

For the purposes of this review and submission the justifications for each question or section of questions is highlighted in a shaded text box above each question. These text boxes will not be printed on the final version of the surveys. The Topic Areas noted are consistent with the currently approved pool questions for the NPS Programmatic Review Process (1024-0224). The questions that are slight variations are denoted as such. Any questions that are outside the general scope of the programmatic review process have been carefully discussed and generally approved by the NPS Information Collection Review Coordinator with understanding that that those questions will require further review and consideration by OMB before full determination and approval can be granted.

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Lake Clark National Park and Preserve Silver Salmon Creek and Crescent Lake Creel Survey

INTERVIEWER NAME _____
LOCATION: _____ DATE: _____ TIME: _____

Initial Contact and Interview Script:

Hello, my name is (_____). I am an employee (or volunteer) at Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. We are conducting a survey of people fishing at Silver Salmon Creek/Crescent Lake, asking visitors questions about their fishing experiences. Have you been asked to participate in this study today?

- If YES - Thank you for your time. Have a good day.
- If NO - continue

Are you done fishing for the day?

- If YES - continue
- If NO - Ask them - Would you be willing to participate in the survey when you are finished fishing?
 - If YES - Thank them for their time and contact them when they are finished fishing.
 - If NO - END CONTACT. Thank you for your time. Have a good day.

Would you be willing to participate in our National Park Service recreational fishing survey? This study will help park managers monitor sockeye/coho salmon catch, harvest and effort at Silver Salmon Creek/Crescent Lake. This information will be used to ensure long term sustainability of these fisheries. This survey is completely voluntary and your responses will remain anonymous. The survey will take approximately five minutes to complete. The information you provide us and your opinion is very important. Would be willing to help us today?

- If YES Begin with question #1.
- If NO Would you be willing to answer three quick questions?
 - If YES Go to **non-respondent** survey questions in the box below
 - If NO END CONTACT. Thank you for your time. Have a good day.

Non-Respondent Survey Questions

- a) How many hours did you fish today? (# hours) _____
- b) How many sockeye / coho did you harvest today? (# fish) _____
- c) Where is your primary residence? (Primary Residence) _____

TOPIC AREA 1 - AGE2 (variation) - this question is to limit the respondent population to anglers 18 years of age or older and will be increased by one year for the 2014 survey season.

1. Were you born before July 1, 1995?

- Yes** Proceed to question 2.
- No** END CONTACT. Thank you for your time. Have a good day.

TOPIC AREA 1 - KNOW4

2. Prior to this visit, were you aware that you would be visiting Lake Clark National Park and Preserve, an area managed by the National Park Service?

- Yes No Not sure Refused to respond

TOPIC AREA 1 - RES1

3. Where is your primary residence?

State _____ Country (if not US) _____ Refused to respond

TOPIC AREA 1 - GR2

3. Are you with a commercial guided group?

- Yes No Refused to respond

TOPIC AREA 3 - TRIPC6

4. On this visit, are you and your personal group visiting the park for more than one day?

- Yes No Refused to respond

TOPIC AREA 3 - TRIPC8 (variation)

4. How many hours did you fish today? _____

- Don't know**
- Refused to respond**

TOPIC AREA 3 – ACT 3 (variation) - this question is needed to provide an estimation of the type of fishing gear that is being used at Silver Salmon Creek/Crescent Lake. This will enable managers to characterize and assess the impacts of different gear types on the fishery.

5. What type of fishing gear did you use today? _____
 Fly Spin Both Refused to respond

TOPIC AREA 3 – ACT 3 (variation) - this question is to better characterize the fishery over the season. This will be used by managers to assess changes in the fishery over time.

6. What fish species were you targeting today? _____
 sockeye salmon coho salmon Dolly Varden Other Refused to respond

TOPIC AREA 3 – ACT 3 (variation) - this question is needed to provide an estimate of the number of fish caught, harvested and released in LACL’s Silver Salmon Creek/Crescent Lake. This will enable managers to assess the sustainability of harvest levels.

7. How many fish, by species, did you catch, harvest, and release today?

Species	Caught	Harvested	Released

Don't know
 Refused to respond

TOPIC AREA 3: ACT 3 (variation) - this question is needed to provide an estimation of fish size harvested. This information will be used to assess size variation among species. The time needed to measure the fish has been averaged based on past individual angler harvest information and is accounted for in the total burden for this collection.

8. May I measure the fish you harvested today? This information will be used to assess size variation among species.

Yes Measure and record fork length of harvested species.
 No Proceed to question 7.

TOPIC AREA 3: ACT 3 (variation) - this question is needed to provide a baseline collection of genetic variability of targeted fish populations. This information will be added to a statewide database of salmon genetics and used to manage the commercial fisheries for these stocks in the marine environment, outside of the park boundary.

9. May I collect a tissue sample (fin clip) from the fish you harvested today? This information will be used to assess genetic variability among and between different fish populations.

Yes Collect fin clip from harvested species and record on datasheet.

No End of Survey.

END Contact. Thank you for your time. Have a good day.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: The National Park Service is authorized by 16 U.S.C. 1a-7 to collect this information. This information will be used by park managers to better understand and manage Bartlett River sockeye and coho salmon populations. Your response to this request is voluntary. The data collected will be completely anonymous and there will be no way to connect your responses back to you as an individual. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

BURDEN ESTIMATE STATEMENT: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to be 5 **minutes** per response. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this information collection to: dan_young@nps.gov (e-mail).