



## A STUDY OF FISHING IN NORTH CAROLINA



This study is being conducted with the assistance of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 2006. Your participation is voluntary. All responses will be kept confidential under the Privacy Act of 1974.

The information you provide will be combined with information provided by other participants to produce statistical summaries and reports.

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This form is for households with and without people who fish. It just takes a few minutes and your answers will be confidential

**1. In the last 12 months has anyone living in your household, including children and adults, been recreational saltwater fishing in the U.S. or a U.S. territory?**

- Yes  
 No → (please go to question 6)

*Recreational saltwater fishing refers to fishing primarily with hook and line for pleasure, amusement, relaxation, or home consumption in oceans, bays, inlets, canals, intra-coastal waterways, and brackish portions affected by the tides. Inland saltwater bodies includes sounds, passes, inlets, bays, estuaries, brackish portions of rivers, and other areas of salt or brackish water like bayous and canals.*

**2. How many people in this household (including children and adults) have participated in recreational saltwater fishing during the past 12 months?**

Number of people who have fished

Please tell us the following for each member of the household who has gone saltwater fishing during the past 12 months. If more than four household members have participated in recreational saltwater fishing during the past 12 months, please list the four oldest participants.

	Fisher 1	Fisher 2	Fisher 3	Fisher 4
<b>3. What is the person's first name?</b>				
<b>4. What is the person's sex?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
<b>5. How old is the person?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 - 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 or older	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 - 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 or older	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 - 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 or older	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 - 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 or older

**6. For statistical purposes, we are interested in learning about your telephone usage. Is there at least one phone inside your home that is currently working and not a cell phone?**

- Yes  
 No

**Thank you! Please return this form in the postage paid envelope provided or mail to:**

A Study of Fishing in North Carolina  
 116 John Street, Suite 800  
 New York, NY 10038

# COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: How did you get my address?**

A: Your address was randomly selected from among all of North Carolina's addresses. It was selected using scientific sampling methods to represent other households in your part of the state.

**Q: Nobody in my household fishes. Should I respond to the survey?**

A: Yes. It is important that we gather information about households that do not fish as well as those who do. Once we receive your completed questionnaire, you will not be sent any additional mailings such as replacement questionnaires.

**Q: Why can't you interview another household instead of mine?**

A: In order to make sure final results of the study are accurate, receiving information about your household is important to us. Households selected for this study were chosen using scientific sampling methods and your responses cannot be replaced by others.

**Q: How will the information I provide be used?**

A: Information from this study will be used to improve the monitoring of North Carolina's fishing activity. All information will be kept confidential; It will be combined with information from other households to produce statistical summaries and reports.

**Q: How much time will this survey take?**

A: On average, it should take less than five minutes for you to respond, including the time for reviewing instructions, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

**Q: Who is sponsoring the survey?**

A: This study is sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Questions regarding the study can be directed to Rob Andrews at National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration by calling 301-713-2328.