

# HOOKED ON CLEAN WATER

## INVESTING IN CLEAN WATER KEEPS MARYLAND'S ECONOMY AND FISHERIES HEALTHY

A healthy fish population depends on clean water. Local planning decisions that prioritize sustainable development and land conservation are vital for a stable fish habitat, which provide economic and environmental benefits to the community. These decisions help decrease flooding, control erosion and reduce pollution flowing into local waterways. Access to clean water and healthy fisheries encourage people to contribute to the economy by purchasing fishing licenses, visiting local businesses and increasing tourism to the area.



**\$46 MILLION**  
STATE AND LOCAL  
TAX REVENUE

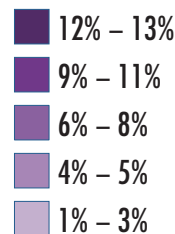


**\$491 MILLION**  
SPENT ON FISHING  
ANNUALLY



**5,085**  
JOBS SUPPORTED  
BY FISHERIES

PERCENTAGE OF COUNTY  
POPULATION LICENSED  
FOR RECREATIONAL OR  
COMMERCIAL FISHING



Source: 2018 Maryland  
Department of Natural  
Resources fishing license sales  
and population estimates from  
U.S. Census Bureau



**Chesapeake Bay Program**  
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Estimates based on data from the American Sportfishing Association