

Outdoor Recreation Energizes Florida's Economy

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Florida's natural areas are an example of ecosystems that provide benefits to people. Every year, natural areas around the state draw millions of residents and visitors for fishing, boating, beach activities, swimming, snorkeling, and other experiences.

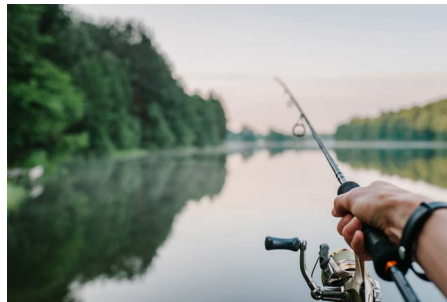
In 2017, outdoor recreation in Florida's natural areas generated

- **\$145 billion** in total economic impact
- **\$10 billion** in tax revenues
- **1.2 million** jobs supported

Saltwater Recreational Fishing



Freshwater Recreational Fishing



Recreational Boating



In 2017,

- **4.1 million** anglers spent \$6.6 billion while fishing in Florida
- **\$11.5 billion** in total economic impact
- **106,296** jobs supported

In 2011,

- **1.2 million** anglers spent \$1 billion while fishing in Florida
- **\$1.7 billion** in total economic impact
- **14,040** jobs supported

In 2018,

- **925,141** registered boats in Florida
- **\$23.3 billion** in total economic impact
- **92,211** jobs supported
- **6,091** businesses supported
- **\$3.2 billion** annual retail sales of new boats, engines and marine accessories

Protecting and restoring Florida's water resources can translate into economic opportunity for local communities.