

WHERE DOES OUR SEAFOOD COME IN?

1. Dare
2. Carteret
3. Tyrrel
4. Hyde
5. New Hanover

Commercial fishers harvest (land) seafood in all coastal counties. On average, about 1/3 of wild-caught seafood is caught in the Atlantic Ocean.

*based on landings in coastal counties

65%

North

Regional landings breakdown

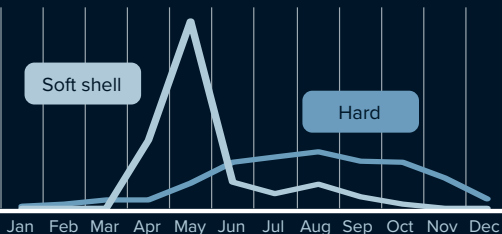
>50%

of landed seafood in NC is either blue crab or shrimp

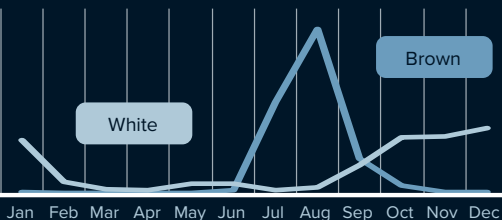
SHELLFISH LANDINGS



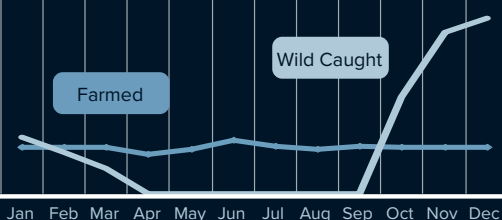
Blue Crab



Shrimp



Oysters

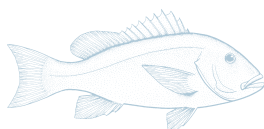


SEAFOOD HOTSPOT

Due to its large estuarine systems and proximity to major ocean currents, North Carolina is home to an incredible array of fish and shellfish species. Seafood availability is driven by both access, economics and regulations.

5,800
JOBS

roughly created through local seafood in the state



A COMPLEX FISHERY

More than 50 species are managed together under the Snapper-Grouper fishery to support healthy reefs and sustainable seafood choices. On menus, "snapper" or "grouper" may refer to any one of these species.



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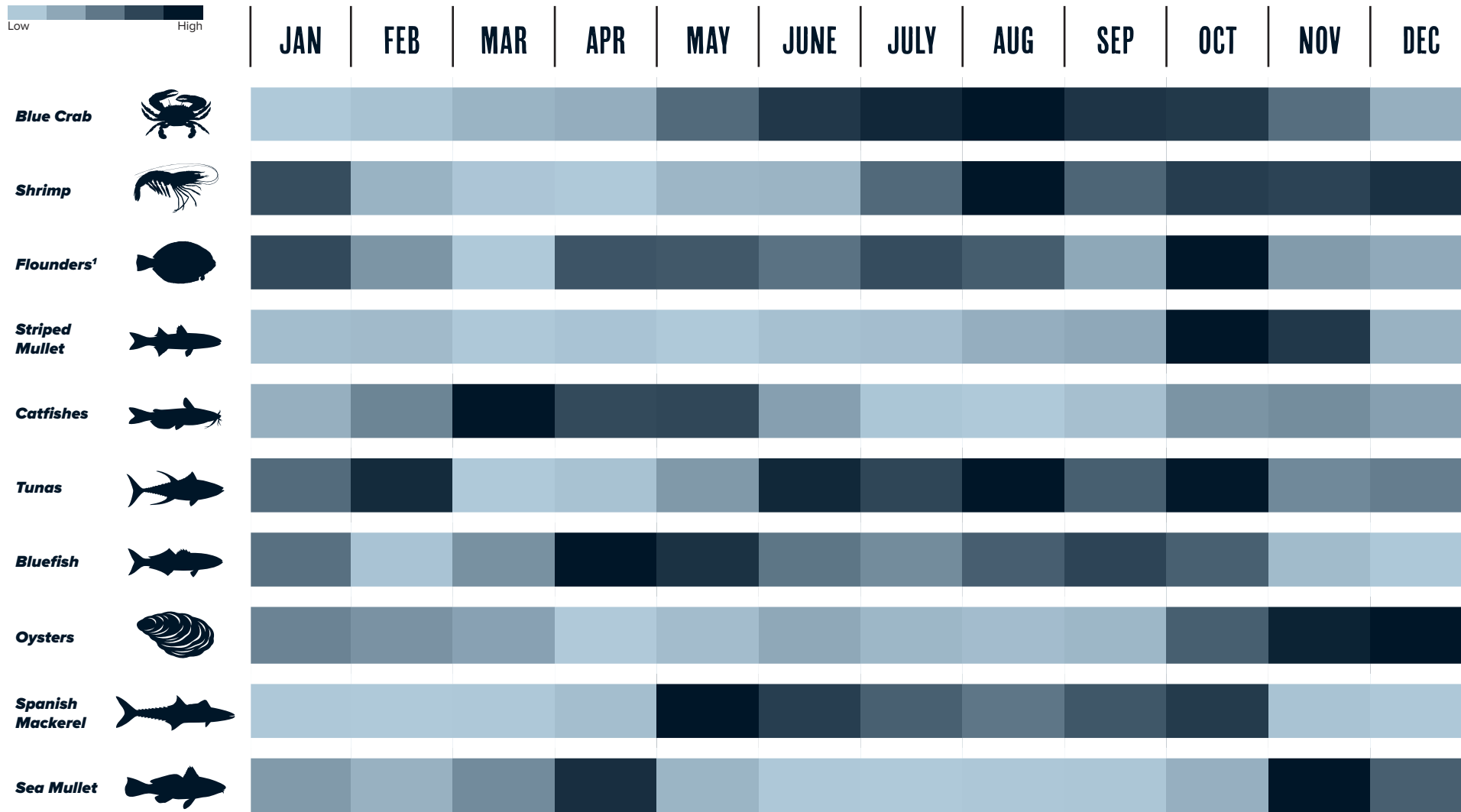
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NORTH CAROLINA SEAFOOD AVAILABILITY TOP LANDED SPECIES



This chart shows the **top ten fish and shellfish harvested** in North Carolina. For more information about these species—or others—scan the code or visit ncseagrant.org.



¹North Carolina fishers harvest three species of flounder: Southern, Summer, and Gulf, with summer caught in the ocean predominately in winter.

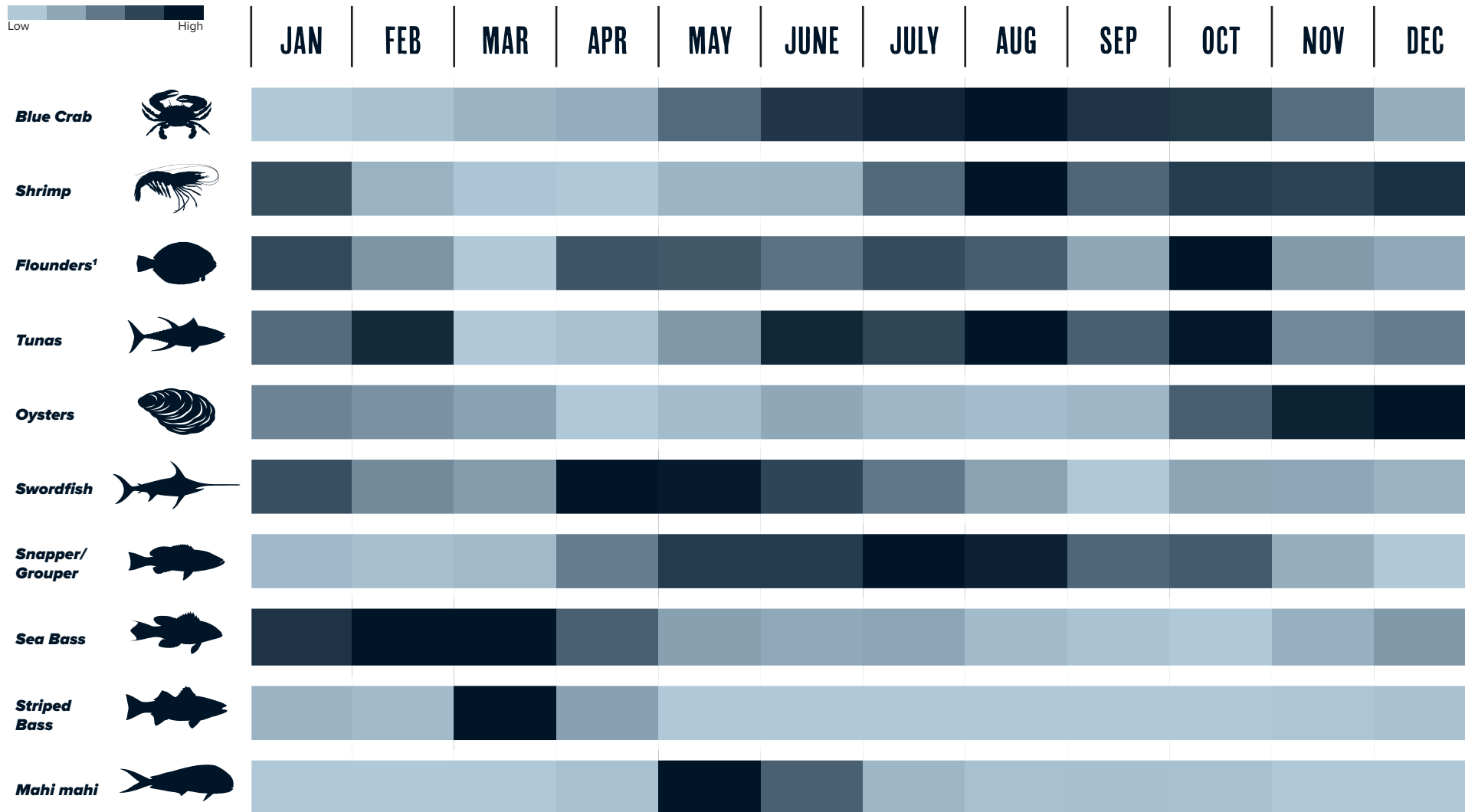
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NORTH CAROLINA SEAFOOD AVAILABILITY CONSUMER FAVORITES



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