

**A FISH Checklist  
for Fort Fisher State Recreation Area  
73 taxa**

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Notes

**FISH  
CHECKLIST  
Fort Fisher State Recreation Area**



**Seasons:**

Spring - March to May  
Summer - June to August  
Fall - September to November  
Winter - December to February

**Resources**



<https://www.ncparks.gov/junior-rangers>

**73 FISH taxa****ANGUILLIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ American Eel ..... x - x -  
*Anguilla rostrata*

**ATHERINIDAE: [2]**

\_\_\_ Inland Silverside ..... - - x -  
*Menidia beryllina*  
 \_\_\_ Atlantic silverside ..... x - - -  
*Menidia menidia*

**BATRACHOIDIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Oyster Toadfish ..... - - x -  
*Opsanus tau*

**BLENNIIDAE: [2]**

\_\_\_ Crested Blenny ..... - - - -  
*Hypleurochilus geminatus*  
 \_\_\_ Feather Blenny ..... - - - -  
*Hypsoblennius hentz*

**BOTHIDAE: [2]**

\_\_\_ Summer Flounder ..... x - - -  
*Paralichthys dentatus*  
 \_\_\_ Southern Flounder ..... - x - -  
*Paralichthys lethostigma*

**CARANGIDAE: [4]**

\_\_\_ Crevalle jack ..... - - x -  
*Caranx hippos*  
 \_\_\_ Florida Pompano ..... - - x -  
*Trachinotus carolinus*  
 \_\_\_ Permit ..... - - x -  
*Trachinotus falcatus*  
 \_\_\_ Palometa, Banner Pompano, Great Pompano ..... - - x -  
*Trachinotus goodei*

**CARCHARHINIDAE: [7]**

\_\_\_ Blacknose shark ..... - x x -  
*Carcharhinus acronotus*  
 \_\_\_ Spinner Shark ..... - x - -  
*Carcharhinus brevipinna*  
 \_\_\_ Finetooth shark ..... - x x -  
*Carcharhinus isodon*  
 \_\_\_ Blacktip shark ..... x x x -  
*Carcharhinus limbatus*  
 \_\_\_ Dusky shark ..... - - x -  
*Carcharhinus obscurus*  
 \_\_\_ Sandbar shark ..... x - - -  
*Carcharhinus plumbeus*

**CARCHARHINIDAE: [7]**

\_\_\_ Atlantic sharpnose shark ..... - x - -  
*Rhizoprionodon terraenovae*

**CLUPEIDAE: [5]**

\_\_\_ Blueback Herring ..... - - x -  
*Alosa aestivalis*  
 \_\_\_ Hickory Shad ..... - - x -  
*Alosa mediocris*  
 \_\_\_ Atlantic Menhaden ..... - - x -  
*Brevoortia tyrannus*  
 \_\_\_ Threadfin Shad ..... - - x -  
*Dorosoma petenense*  
 \_\_\_ Thread Herring ..... - - x -  
*Opisthonema oglinum*

**CONGRIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Conger eel ..... - - x -  
*Conger oceanicus*

**CYNOGLOSSIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Blackcheek tonguefish ..... x - - -  
*Symphurus plagiusa*

**CYPRINODONTIDAE: [5]**

\_\_\_ Sheepshead Minnow ..... - x - -  
*Cyprinodon variegatus*  
 \_\_\_ Marsh Killifish ..... x - x -  
*Fundulus confluentus*  
 \_\_\_ Mummichog ..... x - - -  
*Fundulus heteroclitus*  
 \_\_\_ Striped Killifish ..... - x x -  
*Fundulus majalis*  
 \_\_\_ Rainwater Killifish ..... - x - -  
*Lucania parva*

**DASYATIDAE: [2]**

\_\_\_ Southern Stingray ..... - - x -  
*Dasyatis americana*  
 \_\_\_ Atlantic Stingray ..... x - x -  
*Dasyatis sabina*

**ECHENEIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Sharksucker ..... - x x -  
*Echeneis naucrates*

**ELOPIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Ladyfish ..... - x x -  
*Elops saurus*

**ENGRAULIDAE: [2]**

\_\_\_ Striped Anchovy ..... - - x -  
*Anchoa hepsetus*

**ENGRAULIDAE: [2]**

\_\_\_ Bay Anchovy ..... x - x -  
*Anchoa mitchilli*

**GADIDAE: [2]**

\_\_\_ Gulf Hake; Carolina Hake ..... - - x -  
*Urophycis cirrata*  
 \_\_\_ Spotted Hake ..... - - x -  
*Urophycis regia*

**GERREIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Spotfin Mojarra ..... - - x -  
*Eucinostomus argenteus*

**GOBIESOCIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Skilletfish ..... - - x -  
*Gobiesox strumosus*

**GOBIIDAE: [3]**

\_\_\_ Lyre Goby ..... - - - -  
*Evorthodus lyricus*  
 \_\_\_ Freshwater Goby ..... x - - -  
*Gobionellus shufeldti*  
 \_\_\_ Naked Goby ..... x - - -  
*Gobiosoma bosc*

**GYMNURIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Smooth Butterfly-ray ..... - - x -  
*Gymnura micrura*

**MOLIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Sharptail Mola ..... - - - x  
*Mola lanceolata*

**MORONIDAE: [2]**

\_\_\_ White Perch ..... - x - -  
*Morone americana*  
 \_\_\_ Striped Bass ..... - - x -  
*Morone saxatilis*

**MUGILIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ White Mullet ..... x x x -  
*Mugil curema*

**MYLIOBATIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Cownose Ray ..... - - x -  
*Rhinoptera bonasus*

**ODONTASPIDIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Sand Tiger Shark ..... x - x -  
*Odontaspis taurus*

**OPHICHTHIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Speckled Worm Eel ..... - - x -  
*Myrophis punctatus*

**POECILIIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Sailfin Molly ..... - x - -  
*Poecilia latipinna*

**POMATOMIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Bluefish ..... x - x -  
*Pomatomus saltatrix*

**RACHYCENTRIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Cobia, Ling, Lemonfish ..... - - x -  
*Rachycentron canadum*

**RAJIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Clearnose Skate ..... - - - x  
*Raja eglanteria*

**SCIAENIDAE: [7]**

\_\_\_ Spotted Seatrout ..... - - x -  
*Cynoscion nebulosus*

\_\_\_ Weakfish ..... - - x -  
*Cynoscion regalis*

\_\_\_ Spot ..... x x x -  
*Leiostomus xanthurus*

\_\_\_ Gulf Kingfish ..... - x - -  
*Menticirrhus littoralis*

\_\_\_ Atlantic Croaker ..... - - x -  
*Micropogonias undulatus*

\_\_\_ Black Drum ..... x - x -  
*Pogonias cromis*

\_\_\_ Red Drum ..... x - - -  
*Sciaenops ocellatus*

**SCOMBRIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Spanish Mackerel ..... - - x -  
*Scomberomurus maculatus*

**SPARIDAE: [2]**

\_\_\_ Sheepshead ..... - - - -  
*Archosargus probatocephalus*

\_\_\_ Pinfish ..... x x x -  
*Lagodon rhomboides*

**SPHYRNIDAE: [4]**

\_\_\_ Scalloped/Carolina Hammerhead  
 complex..... - x - -  
*Sphyrna lewini\_gilberti*

\_\_\_ great hammerhead ..... - x - -  
*Sphyrna mokarran*

\_\_\_ Bonnethead Shark, Scoophead ..... - - x -  
*Sphyrna tiburo*

\_\_\_ Smooth Hammerhead ..... - - x -  
*Sphyrna zygaena*

**SYNGNATHIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Dusky pipefish ..... x - - -  
*Syngnathus floridae*

**SYNODONTIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Inshore Lizardfish ..... - - x -  
*Synodus foetens*

**TRIAKIDAE: [1]**

\_\_\_ Smooth Dogfish, Dusky smooth-hound ..... - - - x  
*Mustelus canis*