

COMMERCIAL FISHING BOAT SURVEY

(Personal Interview)

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INTRODUCTION

The Corps of Engineers is conducting a study of commercial fishing boat activities in the _____ area. If you currently operate or anticipate operating out of _____, please answer the questions in this survey and return it to the harbormaster's office by _____.

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary, and you may refuse to answer any questions. Because only a few people are being selected for the study, the participation of each person selected is very important. The information you provide will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for overall statistical results. Thanks for your assistance.

SECTION I. Vessel Background Information

Please describe your equipment below.

1. Vessel Type: () Outboard () Inboard () Inboard/Outboard

() Other (specify) _____

2. What is the name and license or registration number of your vessel?
_____.

3. Vessel Size:

Length (feet) _____

Beam (feet) _____

Draft (light) _____

Draft (loaded) _____

Net Tonnage _____

Engine Size (horsepower) _____

Engine Type (gas, diesel) _____

4. Vessel Speed (knots):

At Sea _____

Minimum maneuvering speed in harbor _____

Maximum maneuvering speed in harbor _____

5. What is your crew size (including skipper): _____

SECTION II. Description of Operations

6. Where is your boat currently based (homeport)?

7. a. Do you rent an exclusive stall? (Circle) Yes No

b. If yes, name of harbor? _____

8. If you operate from more than one harbor, please give the approximate amount of working time from each:

	<u>Port</u>	<u>Time in Weeks</u>
a.	_____	_____
b.	_____	_____
c.	_____	_____

9. Which waterways do you use?

10. What type of processing plant (shore-based, at-sea, cannery, etc.) do you use and in what proportion?

	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Percent</u>
a.	_____	_____
b.	_____	_____
c.	_____	_____

11. What is your fuel use per hour while:
- a. Traveling at sea? _____ gallons/hour
 - b. Within the harbor area? _____ gallons/hour
 - c. At rest? _____ gallons/hour
 - d. Fishing? _____ gallons/hour

11a. During a typical day of operation, how many gallons of fuel does your vessel use?

_____ gallons

12. How much do you pay your crew in wages or shares of the catch?

13. If the crew is paid a percentage of returns, are some costs deducted?

- a. yes
- b. no

13a. If yes, list the type of cost and the amount deducted per employee.

<u>Type of Cost</u>	<u>Amount deducted per employee</u>
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

14. What are your packing and/or processing costs per 100 pounds? _____

SECTION III. Fishery Data

15. Indicate the number of days you spend fishing by month and species (crab, shrimp, halibut, salmon, bottom fish, etc.)

Species	From	Port Operating											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
a. _____	_____	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___
b. _____	_____	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___
c. _____	_____	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___
d. _____	_____	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___

16. Indicate the number of roundtrips made and the number of days spent fishing vs. in port for each species.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Roundtrips Per Year</u>	<u>Days Fishing Per Trip</u>	<u>Days in Port Per Trip</u>
a. _____	_____	_____	_____
b. _____	_____	_____	_____
c. _____	_____	_____	_____
d. _____	_____	_____	_____

17. What is your catch per year of each type of catch?

<u>Species</u>	<u>Catch per year</u>
a. _____	_____
b. _____	_____
c. _____	_____
d. _____	_____
e. _____	_____

17a. If your catch includes shrimp, is this figure for heads off or on?
(circle one)

- a. heads off
- b. heads on

18. What was the average price per lb. You received for:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Price</u>
a. _____	_____
b. _____	_____
c. _____	_____
d. _____	_____
e. _____	_____

SECTION IV. Existing Conditions

The purpose of this section is to determine the extent of problems encountered in the _____ harbor system.

19. a. What are your estimated annual vessel maintenance and repair costs?
\$ _____
- b. What portion of your vessel maintenance and repair costs are due to the existing conditions in the _____ harbor system? \$ _____
- c. Of that portion, how much is due to each of the following causes:

- 1) Wave damage in _____ harbor (hull maintenance, mooring line repair, buoy replacement, etc.) \$ _____
- 2) Harbor overcrowding and congestion (rafting, collisions, etc.) \$ _____
- 3) Other (please specify) _____ \$ _____

20. Please estimate the delays you incur per trip due to the following:

	Hours Per Trip	No. Of Crew On Board
a. Overcrowding/congestion in basins and channels	_____	_____
b. Overcrowding/congestion at existing working docks	_____	_____
c. Moving vessels from within rafts	_____	_____
d. Channel depths	_____	_____

21. What type or types of equipment does your vessel carry?

22. What types of nets or lines do you use?

23. How many hours per trip do you spend:

- a. Traveling to your fishing grounds? _____
- b. Traveling from your fishing grounds? _____
- c. At rest? _____
- d. With the nets or lines working? _____

SECTION V. Impact of Improvements

The purpose of this section is to determine how _____ Harbor improvements similar to those shown on Exhibit A would affect your operations. The _____ Harbor with the planned improvements would have adequate moorage and working space and a wave climate similar to the _____ Harbor. Because of the rubble mound breakwater and added floats the wing would be slightly reduced from existing conditions.

24. With _____ Harbor improvements similar to those shown on Exhibit A, how many trips per year traveling to another port such as _____, _____, or _____ could be avoided?

Port	Trips Avoided Per Year
a. _____	_____
b. _____	_____
c. _____	_____
d. _____	_____

25. With _____ Harbor improvements similar to those shown on Exhibit A, would you check on your boat less?

Number of boat checks per year that would be eliminated _____
 Amount of time per check _____

26. With _____ Harbor improvements similar to those shown on Exhibit A, would you stand watch on your boat less during storms?

Number of watches eliminated per year _____
 Amount of time per watch _____

27. Do you ever leave _____ Harbor due to the wave climate? If yes,

- a. How many times per year? _____
- b. Where do you go? _____
- c. How long to you stay away? _____
- d. How many crew are on board? _____

28. Describe harbor facilities you feel are needed in _____, e.g., working docks for gear transfers and repairs, stalls for vessels greater than 120 feet, additional parking, etc.

29. What other information do you have concerning the other waterways that you use that would be helpful in determining your use of this waterway?
