

PIA Request #100824 - Reported information to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for Chesapeake Bay (not Atlantic or Coastal Bays).

Request #1: In 2024 (preliminary, as of 10/15/2024), there are 485 charter boats listed as active in Maryland's Chesapeake Bay for-hire fishery.

Request #2: In 2024 (preliminary, as of 9/20/2024), there have been 302 six pack decals sold and 111 seven plus charter decals purchased.

Year	Electronic Harvest Reporting with FACTS Charter Pilot Program Data - Chesapeake Bay & Tributaries (as of 10/15/2024)				Commercial Finfish Data (as of 10/13/2024)
	# of Vessels	# of Striped Bass - Kept (Whole/Filleted/Bait)	# of Striped Bass - Released	# of Trips Reported	# Pounds of Commercial Striped Bass Caught
2022	352	100,997	21,139	11,362	1,363,671
2023	380	92,880	32,373	10,781	1,361,807 (preliminary, undergoing QAQC)
2024	392 (preliminary, as of 9/20/2024)	26595 (preliminary, as of 9/20/2024, season ends 12/31/2024)	12,988 (preliminary, as of 9/20/2024, season ends 12/31/2024)	5,412 (preliminary, as of 9/20/2024, season ends 12/31/2024)	859,446 (preliminary, as of 10/13/24, season ends 12/31/2024)

(See table, above, for requests #3-7 for 2022-2024)

Request #3: The number of for-hire vessels listed as participating in the FACTS Charter Pilot Program (daily electronic reporting system)

Request #4: The number of striped bass fish reported as "Kept" (harvested) by licensed Chesapeake Bay captains participating in the FACTS Charter Pilot Program (daily electronic reporting system)

Request #5: The number of striped bass fish reported as "Released" by licensed Chesapeake Bay captains participating in the FACTS Charter Pilot Program (daily electronic reporting system)

Request #6: The number of fishing trips reported by licensed Chesapeake Bay captains participating in the FACTS Charter Pilot Program (daily electronic reporting system)

Request #7: The number of pounds of striped bass harvested in the Chesapeake Bay by commercially licensed finfish harvesters as reported to Maryland Department of Natural Resources by Check Stations