



# South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

## Marine Resources Division FY 2017

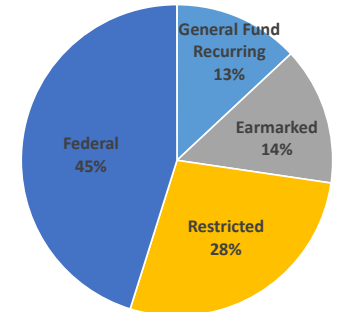
**Purpose: To sustain the state's living marine resources for the cultural, recreational, commercial and economic benefit of the state's citizens and visitors.**

- SCDNR issued 230,497 recreational saltwater licenses plus >200,000 active gratis/senior lifetime licenses.
- Commercial fishermen took 29,255 trips worth \$25.5 million.
- Licensed fishing piers hosted 214,600 anglers.
- Area of ocean bottom managed totaled 869 sq. miles, while estuarine bottom managed totaled 344 sq. miles.
- Staff interviewed 4,896 saltwater anglers for the marine recreational information program.
- Staff issued 1,511 commercial saltwater permits.
- Eleven artificial reef sites grew through the addition of 95,000 cubic feet of habitat, bringing the total to 40 sq. miles of reef sites.
- Staff managed 153,098 acres of public shellfish harvesting grounds.
- Partners and staff recaptured and recycled more than 29,000 bushels (~750 tons) of oyster shell.
- Staff planted 23,526 bushels of oyster shell to rebuild reefs.
- Staff spent 281 days at sea aboard large research vessels.

- Staff published more than 100 technical reports and 25 research papers.
- More than 568 tagged fish and sea turtles of 26 species were detected by SCDNR acoustic receivers.
- Inshore biologists conducted 945 trammel net sets, 301 electrofish sets, 82 trawls, and 286 longline sets, tagged 3,854 fish and processed 10,962 fish in the laboratory.
- Geneticists processed 8,163 tissue samples from 13 species.
- Offshore biologists deployed 1,930 trawls, chevron traps and longlines between NC and FL and caught 944,320 fish, crustaceans, sea turtles, squid and jellyfish from more than 300 species.
- More than 1,300 volunteers gave 16,000 hours and drove 91,000 miles in support of SCDNR's sea turtle program.
- Recreational anglers tagged and released 5,491 saltwater gamefish and reported the recovery of 860 tagged fish.
- Stocked 2,042,690 marine gamefish in coastal waters.



Expenses	Amount
General Fund Recurring	\$2,302,416
Earmarked	\$2,525,355
Restricted	\$4,863,117
<b>Federal</b>	<b>\$7,971,431</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,662,319</b>



Employees	Count
FTEs	98
Temporary Grant/Time Limited	70
Hourly	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>

