

COMMERCIAL FISHING OPERATIONS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS INFORMATION COLLECTION

1. Authorizations to Collect the Information

The National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 USC 1431, et seq.) and The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act (Public Law 101-605, Sec 7 (5)) authorizes the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary to establish regulations to protect sanctuary resources or resolve user conflicts. This act also authorizes the Sanctuary to do research and collect information necessary for evaluating new regulations.

2. How the Information Will Be Used

The information being collected will be used to conduct financial performance analysis of representative samples of commercial fishing operations that may have been impacted by Sanctuary regulations. A Socioeconomic Monitoring Program has been established in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and the commercial fishing industry is an important component of this program.

3. Statement of Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average about three hours per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing burden, to Dr. Vernon R. (Bob) Leeworthy, Chief Economist, National Ocean Service, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, 1305 East West Highway, SSMC 4, 11th floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

4. Your Participation and Protections of Confidentiality

Your participation is voluntary. 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 the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Any information that identifies you or your business (name, name of business, address and telephone number) will not be given to anyone, including the government agencies sponsoring this information collection. The information that identifies you or your business will be destroyed by the contractor collecting the information at the end of the information collection. All other information will be available for distribution.

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Socioeconomic Profile Questionnaire

Name _____

Telephone _____

Address or Contact Site _____

1. Which of the following includes your age?

18 – 30 31 - 40 41 – 50 51 – 60 over 60

2. What is your racial/ethnic background (circle all that apply) ?

- a. White
- b. Black or African American
- c. American Indian or Alaska Native
- d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- e. Asian

Are you Hispanic? Yes ___ No ___

3. How many family members do you support (including yourself)?

myself only 2 3 4 5 6 7 greater than 7

4. Are you a member of any of the following groups?

Chamber of Commerce	Yes ___	No ___
Environmental Group	Yes ___	No ___
Conch Coalition	Yes ___	No ___
Florida Keys Commercial fisherman's Association	Yes ___	No ___
Organized Fishermen of Florida	Yes ___	No ___

5. Do you belong to a fish house ? Yes ___ No ___

- if yes, then which one ? _____

6. Which of the following would you describe as your primary hauling port/dock ?

___ Key West/Stock Island	___ Summerland Key
___ Big Pine Key	___ Marathon
___ Islamorada	___ Key Largo
___ Tavenier	___ Other _____

7. How many years have you been a commercial fishermen in Monroe County?

Less than 1 year 1-5 6-10 11-20 over 20 years

8. Please provide your BEST ESTIMATE of the replacement value for the following items used for commercial fishing in (*year of study*) ?

___ Vessels and electronic equipment:	\$ _____
Lobster Traps: Number _____	\$ _____
Nets: Number: _____	\$ _____
Other gear:	\$ _____

9. Please provide your BEST ESTIMATE for the following expenses in (*year of study*) ?

Docking fees:	\$ _____
Fish House Fees:	\$ _____
Interest payments on vessel (s):	\$ _____
Maintenance and repairs vessel (s):	\$ _____
Maintenance and repairs traps:	\$ _____
Maintenance and repairs gear:	\$ _____

10. What approximate percentage of your income is derived from commercial fishing? ____%

11. Which of the following best describes your fishing occupation?

- a. commercial/full-time
- b. commercial/part-time
- c. charterboat
- d. recreational

12. What approximate percentage of your income is derived from fishing in the Monroe County?
____%

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Catch, Trips and Trip Costs by Fishery

1. Total Catch by Species and by Area

The map shows the seven (7) areas for Monroe County and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Please refer to this map and use the following table and give me your BEST ESTIMATE of your TOTAL CATCH in each fishery in (*year of study*) and the percent of catch in each area.

Fishery	Pounds	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Stone Crabs									100%
Lobster									100%
Shrimp									100%
Snapper/Grouper									100%
Mackerels									100%
Sharks									100%
Others									100%

2. Total Number of Trips by Species and by Area

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3. Trip Costs by Species

Please use the following table and give me your BEST ESTIMATE of your costs for a TYPICAL TRIP in each of the fisheries you participated in during (*year of study*).

Item	Stone Crabs	Lobster	Shrimp	Snapper/Grouper	Mackerels	Others
Fuel and Oil						
Ice						
Bait						
Food & Supplies						
Spotter Plane						
Other						

Crew									
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CATCH, TRIPS AND COSTS

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Invertebrates									100%
Plants									100%
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Live Sand (lbs)									100%
Others									100%

5. Total Number of Trips by Species and by Area

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