheries. Thus, it is all about understanding and communicating the benefits of marine recreational fisheries to individuals, communities, and society.