

West Coast Community Visitor Survey

NOAA Fisheries Northwest Fisheries Science Center

We are conducting a quick survey to help determine how many visitors are coming to this community; may I ask you four short questions?

#	Question	Response
1.	Is your permanent residence located outside of this zip code?	Yes – What is the zip code of your permanent residence? go to 2
		□ No – Thank you for your time
2.	Did you stay in a local hotel last night or will you tonight?	☐ Yes – Which night?
		Last night
		☐ Tonight
		Both
		- go to 3
		☐ No – go to 3
3.	What is the primary purpose of your visit?	☐ To visit family/friends – Please go to 4
		☐ To utilize a service (gas station, restaurant, store, etc.) in the town – Please indicate what type of service: — Thank you for your time
		☐ Working or commuting to work – ⊃go to 3a
		☐ Just passing through to go somewhere else – ⊃go to 3a
		☐ Vacation/recreation (staying here for more than 2 hours) – Эgo to 4
		Other (please specify):
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3a.	What was the major reason you chose to take this route?	☐ View scenery – Thank you for your time
		Utilize services of town – Thank you for your time
		Quickest route – Thank you for your time
		Other: – Thank you for your time
4.	Is your visit to this community a day trip or an overnight visit?	□ Day trip - Since you are a visitor, we would love to hear about your activities and opinions. Would you be willing to answer a short 10 minute survey on your activities while in this area?
		Overnight visit – ➡ Since you are a visitor, we would love to hear about your activities and opinions. Would you be willing to answer a short 10 minute survey on your activities while in this area?

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Visitor experience, preferences, and expenditure questionnaire

- If the primary purpose of your visit to this town is to visit family or friends, please proceed to question 6
- If your visit to this community is a day trip, please proceed to question 3
- If your visit to this community is an overnight trip, please proceed to question 1

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1.	When did you arrive in this town?	(MM/DD/YYYY)	
2.	When will you (or did you) leave this town?	(MM/DD/YYYY)	
3.	Was your trip to this town: (check only one):	 ☐ the primary purpose or sole destination of your trip from home? ☐ one of many equally important reasons or destinations for your trip from home? ☐ just an incidental stop on a trip taken for other purposes or to other destinations? 	
4.	What was your primary reason for choosing this location for your recreation/vacation over other possible recreation/vacation locations? Please check only one.	 ☐ More natural beauty ☐ Better fishing opportunities ☐ Nicer beaches ☐ More/better attractions in or near this town ☐ Quieter/less people here ☐ Better services (hotels, restaurants, shops, etc.) in this town ☐ Other (please specify): 	
5.	Which of these activities was the primary reason for your visit? Please check only one.	□ Camping □ Visiting resort/spa □ Visiting the beach (picnicking, kite flying, relaxing) □ Surfing □ Fishing on a private/personal boat □ Fishing on a charter boat □ Fishing from the shore/pier □ Visiting a local attraction (please specify): ————————————————————————————————————	

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6.	What activities will you participate in while visiting this town? Please check all that apply.	□ Camping □ Visiting resort/spa □ Visiting the beach (picnicking, kite flying, relaxing) □ Surfing □ Fishing on a private/personal boat □ Fishing on a charter boat □ Fishing from the shore/pier □ Visiting a local attraction (please specify): □ Recreational boating (sailing, cruising, water skiing, etc.) □ Other (please specify):
7.	What is the most important thing that this community could improve to make your experience here better? Please check only one box.	 ☐ More fishing opportunities ☐ Better services (hotels, restaurants, shops, etc.) ☐ Cleaner beaches ☐ More developed beaches ☐ More attractions ☐ Less noise/people ☐ More budget alternatives ☐ Other:
8.	NOT including this visit, about how many times have visited this town for vacation/recreation in the past 12 months?	
9.	How many people, including you, traveled here in the same vehicle?	
10.	How many of these people are less than 16 years old?	
11.	What is your age range? Please check the appropriate box.	☐ 16 to 19 ☐ 20 to 29 ☐ 30 to 39 ☐ 40 to 49 ☐ 50 to 59 ☐ 60 to 69 ☐ 70 to 79 ☐ 80 and over

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12.	For this trip, are you:	Paying for yourself and others. If so how many others? (in the next question, report what you spent		
		for your entire party)		
		☐ Sharing expenses with oth report just what you person	er people (in the next question, ally spent)	
		☐ Paying for just your own exreport just what you person	xpenses (in the next question, ally spent)	
		Someone else is paying fo report your portion of the to	r you (in the next question, tal that person spent)	
13.	Based on your response to question 12, please report the approximate amount you spent on this trip within approximately 10 miles of here (to the nearest dollar).			
		Camping/RV Park	\$	
		Hotels/Bed & Breakfast	\$	
		Restaurants and bars	\$	
		Grocery stores	\$	
		Gas and oil	\$	
		Fishing supplies/licenses	\$	
		Other recreation supplies	\$	
		Charter fishing	\$	
		Boat rentals	\$	
		Other activities	\$	
		Souvenirs/Clothes	\$	
		All other local trip expenses	\$	
14.	Including all the costs associated with this trip and including amounts spent here, along the way, and at home; what was the approximate total cost of this trip to your household?	Total trip related expense: \$		
15.	As you know, some of the costs of travel such as gasoline and hotels often increase. If the total cost of this most recent trip to the recreation area where you were contacted had been \$higher, would you have made this trip to this town?	☐ Yes ☐ No		
16.	If you had not made this trip to this town,	☐ Would have gone to a diffe	erent town on the coast	
	how would you have spent the money that you did spend here?	☐ Would have gone to a diffe	erent town, not on the coast	
	· .	☐ Would have spent the mon local town	ney on recreation activities in your	

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17.	For the activity indicated in question 16, would the total trip/activity related expense be:	☐ More expensive than your trip to this town. Approximately how much more expensive?%	
		Less expensive than you trip to this town. Approximately how much less expensive?	%
18.	What is the approximate range of your household income?		
	Thank you for your time. If you have any add	ditional comments please include them here:	

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