

# SLIP RENTER SURVEY

(Personal Interview)

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PLEASE READ EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY. CHOOSE ONLY THE MOST APPROPRIATE ANSWER WHERE CHOICES ARE SUPPLIED, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. THEN MARK THE BOX OF THE ANSWER WITH AN "X".

## PART I. BOAT-OWNING STATUS

1a. Did you rent a slip in the \_\_\_\_\_ area during the \_\_\_\_ boating season?       Yes     No

1b. If yes, please provide the name and location of the marina/boating facility where your boat was located during the \_\_\_\_ boating season.

\_\_\_\_\_

1c. Please provide the marina dock or slip number where your boat was kept.

\_\_\_\_\_

**If you did not rent a slip in \_\_\_\_\_ Area during the \_\_\_\_ boating season, please do not complete this survey, but return it uncompleted in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope. This will ensure that you will not be sent with reminder mailings. Thank you very much.**

2. Mark the category that best describes the type of boat that you now own. (If you presently own more than one boat, answer for the boat that you berthed at the location you indicated in question 1c.)

- a. Boat      (1)  Outboard                      (2)  Inboard  
                 (3)  Inboard/Outboard      (4)  Sailboat  
                 (0)  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_ c. Model \_\_\_\_\_ d. Year \_\_\_\_\_

e. What is the length of your boat (overall)?                      Feet \_\_\_\_\_ Inches \_\_\_\_\_

f. What is your boat draft (depth of boat in water)?                      Feet \_\_\_\_\_ Inches \_\_\_\_\_

g. What is the beam (width) of your boat)?                      Feet \_\_\_\_\_ Inches \_\_\_\_\_

3. How many years have you owned/operated a boat? \_\_\_\_\_ Years

4. How many years have you operated a boat in the [U.S. Site Name] area? \_\_\_\_\_ Years

5. What problems have you personally encountered during the \_\_\_\_ boating season? Mark an "X" to all that apply.

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| (1) Inadequate channel depths _____          | (9) inadequate protection for boats during storms _____ |
| (2) Inadequate open water depths _____       | (10) Lower unit damage _____                            |
| (3) Inadequate depths at berth or slip _____ | (11) Slip rental costs too high _____                   |
| (4) Inadequate security at docks _____       | (12) Poor water quality _____                           |
| (5) Zebra Mussels _____                      | (13) Overcrowding _____                                 |
| (6) Inadequate parking _____                 | (14) Submerged Objects _____                            |
| (7) Hull Scratches _____                     | (15) Other (Specify) _____                              |
| (8) Hull Punctures _____                     |   |

6. How many times during the \_\_\_\_ boating season did you use your boat?

a. trips to boating facility: \_\_\_\_\_ b. number of times boat left slip: \_\_\_\_\_

7a. Including yourself, how many person are on your boat on a typical trip? \_\_\_\_\_ Persons

7b. On the average, how many persons that go with you are members of your immediate household? \_\_\_\_\_ Persons

8. Please provide your best estimate of the expenses you incurred in (place) for each expense category listed. Do not include automobile costs for traveling to the boat, club dues and food or entertainment expenses.

- a. Seasonal slip/mooring rental cost..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Winter storage cost ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Boat repair and maintenance..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Fishing supplies (bait, tackle, etc)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Marina supplies ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Boat fuel and oil ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Boat insurance ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PART II. Value of Recreational Boating in the \_\_\_\_\_ Area.

The \_\_\_\_\_ River system is one of North America's most important natural resources. The water levels of the \_\_\_\_\_ change in response to many factors: over-lake precipitation, water runoff from land, evaporation, flow restrictions and human activities. The water levels change from month to month and from year to year. In some months and some years, levels are higher than average. In some months and years, levels are lower than average. Given that water levels will continue to fluctuate, the following question is designed to determine the value of the boating in the [U.S. Site Name] area. It is important for us to know how current slip holders value boating on the \_\_\_\_\_ River System.

9. High construction costs have limited the number of wet storage spaces that are available in the [U.S. Site Name] area. Suppose that all current slip spaces were going to be auctioned off to boaters who bid the highest dollar amount to rent a slip. **How much more** would you be willing to pay above your \_\_\_\_\_ slip cost per season to rent a slip or mooring in the [U.S. Site Name] area knowing that if you bid too low you could lose your slip? **Circle the additional cost you would pay from the list below.**

\$ 3000 \$ 2500 \$ 2000 \$ 1800 \$ 1600

\$ 1400 \$ 1200 \$ 1000 \$ 900 \$ 800

\$ 700 \$ 600 \$ 500 \$ 450 \$ 400

\$ 350 \$ 325 \$ 300 \$ 275 \$ 250

\$ 225 \$ 200 \$ 175 \$ 150 \$ 125

\$ 100 \$ 75 \$ 50 \$ 25 \$ 0

If the amount you would pay per season is not shown on the list above, please write in the amount here. \$\_\_\_\_\_.

10. Please mark the answer that best describes your reason for answering the previous question the way you did.

(1) [ ] That 's what it's worth to me

(2) [ ] It's worth more to me, but it's all I can afford to pay

(3) [ ] Not enough information is provided

(4) [ ] I didn't want to place a dollar value

(5) [ ] I object to the wording of the question

(0) [ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please specify)

11. If lake level regulation were to occur, I would like the boating season's **minimum** water level to:

1  remain the same

2  be lowered by \_\_\_\_\_ feet \_\_\_\_\_ inches

3  be raised by \_\_\_\_\_ feet \_\_\_\_\_ inches

12. If lake level regulation were to occur, I would like the boating season's long term **average** water level to:

1  remain the same

2  be lowered by \_\_\_\_\_ feet \_\_\_\_\_ inches

3  be raised by \_\_\_\_\_ feet \_\_\_\_\_ inches

13. Who do you think should pay for lake level regulation?

1  the federal governments of the U.S. and Canada only

2  all levels of government

3  costs should be shared among the interests who benefit such as shipping, hydropower, shoreline property owners, recreational boaters, recreational beach users, etc.

4  I do not support regulation

9  others; please specify \_\_\_\_\_

14. What is your primary source of information about lake levels?

Please mark **one** only.

1  personal experience

4  government publications

2  neighbors

5  university publications

3  newspapers, magazines,  
television

9  other; please specify

\_\_\_\_\_

PART III. OPINIONS AND PERCEPTIONS.

There are many different opinions about the fluctuating water levels in the \_\_\_\_\_ River System. In the statements below please check the bracket that most closely corresponds with how you feel. Mark only one per question.

15. How important are water level fluctuations for wetlands, wildlife and fisheries?

Not at All Important	Slightly Important	Somewhat Important	Quite Important	Extremely Important
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16. How serious are problems that water level fluctuations can create for boaters.

Not at All Serious	Slightly Serious	Somewhat Serious	Quite Serious	Extremely Serious
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17. How effective are Lake level management measures, with the use of physical structures, such as dams and diversions, to fully controlling fluctuating water levels.

Not at All Effective	Slightly Effective	Somewhat Effective	Quite Effective	Extremely Effective
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18. How effective are the dams at \_\_\_\_\_ at controlling the water levels at \_\_\_\_\_.

Not at All Effective	Slightly Effective	Somewhat Effective	Quite Effective	Extremely Effective
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19. How effective are the dams at \_\_\_\_\_ controlling the levels of the lakes below them.

Not at All Effective	Slightly Effective	Somewhat Effective	Quite Effective	Extremely Effective
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20. How effectively does the government manage the levels of the lakes to satisfy the needs of shipping and hydro-electric power interests.

Not at All Effective	Slightly Effective	Somewhat Effective	Quite Effective	Extremely Effective
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21. What, in your opinion, is the cause of fluctuating water levels:

- Mostly natural forces 1 [ ]
- Mostly man made factors 2 [ ]
- Both natural and man-made factors 3 [ ]
- Don't know 4 [ ]
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ 5 [ ]

22. Does the government now provide emergency forecasts of winds and water levels for the [U.S. Site Name] area ?

- 1 [ ] yes
- 2 [ ] no
- 3 [ ] don't know

23. Are you in favor of governments constructing more dams and channels in the attempt to regulate water levels to the extent that is possible?

- 1 [ ] yes
- 2 [ ] no
- 3 [ ] don't know

Please refer to the chart below in answering the next four questions. Answer the question in terms of the lake/river you are on.

Since (year), the monthly water levels on **the** \_\_\_\_\_ **River** have fluctuated as follows:

(Elevations in feet above sea level.)

	<u>average</u>	<u>maximum</u>	<u>minimum</u>	<u>total</u> <u>range</u>
_____ River	XXX.X	XXX.X	XXX.X	X.X

#### PART IV. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The following information will help our research staff analyze the results of the study properly.

24. What was the highest level of education that you completed?

- (1) [ ] No schooling
- (2) [ ] Grade school (1-8)
- (3) [ ] Some high school
- (4) [ ] High school graduate
- (5) [ ] Some college
- (6) [ ] College graduate
- (7) [ ] Post graduate
- (8) [ ] Other school after high school

25. Including yourself, how many persons live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_ Persons

26. Please mark the category that contains your age.

- (1) [ ] 15- 19      (2) [ ] 20- 24      (3) [ ] 25- 29  
(4) [ ] 30- 34      (5) [ ] 35- 39      (6) [ ] 40- 44  
(7) [ ] 45- 49      (8) [ ] 50- 54      (9) [ ] 55- 59  
(10) [ ] 60- 64      (11) [ ] 65- 74      (12) [ ] 75 & over

27. Please indicate which group represents your total pre-tax household income for last year? Please circle one box.

Less than \$10,000	\$50,000-\$74,999
\$10,000-\$14,999	\$75,000-\$99,999
\$15,000-\$24,999	\$100,000-\$149,999
\$25,000-\$34,999	\$150,000-\$199,999
\$35,000-\$49,999	\$200,000 or more

28. We are interested in your thoughts about the need for additional boating facilities and your comments about this questionnaire. Do you have any comments?

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Thank you for your time. Your cooperation in filling out this questionnaire is greatly appreciated. Please put this questionnaire in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope and mail it to us. If you have misplaced the envelope, please send this questionnaire to:

If you have any questions about the survey, the point of contact is \_\_\_\_\_, who can be reached weekdays at \_\_\_\_\_.