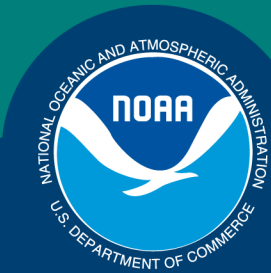


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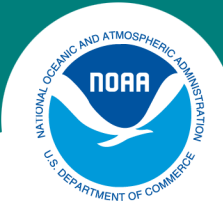
Private Recreational Tilefish Vessel Permitting and Trip Reporting

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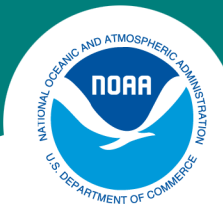
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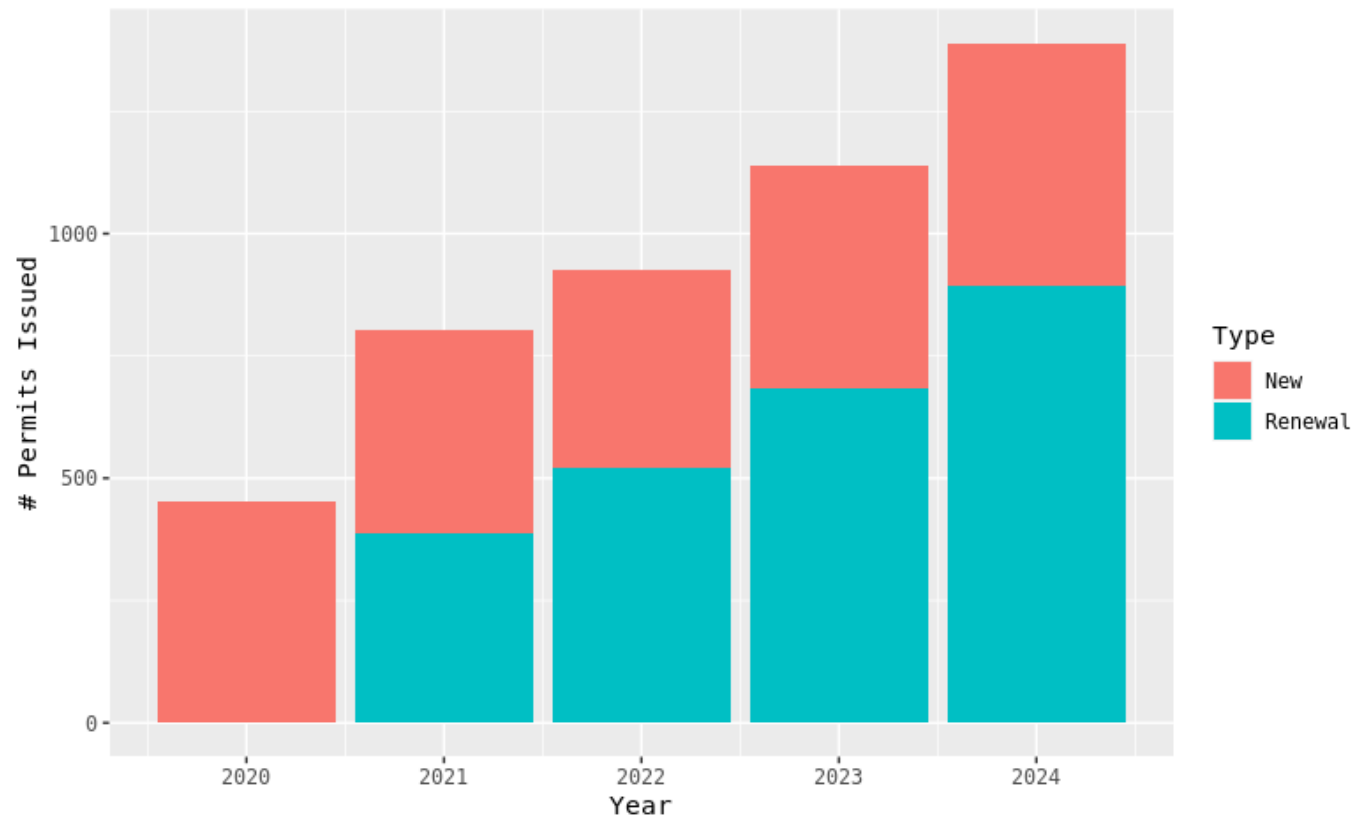


Cumulative Findings (2020 – 2024)

- Since 2020, 4,600 private recreational tilefish permits have been issued to 2,138 vessels.
- 224 private recreational tilefish VTRs have been reported landing tilefish (67 trips blueline and golden landed, 85 trips blueline and 72 trips golden landed), plus and additional 34 VTRs reporting no catch trips.
- A total of 3,629 tilefish landed (1,847 blueline, 1,675 golden and 107 tilefish unknown) and 124 tilefish released (82 blueline and 42 golden).

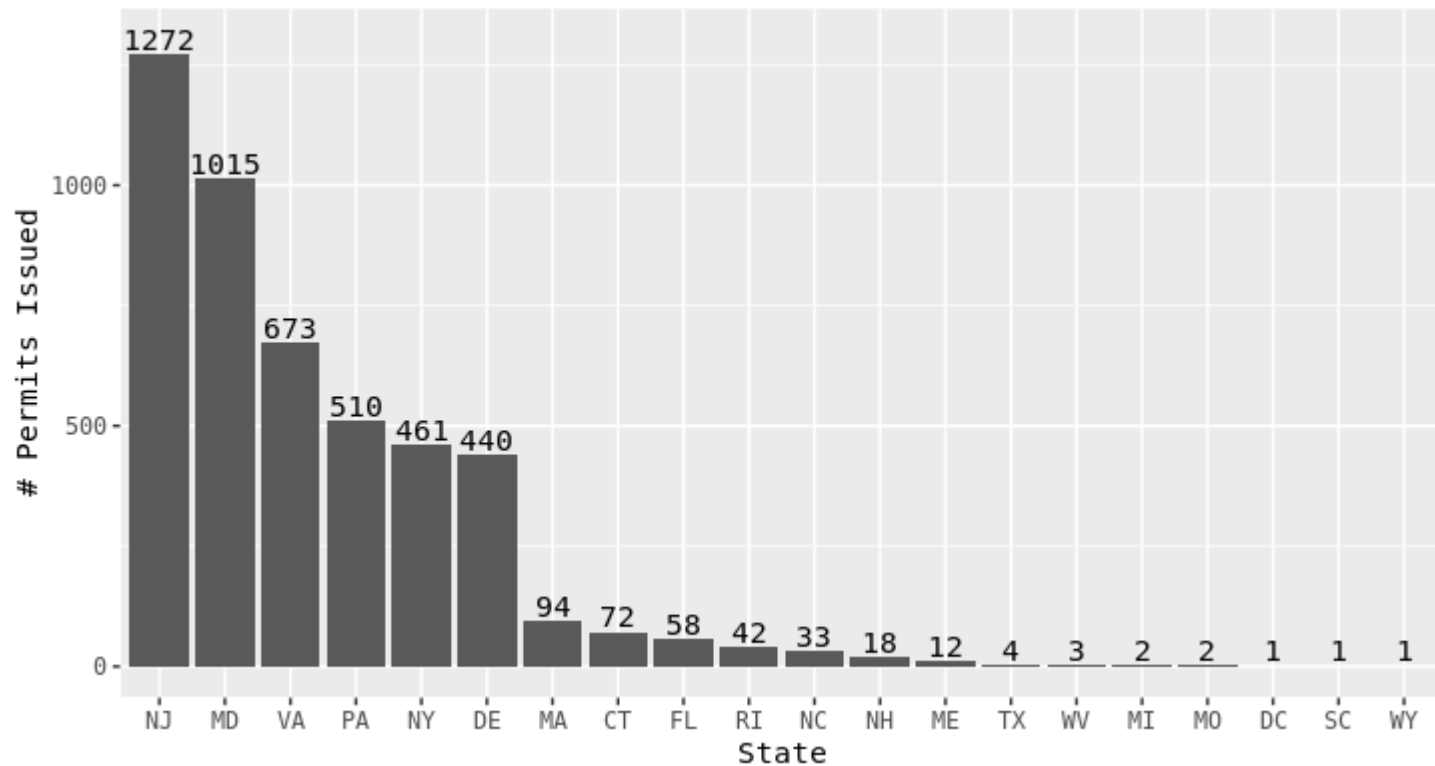


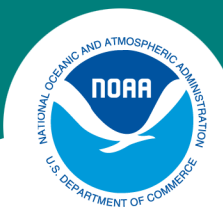
Permits Issued by Year



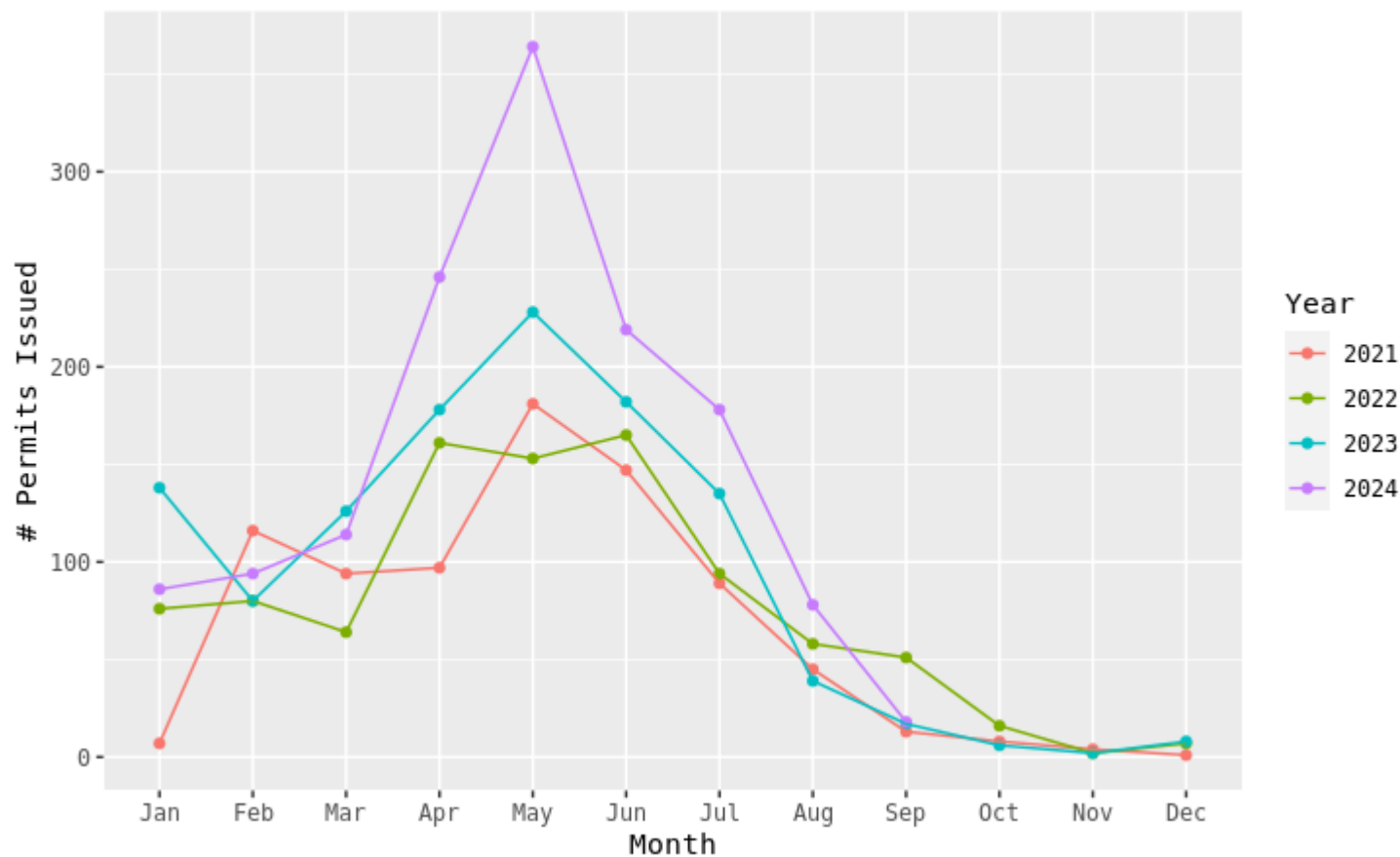


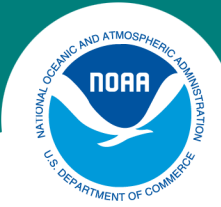
Permits Issued by State (2020-2024)





Permits Issued by Month





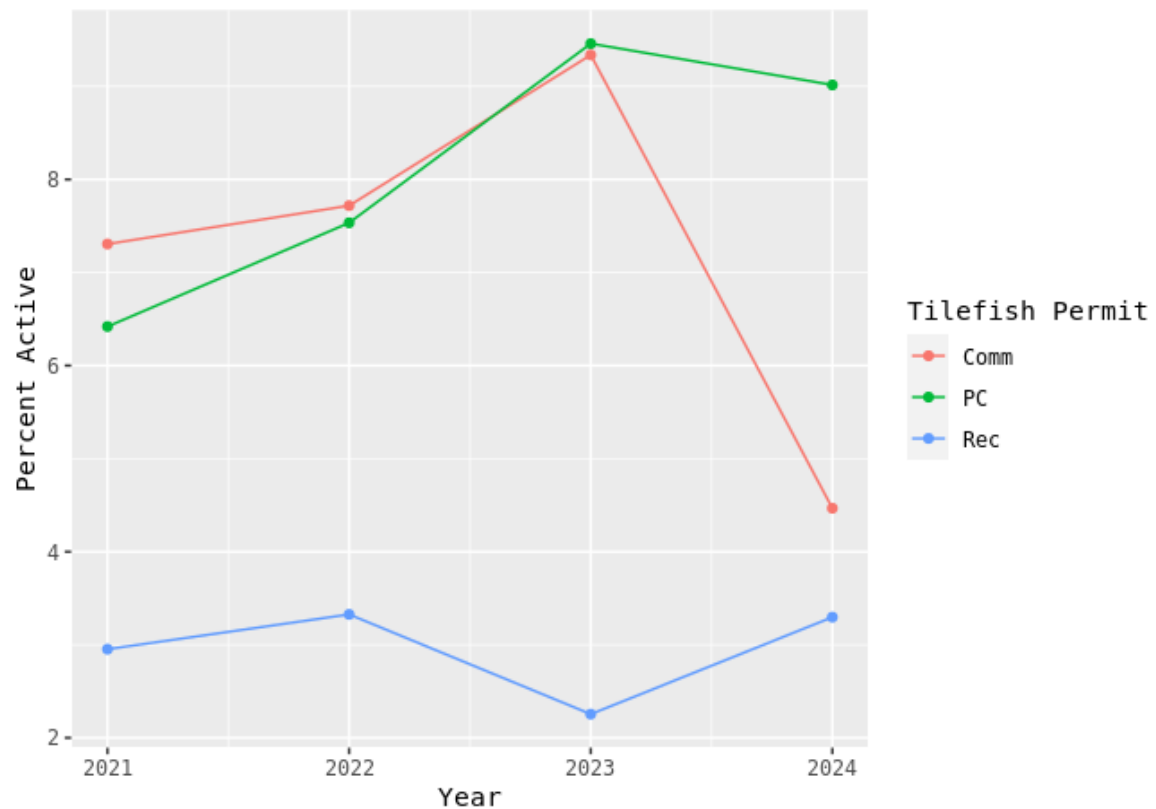
Additional Permits held by Private Recreational Tilefish Permits

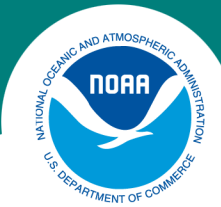
Year	Rec Only	Rec/PC	Rec/Comm	Rec/PC/Comm
2020	426	20	13	11
2021	717	69	39	35
2022	785	117	61	54
2023	962	144	82	74
2023	1209	151	88	76

Rec - Private Recreational Permit; PC - Party/Charter Permit;
Comm - Commercial Open Access Permit

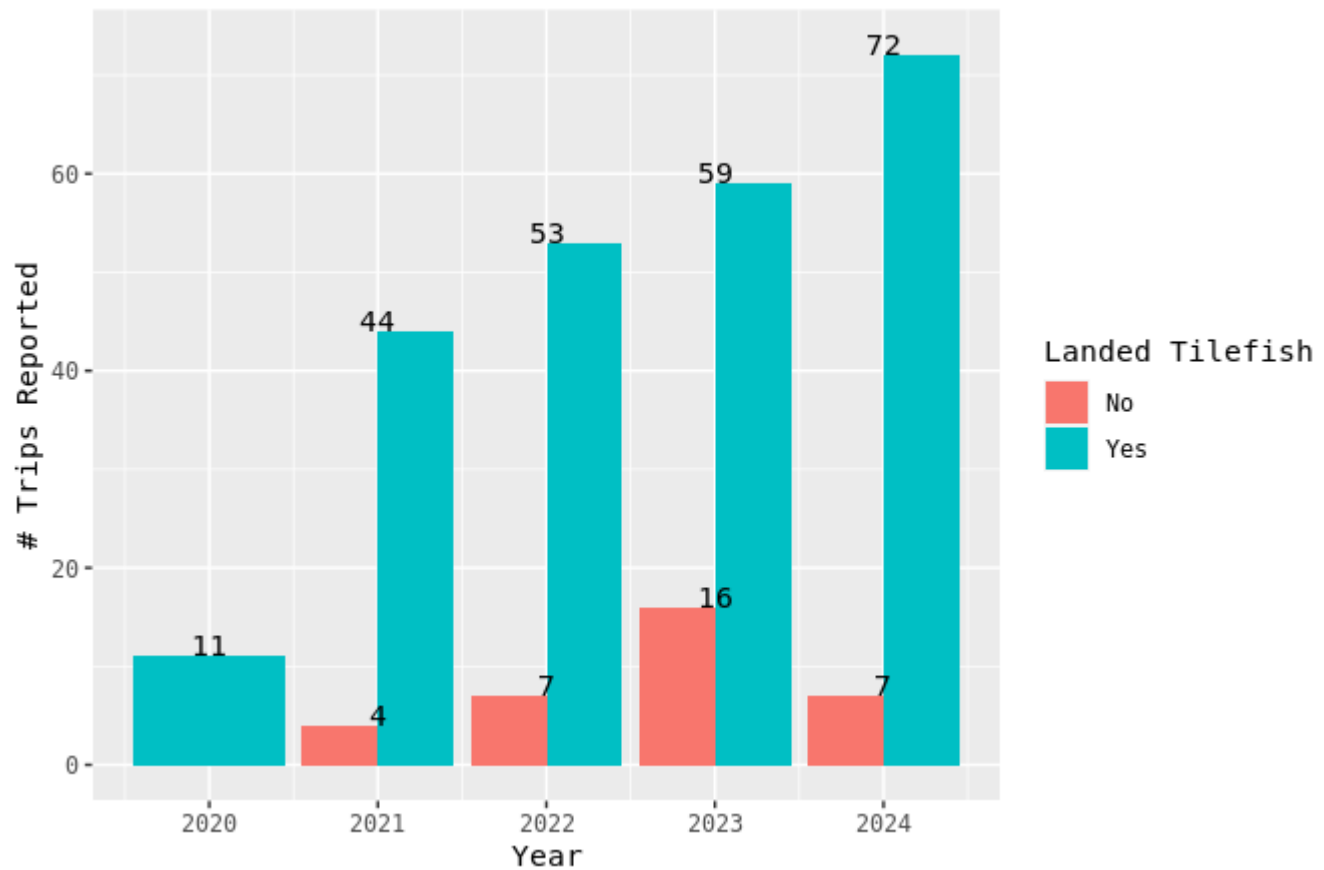


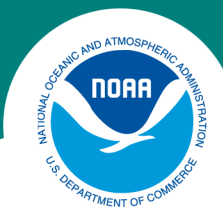
Percentage of Active Permits by Year



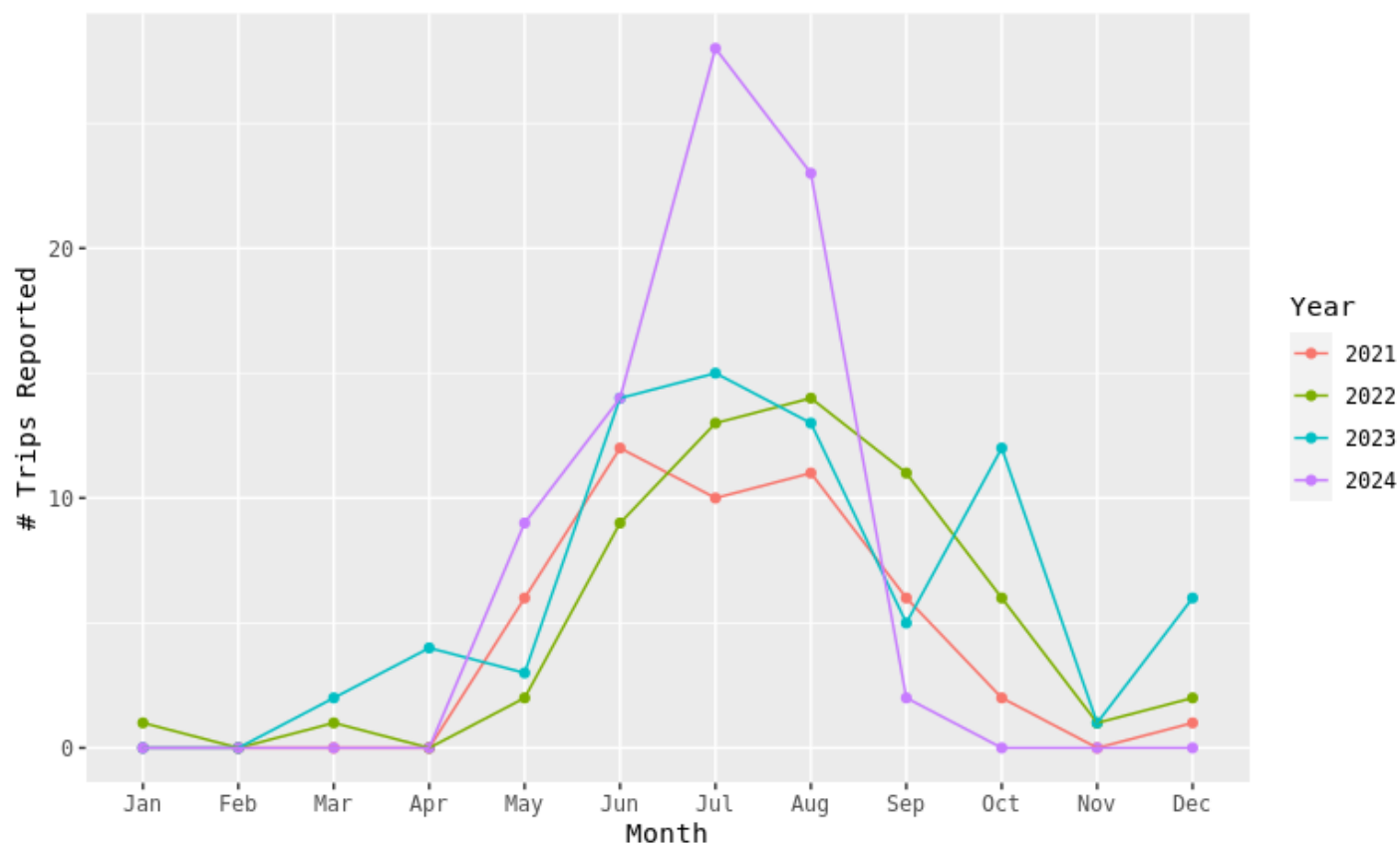


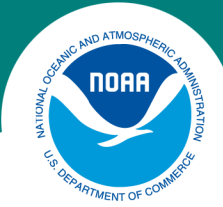
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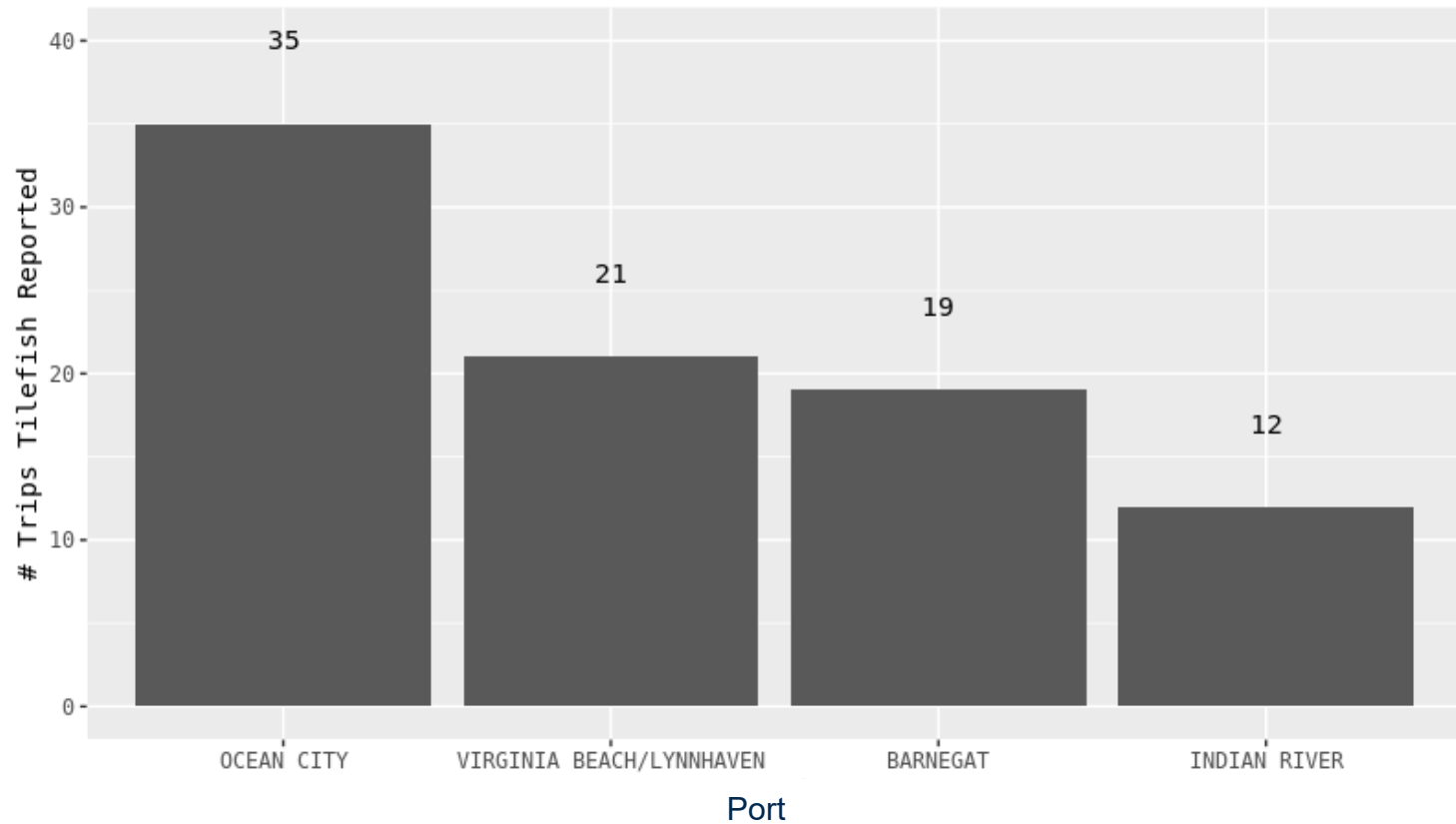


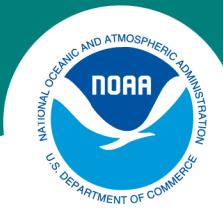
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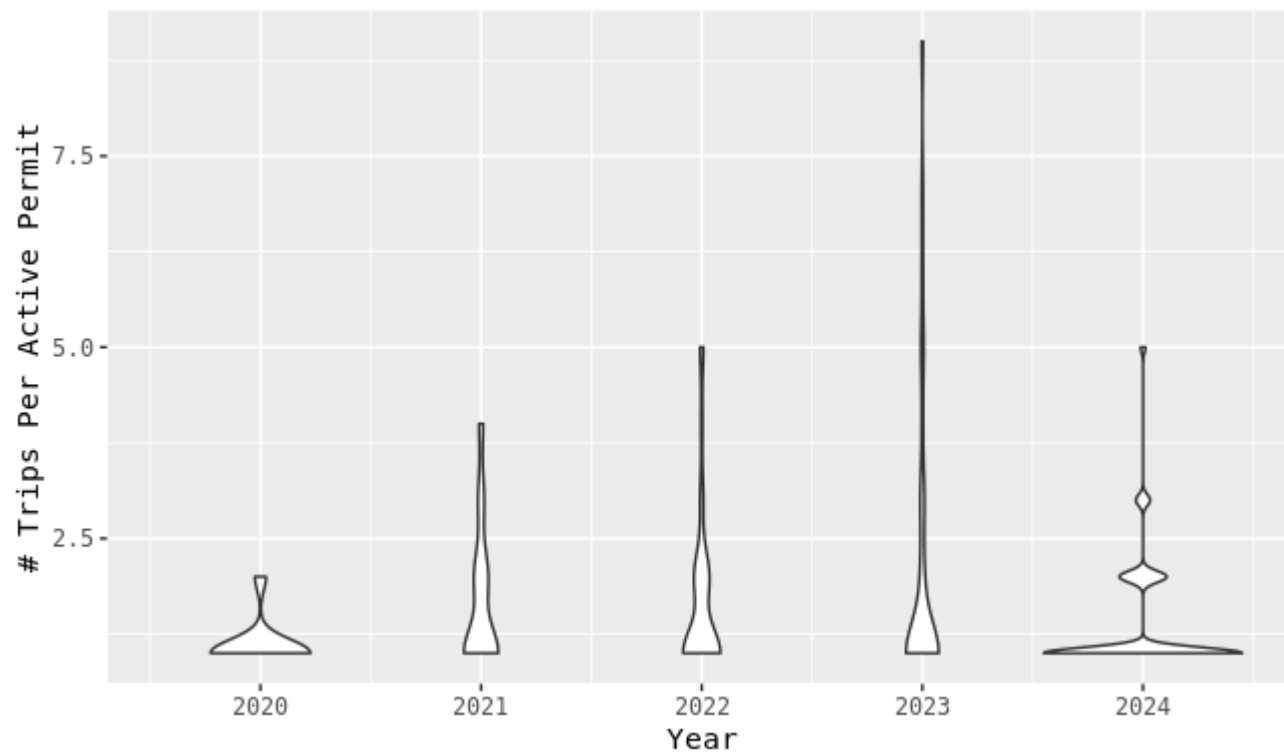


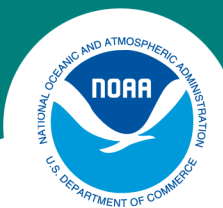
Trips Reported by Top Ports (2020-2024)



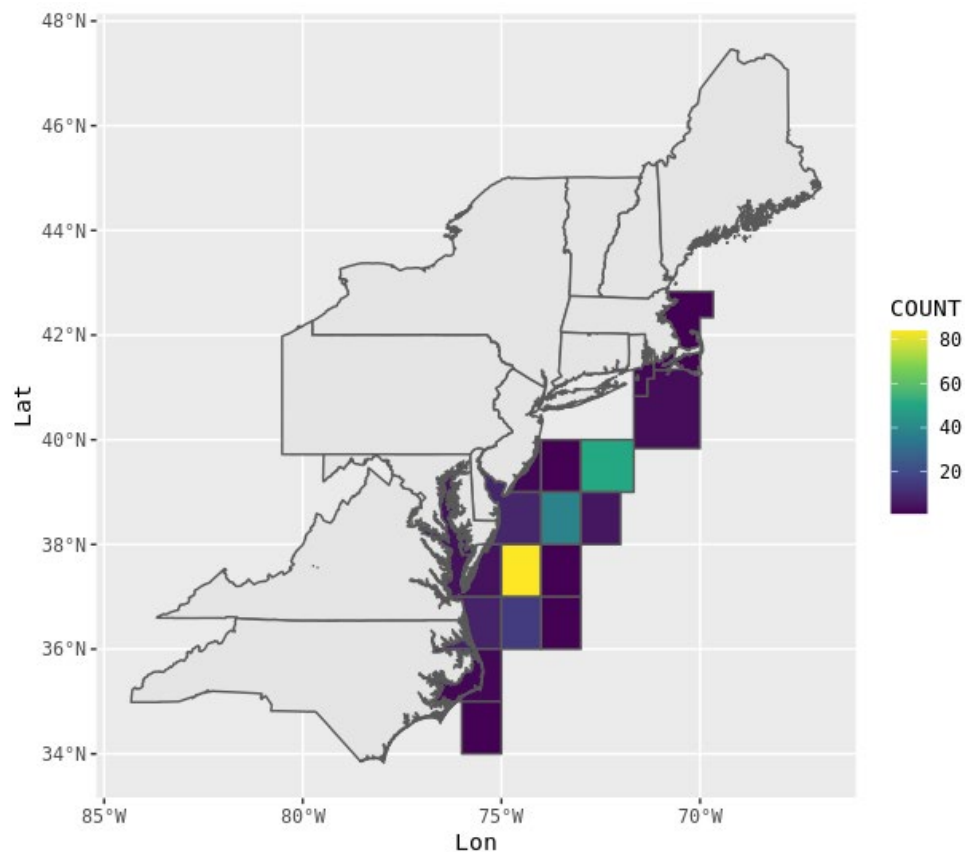


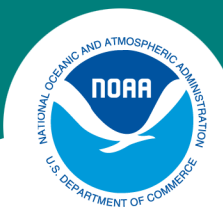
Trips Per Actively Reporting Permit by Year



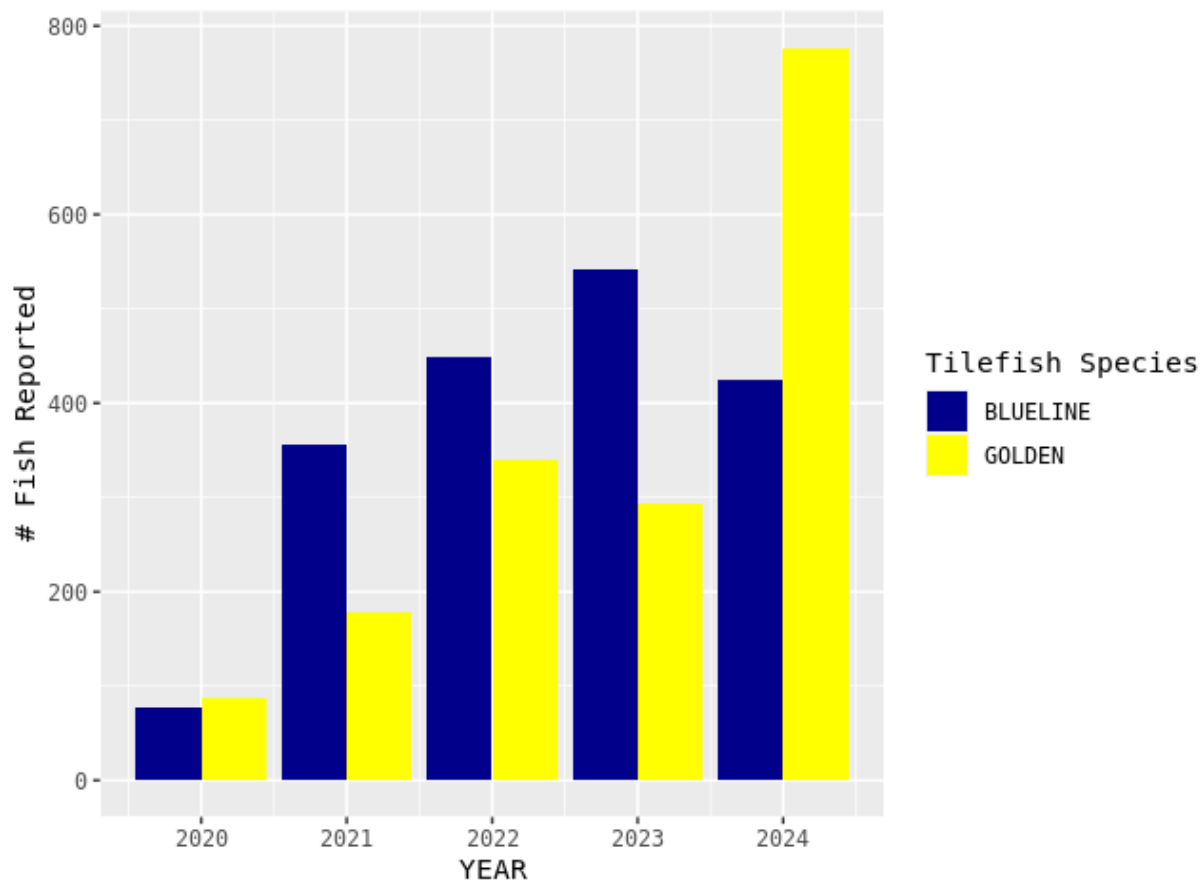


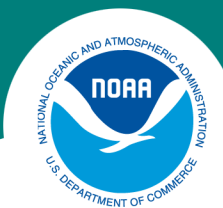
Tilefish Trips by Statistical Area (2020-2024)



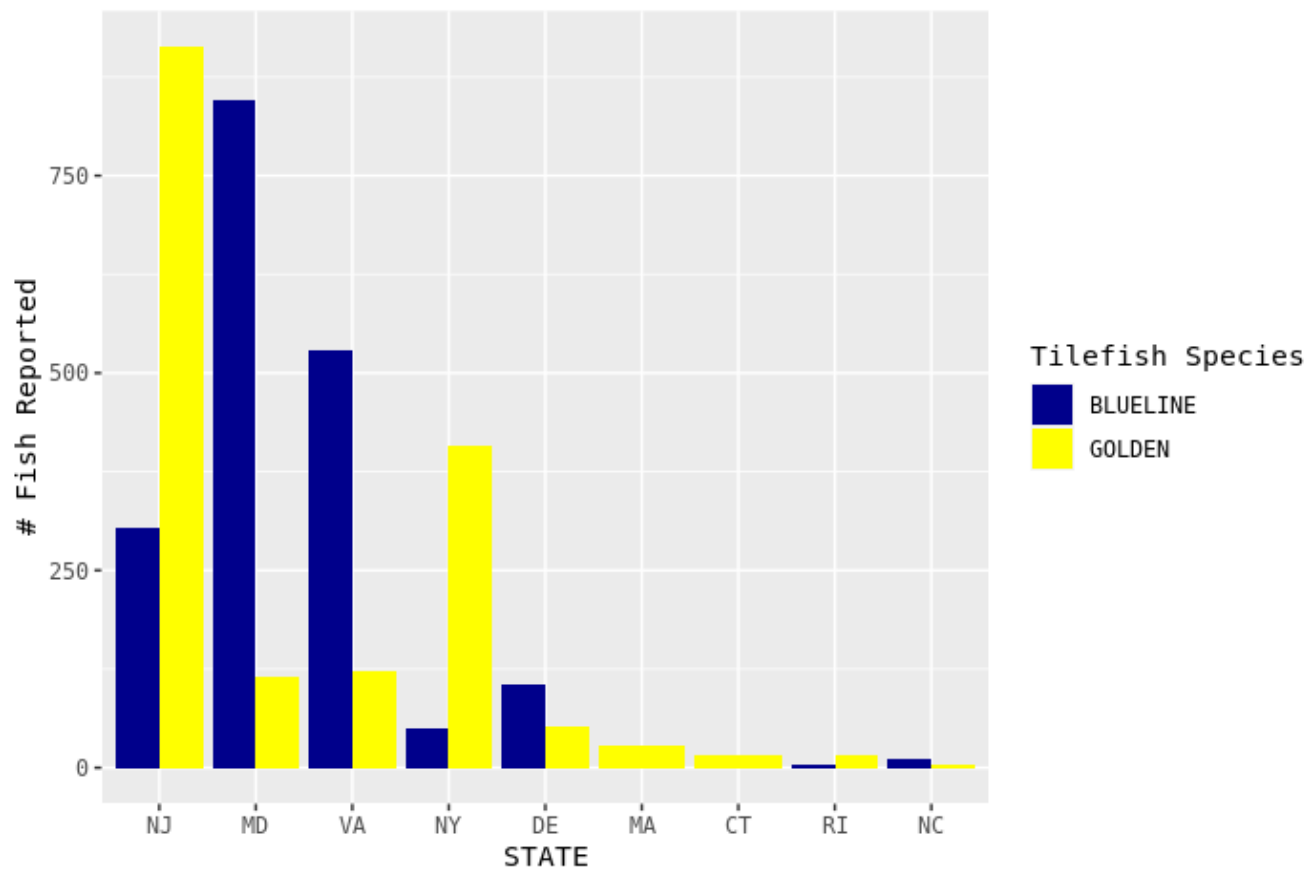


Tilefish Landed by Year



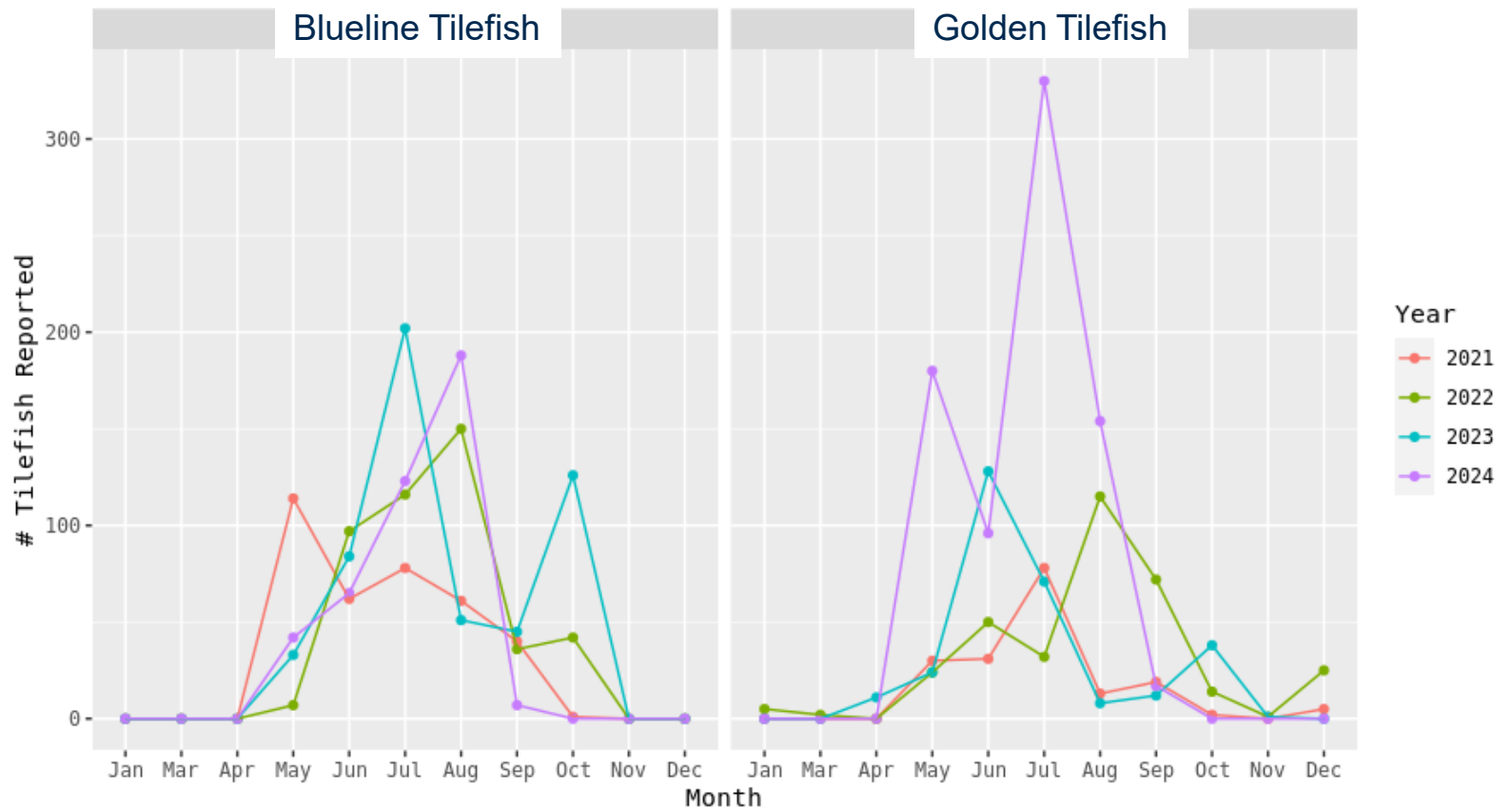


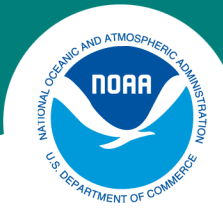
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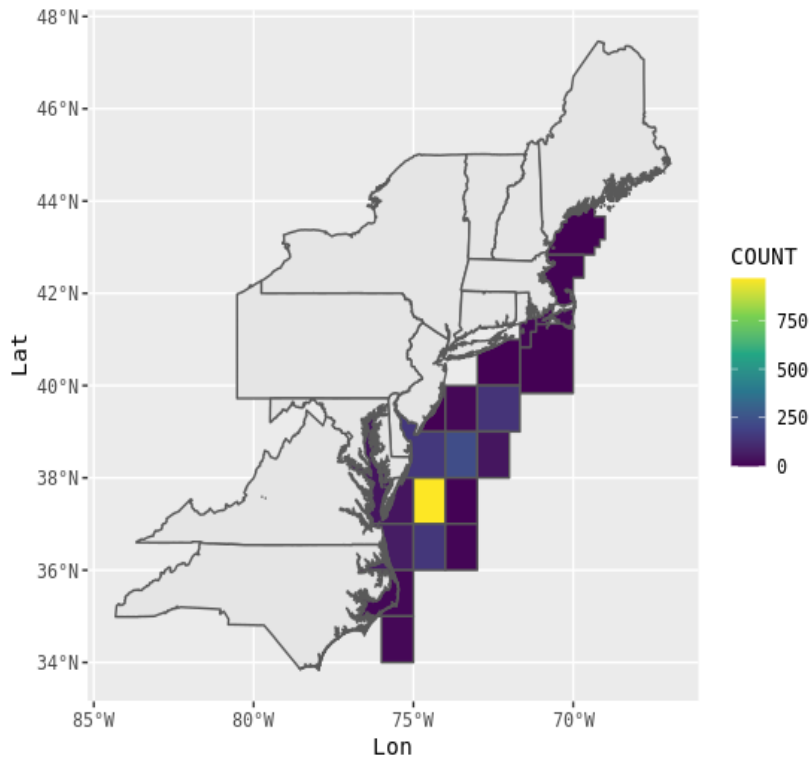
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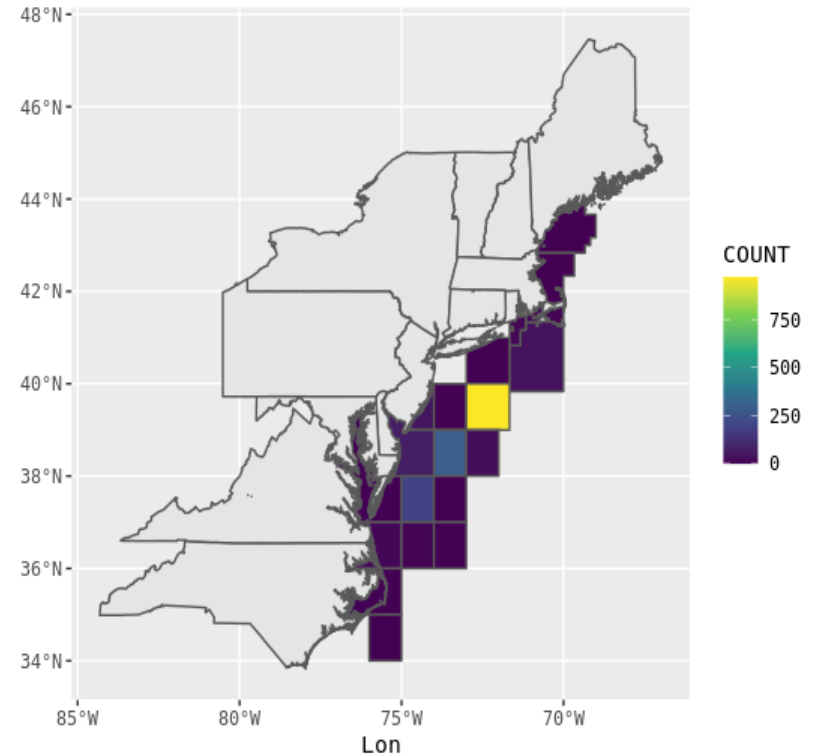


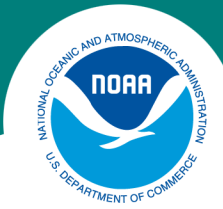
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Blueline Tilefish

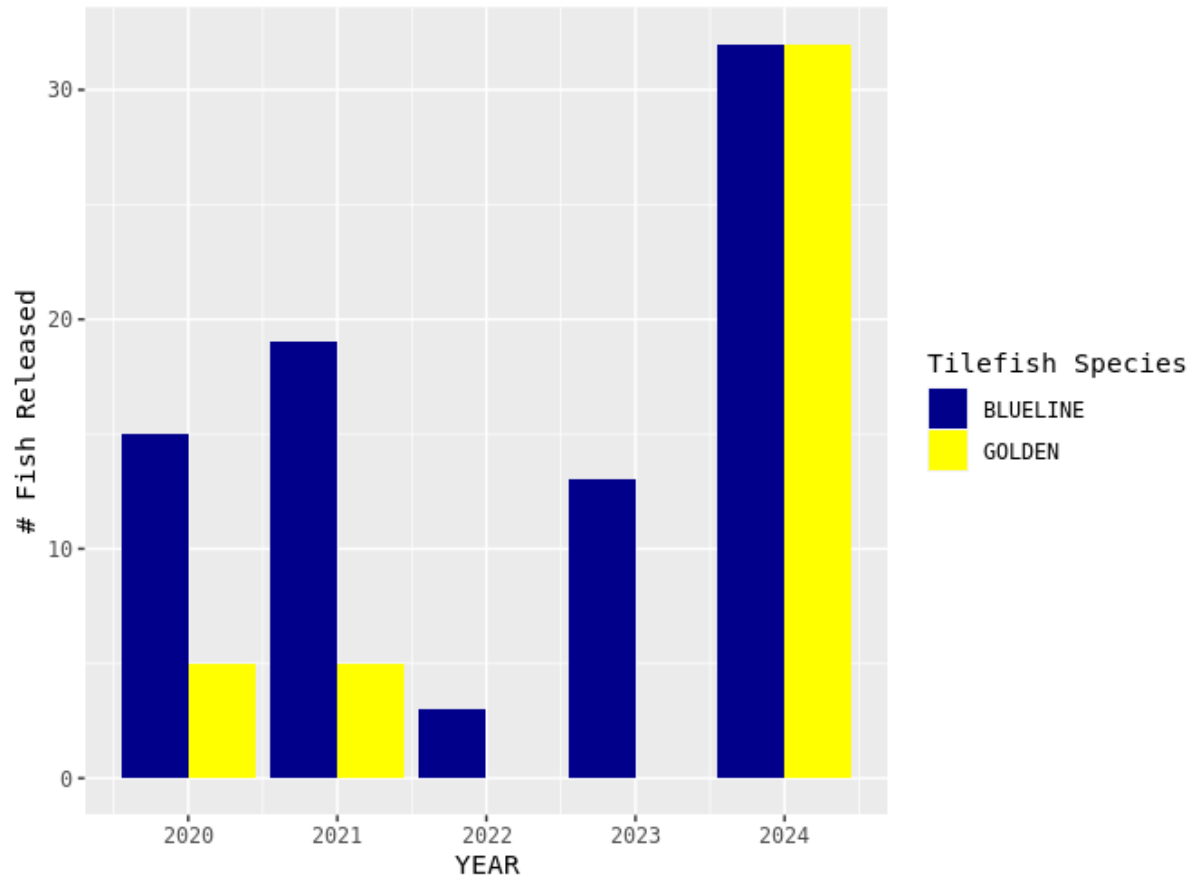


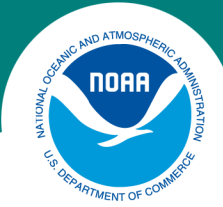
Golden Tilefish



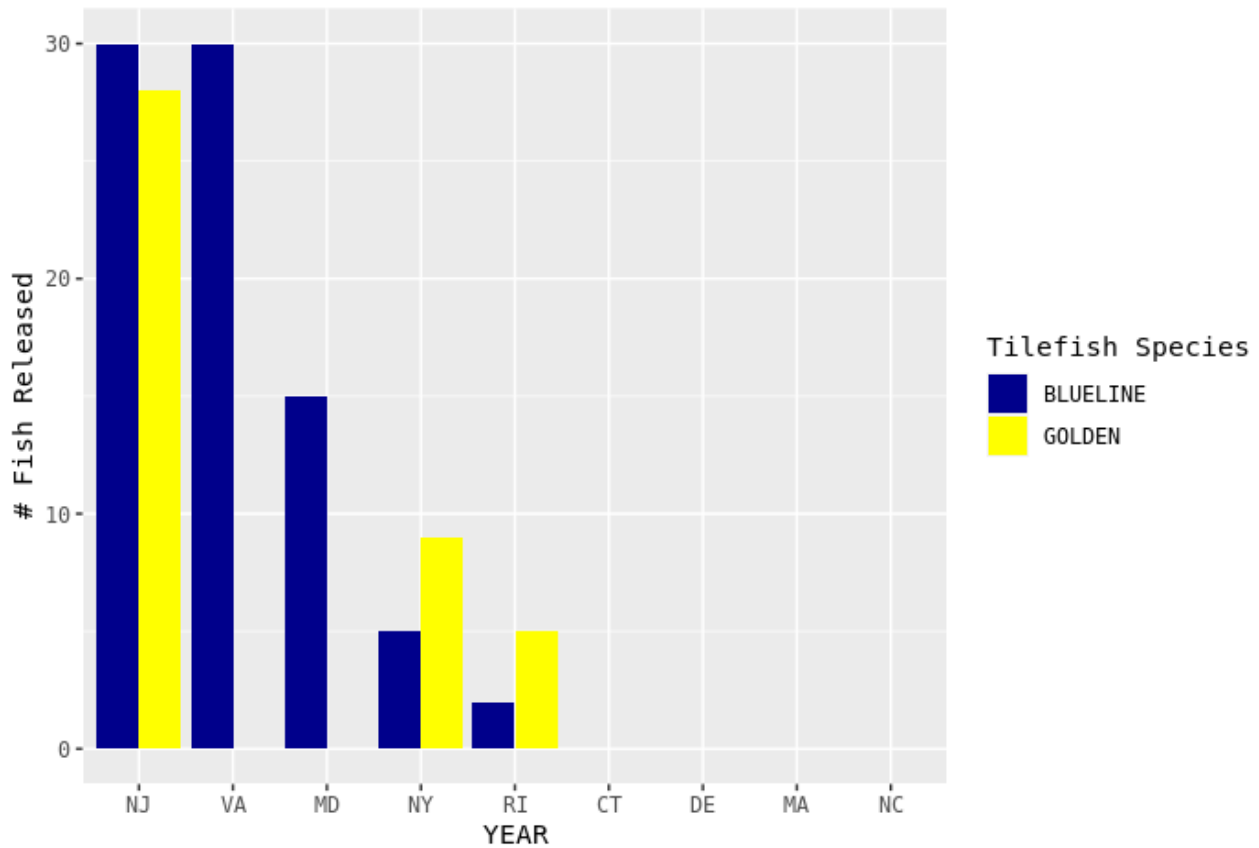


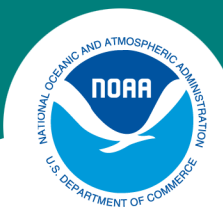
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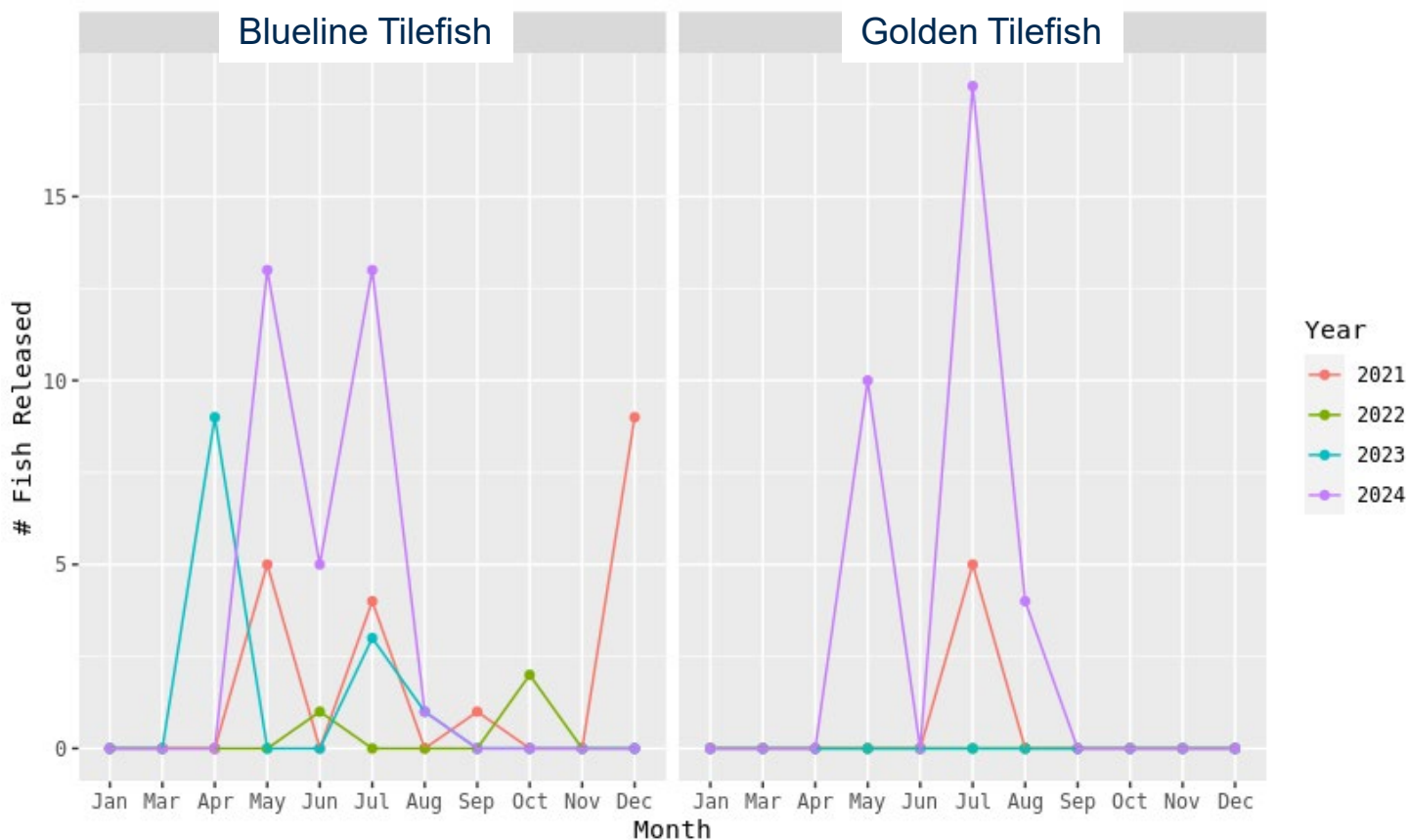


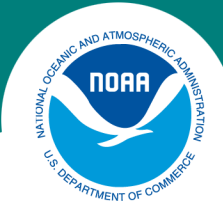
Tilefish Released by State (2020-2024)





Tilefish Released by Month





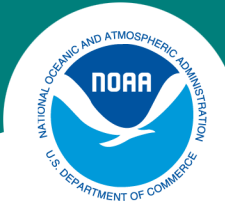
Takeaways

- Number of recreational tilefish permits, trips and fish landed still increasing each year (~150 permits per year, ~10 trips per year and ~ 225 fish land per year).
- Trip level reporting provides fine scale tilefish species level information on numbers of trips/fish by year, month, port, statistical area, etc.



Takeaways

- Percentage of active rec tilefish permits is relatively low but stable.
- Percentage of active rec tilefish permits lower than party/charter and commercial tilefish permits.
- Compliance rates are likely not perfect given what we know regarding other recreational reporting rates, but information collected to date be to support i) compliance and/or ii) the design of a program to estimate compliance.



Questions?



Percentage of Active Permits by Year

