



A STUDY OF FISHING IN NORTH CAROLINA

This survey on recreational saltwater fishing is being conducted for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The survey is interested in collecting information about people who have been recreational saltwater fishing. It's important for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to understand how often and where people fish so as to be able to improve recreational saltwater fishing for everyone.

1. Are you: Male
 Female

2. How old are you? Are you:
 Less than 16
 16-18
 18-24
 25-34
 35-44
 45-54
 55-64
 65 or older

3. During the **past 12 months**, did you have a fishing license for the state of North Carolina?
 Yes ---Go to Question 4
 No ---- Skip to Question 6

4. Was this particular license for recreational saltwater fishing?
 Yes --- Go to Question 5
 No --- Skip to Question 6

5. Was this license valid for the months of November and December of this year?
 Yes
 No

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6. **Saltwater fishing** includes fishing in oceans, sounds, or bays, or in brackish portions of rivers. This does not include fishing in freshwater, or for shellfish, such as crabbing.

Recreational fishing means the primary purpose of the fishing is for fun or relaxation, as opposed to providing income from the sale of fish.

Between November 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009, on how many days did you go recreational saltwater fishing in North Carolina or from a boat launched from North Carolina?

- None →

Thank you for your time. Even if you didn't go saltwater fishing during November and December, it's important for us to get a response from every person selected for this study. Please return your completed questionnaire to us in the enclosed prepaid return envelope.

- 1-4 days →

Please fill out one blue sheet for each day that you went recreational saltwater fishing between November 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009.

- 5 or more days



Listed below are calendars for the months of November and December.

- Mark a "B" if you fished from a boat on that day
- Mark an "S" if you fished from the shore, pier, dock, or any other land-based fishing point

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |


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Please fill out one blue sheet for your **most recent fishing trip by boat** and one blue sheet for your **most recent fishing trip from shore**.

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Saltwater Fishing Trips (BLUE SHEETS)

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| <p>1. Please mark the date of the fishing trip</p> |  |
| <p>2. Did you fish from a boat on this date?</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No --- Skip to Question 3</p> |
| <p>2a. What state and county were you in when the boat landed and you stepped off of the boat?</p> <p>Please provide the name of the state as well as the name of the county, parish, island, or municipality, as best you can remember.</p> | <p>_____</p> <p>Name of State</p> <p>_____</p> <p>County, Parish, Island or Municipality Name</p> |
| <p>2b. Does the public have access to the place where the boat landed?</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Public Access <input type="checkbox"/> No, Private Access</p> |
| <p>3. Did you fish from the shore on this date?</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No ----Skip to Question 4</p> |

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| <p>3a. Was that from a..... (check all that are applicable)</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pier? <input type="checkbox"/> Dock? <input type="checkbox"/> Jetty or Breakwater? <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge or Causeway? <input type="checkbox"/> Other man-made structure? <input type="checkbox"/> Bank or Beach?</p> |
| <p>3b. Does the public have access to this place?</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Public Access <input type="checkbox"/> No, Private Access</p> |
| <p>3c. Where were you fishing? Please provide the name of the state as well as the name of the county, parish, island, or municipality as best you can remember.</p> | <p>_____</p> <p>Name of State</p> <p>_____</p> <p>County, Parish, Island or Municipality Name</p> |
| <p>4. Was most of your fishing effort that day in.....</p> <p>(Check only one):</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ocean, within 3 miles from the shore? <input type="checkbox"/> Ocean, more than 3 miles from the shore? <input type="checkbox"/> Sound ? <input type="checkbox"/> River ? <input type="checkbox"/> Bay ? <input type="checkbox"/> Inlet ? <input type="checkbox"/> Someplace else?</p> |
| <p>5. At approximately what time did this fishing trip end?</p> <p>(Check one)</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Midnight – 3:00 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 3:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 a.m. –Noon <input type="checkbox"/> Noon – 3:00 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 p.m.-midnight</p> |
| <p>6. Did anyone else from your household, including children and adults, fish with you on this date?</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No ---- Go to Next Trip Form</p> |
| <p>7. Who else from your household fished with you on this date? (Check all that apply)</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/partner <input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) <input type="checkbox"/> Other household member</p> |
| <p>8. Including you, how many household members went saltwater fishing on this date?</p> | <p>_____</p> <p>Number of household members</p> |

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