

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY QUESTIONNAIRE

(Personal Interview)

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1) How familiar are you with the following waterway/lake: _____?

- Very familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Not very familiar
- Not at all familiar
- Uncertain

2) What kinds of things do you look for as indicators of environmental quality in a body of water?

3) How concerned are you about the environmental quality of the referenced waterway/lake (and please explain the reasons for your level of concern in the space provided below the choices)?

- Very concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Not very concerned
- Not at all concerned
- Uncertain

4. In the last year, on average, how often have you used the river for recreation? Did you use it: weekly, monthly, a few times during the year, or not at all?

- Weekly
- A few times during the year
- Monthly
- Not at all

5. Has the environmental quality of the river caused you to stop doing, or do less of, ANY of the things you used to do for recreation? (Check)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

5a. Why is that? _____

6. Do you think that the current water quality in the river makes it safe or unsafe for swimming?

- Very safe
- Somewhat safe
- Somewhat unsafe
- Very unsafe
- Don't know

7. Do you think that the current water quality in the river makes eating fish and other seafood from it: very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe, or very unsafe?

- Very safe
- Somewhat safe
- Somewhat unsafe
- Very unsafe
- Don't know

8. Do you think the current water quality in the river makes it: very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe, or very unsafe for fish and other aquatic life that live in the river?

- Very safe
- Somewhat safe
- Somewhat unsafe
- Very unsafe
- Don't know

9) On a scale from 1 to 3 (1 = high priority, 2 = medium priority, 3 = low priority), please rate the following as priorities for the referenced waterway/lake:

- Safe for swimming
- Safe for fish and other aquatic life in the river
- Safe for animals to eat fish, shellfish, and plants taken from the waterway/lake
- Safe for people to eat fish, shellfish, and plants taken from the waterway/lake

10) Do you think that the current efforts to protect or improve the environmental quality of the waterway/lake are too little, too much, just right, or don't know?

- Too little
- Too much
- Just right
- Don't know

11. How active would you describe yourself in helping to generally reduce pollution in the environment?

11a. Would you say that you are very active, somewhat active, or not very active?

Very active

Somewhat active

Not very active

12. Do you or any members of your household belong to any organization(s) that promote(s) environmental quality?

Yes

No

Don't know

12a. If yes, what are they? _____

13. Suppose some new funding became available for improving the environmental of the river system. Some of this money would go to repair damage already done by pollution and some to prevent additional damage. Where would you like to see most of the new money go: 1) to prevent additional damage by pollution, or 2) to repair damage already done by pollution?

Preventing additional damage by pollution

Repairing damage already done by pollution

Don't know

Other _____

13a. If you chose "preventing additional damage by pollution", which of the following should that money be spent for: for education, for scientific research, for enforcement of existing regulations, or for technical assistance to volunteer groups, or for some other purpose?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance to volunteer groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of existing regulations | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |
| | _____ |
| | _____ |

13b. If you chose repairing damage already done by pollution, where should that money be spent: for restoring wildlife areas, for replenishing fish, for reducing water pollution, or for some other purpose?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Restoring wildlife areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Reducing water pollution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Replenishing the fish population | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know | (specify) _____ |
| | _____ |
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14. Have you seen or heard any reports about environmental restoration in the river? (Check Answer)

- Yes No Don't know

15. If you wanted more specific information on improving the river environment where would you be most likely to get it: from newspapers, from magazines, radio, television, the Internet, newsletters, from other people, or from some other source? (Check One Answer)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> The Internet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magazines | <input type="checkbox"/> Other people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Television | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

16. In the last year, on average, how often have you eaten fish, shellfish, or plants from the referenced waterway/lake?

- daily
- weekly
- monthly
- only a few times
- not at all

17. Do you eat fish, shellfish, or plants from the referenced waterway/lake as a primary way to keep from going hungry?

- yes
- no

18. Which of the following, if any, do you typically eat from the referenced waterway/lake?

- Fish
- Shellfish
- Plants
- I do not eat anything caught or collected from the waterway/lake

Other: _____