

RIVER BASIN BOATING SURVEY

(Mail Survey)

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1. Do you presently own a boat? (Check One Box)

- Yes
- No “Thank you for your time.” (*End interview*)

I would like to ask you some questions about the recreational use of your boat. I am referring to (Boat type, length, and registration number).

We are interested in recreational boat trips taken to the (PROJECT) River Basin in the past 12 months using the boat we just described, and only that boat, whether or not you personally participated in the trips.

2. a. In the past 12 months, have you or anyone else used your boat for recreational purposes in... (Check all that apply)

- (PLACE 1)
- (PLACE 2)
- (PLACE 3)

b. Were any of these boat trips on (*Read list of water projects in each state mentioned in Q.2*)?

(CHECK BOXES BELOW FOR ALL THAT APPLY. *If none, thank the respondent and end the interview.*)

- (PROJECT 1: _____)
- (PROJECT 2: _____)
- (PROJECT 3: _____)
- _____
- _____
- _____

3. You said that your boat has been used on (*Read All Responses from Q.2b*) during the last 12 months. Which ONE of these lakes and rivers did you or anyone else visit most often in the past 12 months? (Check One)

- (PROJECT 1)
- (PROJECT 2)
- (PROJECT 3)

4. How many total trips were made to (ANSWER TO Q#3) during the past 12 months?
(By trips I mean any boat usage occasion lasting any part of one day or longer.)

_____ TRIPS in last 12 months

5. Please tell how many trips were made to this lake or river for each season of the year during the past 12 months?

_____ TRIPS to (PROJECT) in summer (June, July and August)

_____ TRIPS to (PROJECT) in fall (September, October, and November)

_____ TRIPS to (PROJECT) in winter (December, January, and February)

_____ TRIPS to (PROJECT) in spring (March, April, and May)

_____ TOTAL # OF TRIPS. (*Total for Q#5 must equal answer given for Q#4*)

6. Now I would like to ask you several questions about the typical trip to (ANSWER TO Q#3) using your boat in the past 12 months. By "typical trip" I mean the trip most commonly taken from your permanent home to (ANSWER TO Q#3). In these boat trips taken by you and others during the past 12 months, how many days did the TYPICAL TRIP to (ANSWER TO Q#3) last?
(A day trip counts as one day. An overnight trip would be two days, and so on.)

_____ DAYS

7. Including yourself, how many persons usually went boating on your boat during a TYPICAL TRIP to (ANSWER TO Q#3)?

_____ PERSONS

8. Which of the following activities did you or other people in your party participate in on a TYPICAL TRIP to (ANSWER TO Q#3)? (Check All the Apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> FISHING FROM SHORE? | <input type="checkbox"/> SCUBA DIVING? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FISHING FROM THE BOAT? | <input type="checkbox"/> SWIMMING? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PLEASURE BOATING? | <input type="checkbox"/> CAMPING? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WATERSKIING? | <input type="checkbox"/> PICNICKING? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JETSKIING? | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER ACTIVITIES? (Please List Below:) |

9. Next, I will read a list of access methods which can be used to get onto a lake or river. Please tell me if you or others used any of the following methods to access (ANSWER TO Q#3) during the past 12 months. In the past 12 months did you or others use

	YES (Check)	NO (Check)	DON'T KNOW
a. A private boat launching ramp?			
b. A public boat launching ramp?			
c. A marina slip?			
d. A private boat dock?			
e. Any other method of access? (SPECIFY)_____			

10. Which of these access methods you just told me were used to gain access to (ANSWER TO Q#3) did you use most in the past 12 months?

MOST USED

ACCESS:_____

(Q#4-Q#10 may also be repeated for other water projects visited less often during the last 12 months.)

11. You said earlier that (ANSWER TO Q#3) was the lake or river where your boat was used most often in the past 12 months. Please take a few minutes to think about the amount of money you and others have spent while on your individual trips to (ANSWER TO Q#3) in the past 12 months.

About how many total dollars would you say you and others spend during a **typical trip** in each of the following categories?

a. ON ATYPICAL TRIP to _____, How many total dollars were spent OUTSIDE the area surrounding that lake or river? (This includes money spent on at-home preparation for the trip, food, and lodging on the way TO and FROM that lake or river.)

\$ _____

b. How many total round trip dollars were spent ON A TYPICAL TRIP for transportation supplies for your auto/RV/truck? (This includes gas, oil, commercial travel, repairs and parking.)

\$ _____

c. How many total round trip dollars were spent ON A TYPICAL TRIP for Transportation supplies for your boat? (This includes gas, oil, repairs, and launching fees?)

\$ _____

d. How many total round trip dollars were spent ON A TYPICAL TRIP for Food and drink at restaurants in the area of the lake or river

visited?

\$ _____

e. How many total round trip dollars were spent ON A TYPICAL TRIP for Groceries in the area visited?

_____ \$

f. How many total round trip dollars were spent ON A TYPICAL TRIP for Public fees? (This includes public facility entrance and camping licenses, and other public recreation fees in the area visited..)

fees,

\$ _____

- g. How many total round trip dollars were spent ON A TYPICAL TRIP for Lodging? (This includes private camping fees, hotels, and motels.)

\$ _____

- h. How many total round trip dollars were spent ON A TYPICAL TRIP for Other recreation and amusement fees such as golf fees, admissions, etc.?

\$ _____

- i. How many total round trip dollars were spent ON A TYPICAL TRIP for Other merchandise and supplies? (This includes clothing, souvenirs, tackle and bait, but does NOT include durable goods like fishing rods or furniture.)

\$ _____

Now I would like to ask you a few questions about your boat. I am referring to (*Boat type, length, and registration number*).

12. What was the approximate cost of the boat? This means the amount of money you paid when you purchased the boat. \$ _____

13. Does this cost include the motor?

___ Yes (*Skip to Q. 15*) ___ No

14. What was the cost of the motor? \$ _____

15. Was the craft purchased new or used?

___ NEW (*Skip to Q. 17*) ___ USED

16. Was that used craft purchased from a dealer?

___ Yes ___ No

17. In what county and state was the boat purchased? _____

18. What year was the craft purchased? (Year) _____

19. Thinking about ALL the trips taken in the past 12 months using this boat, what is the TOTAL number of trips taken to ANY and ALL lakes or rivers by you or others? By total trips, I mean the total number of trips taken to any lake or river in the past 12 months, including the trips you told me about today.

TOTAL # OF TRIPS: _____

20. In the past 12 months, did you pay a FEE for RENTAL or for STORAGE, to store your boat, including dry storage and annual marina slip rental?

___ Yes ___ No (*Skip to Q.22*) ___ Don't know (*Skip to Q.22*)

21. How much was this fee for rental (or storage) to store your boat?

\$ _____

22. Did you have any INSURANCE COSTS in the past 12 months for this boat?

___ Yes ___ No (*Skip to end*) ___ Don't know (*Skip to end*)

23. How much were your insurance costs? \$ _____