

TELEPHONE FOLLOW-UP

Hello, my name is _____ and I am calling from Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission in Portland, Oregon, on behalf of National Marine Fisheries Service's Alaska Fisheries Science Center. I am trying to reach [name on address].

[IF NOT AVAILABLE] Thank you, I will call back later. When would be a good time to reach [name on address]?

[IF QUALIFIED RESPONDENT IS ON THE PHONE]

QA Recently, we mailed you a questionnaire asking you about your charter business structure, costs and revenue. The survey had a picture of charter boats on the cover and was titled the Alaska Charter Boat Sport Fishing Cost and Earnings Survey. Do you remember receiving that questionnaire?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [*SKIP TO QA2*]

QA1 As of today, we have not received your completed questionnaire. As a member of the charter fishing industry in Alaska, you are probably aware of the smaller number of charter operators that remain in operation in Alaska and their importance to local economies. As one of the remaining operators, your response is very important, and we would greatly appreciate it if you would participate in the survey. The online version of the survey is most convenient for computer users—would it be possible for you to complete the online survey in the next week?

- 1 YES [*SKIP TO VERIFY 1*]
- 2 NO TO INTERNET [*SKIP TO QA3*]
- 3 NO TO SURVEY [*SKIP TO QB*]
- 4 SURVEY HAS ALREADY BEEN RETURNED [*THANK YOU, SKIP TO CONTINUE*]

QA2 We are collecting information about saltwater charter businesses like yours to help the federal government better assess the economic effects of management and regulatory actions (currently in place or potential) on Alaska charter boat fishing businesses and the communities in which they operate. Your input is very important since if too few people respond, the results of the analysis cannot pass scientific standards, and thus will not be used to inform decision makers on the charter boat sector and how it may be affected by their decisions. The online version of the survey is most convenient for computer users – would it be possible for you to complete the online survey in the next week?

- 1 YES [*SKIP TO VERIFY 1*]
- 2 NO TO INTERNET [*SKIP TO QA3*]
- 3 NO TO SURVEY [*SKIP TO QB*]
- 4 SURVEY HAS ALREADY BEEN RETURNED [*THANK YOU, SKIP TO CONTINUE*]

QA3 Okay, If we send you another survey, could you find the time to complete the survey and return it to us by mail within a week of receiving it?

- 1 YES – *[SKIP TO VERIFY 2]*
- 3 NO - *[SKIP TO QB]*

VERIFY 1: (If they indicate they'll take survey online)

To ensure the security of information provided in the online survey, we included a user id and password to access our website in the survey packet we sent you in April. For your convenience I can email your id, a new password, and the web address for the survey if you don't still have it. Is your email address *[GIVE EMAIL ADDRESS ON FILE]*?

- 1. YES, BUT DON'T NEED NEW PASSWORD*[SKIP TO CONTINUE]*
- 2. YES, SEND NEW PASSWORD *[FLAG FOR RESET]*
- 3. NO *[RECORD NEW EMAIL ADDRESS and FLAG FOR RESET]*

Thank you, I will email you the information today. *[GO TO CONTINUE]*

VERIFY 2 (If new survey needs to be sent)

I would like to verify the address for [name of business] as...

STREET ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____

Is this correct?

- 1- NO – *[RECORD NEW ADDRESS.]*
- 2- YES

Okay, I will send another questionnaire out today. *[GO TO CONTINUE]*

CONTINUE (If they indicate survey has been or will be returned)

Thanks for your participation. *[GO TO QB]*

QB It is very important for our analysis that we understand how those who haven't returned the survey compare to those who did. This way we will not misinterpret the results. Could I take about 5 minutes to ask you a few questions that will help us with our work? I'd like to remind you that all of your answers are confidential and your name will not be revealed to anyone.

- 1 YES [*SKIP TO Q1*]
- 2 NO [*ASK FOR A MORE CONVENIENT TIME, OTHERWISE, THANK AND TERMINATE*]

CHARTER BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Q1 Which of the following business structures best describes your business? *Check the best answer.*

- 1 C Corporation
- 2 Sole proprietorship
- 3 Limited liability partnership (LLP), Limited liability company (LLC), or S corporation
- 4 Other
- 5 Don't know

Q2 Do you plan on operating this charter business in 2012?

- 1 YES [*SKIP TO Q3*]
- 2 NO [*GO ON TO Q2a*]

Q2a Why are you not going to operate in 2012? (indicate all that apply)

- 1 The business isn't profitable.
- 2 Regulatory requirements are too stringent.
- 3 Reporting requirements are too stringent.
- 4 I'm retiring.

[After Q2a is answered, skip to Q4]

Q3 Do you plan to change your business model in any way, for example, by changing the types of fishing trips you offer or adding other services besides guided fishing?

- 1 YES [*GO ON TO Q3a*]
- 2 NO [*GO ON TO Q4*]

Q3a How do you expect to change your business model? (Indicate any that apply)

- 1 I will not offer trips to fish for halibut any more or offer fewer trips for halibut.
- 2 I plan to offer more non-fishing trips.
- 3 I plan to offer trips to fish for multiple species in the same trip.

Q4 Does your business offer trips only in saltwater, only in freshwater or do you offer trips in both saltwater and freshwater?

- 1 Only saltwater
- 2 Only freshwater
- 3 Both saltwater and freshwater

Q5 During 2011, about what percentage of your total annual household income was earned from your charter business?

- 1 0-25%
- 2 26-50%
- 3 51-75%
- 4 75-100%

Q6 Which of the following best describes what you did during the 2010-11 off-season? *Check all that apply.*

- I continued work related to your charter business, including travel outside of Alaska
- I worked in Alaska in a fishing-related job not related to your charter business
- I worked in Alaska in a non-fishing related job
- I lived in Alaska, but do not work
- I worked outside of Alaska in a fishing-related job not related to your charter business
- I worked outside of Alaska in a non-fishing related job
- I lived outside of Alaska, but did not work

[IF RETURNING SURVEY] Thank you, this will help with our preliminary analysis. Receiving your completed survey will greatly help improve our understanding of charter business operations in Alaska. Thanks again, and have a good evening.

[IF NOT RETURNING QUESTIONNAIRE] That's all the questions I have for you. Do you have any comments that you would like to add? Thank you for your time. We really appreciate your participation in this brief survey. Thanks again, and have a good evening.

TERMINATE

[TO BE COMPLETED BY INTERVIEWER]

Respondent gender: MALE
 FEMALE

LANG Language or other barrier:

- 1 YES, POSSIBLE LANGUAGE BARRIER
- 2 YES, DEFINITE LANGUAGE BARRIER
- 3 NO LANGUAGE, BUT OTHER TYPE OF BARRIER [*SPECIFY*]
- 4 NO BARRIERS

OTHER RESPONDENT COMMENTS

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS AND ANSWERS

[If concerned about purpose of the call] This is not a marketing or sales call. We are collecting public input for government, industry, and citizen groups to consider when evaluating ways to manage fish species, like halibut, that are targeted by charter businesses in Alaska. I want to assure you that your answers will be kept confidential and your name will not be revealed to anyone.

[If asking about the study sponsor] This survey is sponsored by NOAA Fisheries, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service, a U.S. government agency charged with understanding the effects of federal management actions and policies affecting the nation's saltwater and freshwater fisheries.