

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:

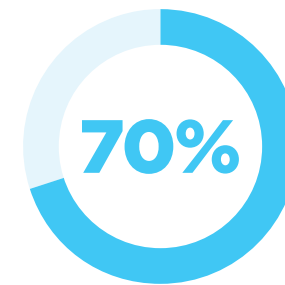
\$115 billion annually,

\$48 billion spent

828,000 American jobs

PASS THE Modern Fish Act

More
than
70%



**of all boat outings
involved fishing.**

ACTIONS FOR LEADERS TO TAKE

- 1 Pass H.R. 200 and S.1520: "The Modern Fish Act."
- 2 Modernize state recruitment, retention and reactivation (R3) efforts to attract a new generation of anglers.

The Modern Fish Act (H.R. 200 and S.1520) is bicameral and bipartisan legislation that for the first time recognizes the unique and growing needs of recreational angling.

- ▶ Allows recreational fisheries to be managed using more appropriate management tools.
- ▶ Modifies the annual catch limit requirement to allow for more adaptive approaches.
- ▶ Requires managers in the southeastern U.S. to perform long-overdue examinations of fishery allocations, based on modern criteria.
- ▶ Limits the spread of catch-share programs that have negatively impacted anglers and fishing communities.
- ▶ Promotes consideration of new data collection methods that could improve fisheries management and conservation.
- ▶ Ensures exempted fishing permits help fisheries management and conservation—rather than the status quo which can hinder both.