

Dear Marianas Fisher,

Thank you for your participation in the 2011 Marianas fishing study. The study has two primary objectives: first and foremost is to collect updated information on the economics of boat-based fishing across the Mariana Archipelago; and the second aim is to gain a better understanding of fishing behavior, your motivations for fishing, and your attitudes and perceptions towards current issues in the fishery and fishery management.

The information that you provided to us will be extremely valuable in arriving at an accurate portrayal of the economics of fishing across the Mariana Archipelago. Analyzed data will be aggregated by various characteristics and will not reveal individual vessel information. **All your answers will be held in strict confidentiality.** For details on confidentiality and public burden requirements please see the Paperwork Reduction Act statement below*. Please contact Justin Hospital, at 808-944-2188, if you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the study or would like to obtain a copy of the results of this study.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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* *Paperwork Reduction Act Statement.* Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. The information you provide will remain strictly confidential as required by section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens and NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, Confidentiality of Fisheries Statistics, and will not be released for public use except in aggregate statistical form without identification as to its source. We will combine your responses with information provided by other participants, and report it in summary form so that responses for any individual vessel can not be identified. Public reporting burden for this information collection, including time for gathering data needed and completing the survey, is estimated to average 30 minutes per respondent. Please provide comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Justin Hospital, NOAA Fisheries 1601 Kapiolani Blvd, suite 1110., Honolulu, HI 96814, 808-944-2188, Justin.Hospital@noaa.gov