

Commonly Asked Questions

Q: How did you get my address?

A: Your address was randomly selected from all [insert state]'s addresses using scientific sampling. You and your household represent many other households in your part of the State.

Q: How much time will this survey take?

A: On average, it should take less than eight minutes to complete, including reviewing instructions, and answering the questions.

Q: Nobody in my household participates in outdoor recreational activities. Should I still respond to the survey?

A: Yes. It is important that everyone who receives this short questionnaire complete it and return it. For this survey to be scientific, we need basic information about all households selected for the survey – regardless of whether they participate in outdoor recreational activities.

Q: Why can't you interview another household instead of mine?

A: For the results to be scientific, we need all households who receive this short questionnaire to complete the questionnaire and send it back.

Q: Who is sponsoring this survey?

A: This study is being sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment and conserve and manage coastal and marine resources to meet our Nation's economic, social and environmental needs.

Q: How will the information I provide be used?

A: Your answers will help identify individuals in your state who participate in outdoor recreational activities. Those individuals who participate in outdoor recreational activities could receive a second survey. The second survey will collect information on how outdoor recreational resources are actually used. This information will help us manage these resources for the future.

Your answers are completely confidential and will be used only for this study in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974. Questions about completing this questionnaire can be directed to Rob Andrews at National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration by calling 301-713-2328.

Recreational Saltwater Fishing Survey



Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other suggestions for reducing this burden to Rob Andrews, NOAA Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring, MD 20910.

This is a voluntary survey, and responses are kept confidential as required by section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, Confidentiality of Fisheries Statistics, and will not be released for public use except in statistical form without identification as to its source. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subjected to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is studying the recreational saltwater fishing activities of [insert state] residents.

Recreational saltwater fishing refers to fishing for pleasure, amusement, relaxation, or home consumption in oceans, bays, inlets, intra-coastal waterways, and brackish portions of water bodies affected by the tides such as rivers, sounds, passes, estuaries, bayous, and canals.

Please return this form even if no one participates in the recreational saltwater fishing activities.

Please use blue or black ink pen if available.



Q1. During the past 12 months have you participated in recreational saltwater fishing?

- Yes
- No

Q2. In addition to recreational saltwater fishing, NOAA is interested in other outdoor recreational activities in which people participate. During the past 12 months, did you participate in:

a. backpacking, climbing, or hiking?

- Yes
- No

b. recreational boating?

- Yes
- No

c. recreational freshwater fishing?

- Yes
- No

d. hunting?

- Yes
- No

Q3. Thinking about the next 12 months, do you anticipate participating in recreational saltwater fishing?

- Yes
- No → *Thank you! Those are all the questions we have for you. Please see the instructions for returning the survey on the next page.*

Q4. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will be conducting an in-depth study of recreational saltwater anglers during the next year. We would like to include you in this study that will ask questions about fishing experiences.

a. Please indicate whether or not you would like to participate in this in-depth study:

- Yes, I accept your invitation to participate
- No, I do not want to participate in this study → *Thank you! Please see the instructions for returning the survey at the bottom of this page.*

b. Thank you for accepting our invitation to participate in the NOAA study of recreational saltwater fishing. Please provide the following information in order to make sure we can contact you for this study:

First Name: Last Name:

Email address:

Area code + Number: () -

Preferred day of week to call:
 Sunday Thursday
 Monday Friday
 Tuesday Saturday
 Wednesday No preference

Preferred time of day to call:
 : AM PM

Thank you!

Even if you have not participated in fishing or other outdoor activities in the past year and you do not want to accept our invitation for the in-depth study, we ask that you please return the completed form in the postage paid envelope provided or mail to the address below.

Please Return Your Survey Form to this Address:

Recreational Saltwater Fishing Survey
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