

**For-Hire Survey  
CATI Instrument**

Hello my name is [INTERVIEWER]. I'm calling for a survey being conducted for NOAA Fisheries of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Can I please speak to [NAME OF CONTACT]?

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**Alternate intro for re-contacts:**

Hello, this is [INTERVIEWER] calling on behalf of NOAA Fisheries and the For-Hire Survey. May I please speak to [NAME OF CONTACT]?

Are you/ is [NAME OF CONTACT] still the captain, owner or designated representative of the [VESSEL NAME]?

**If “yes”, ask:** Can you provide information on the activity of the [VESSEL NAME] during the last week, Monday through Sunday?

**If “yes”, continue to survey description.**

**If “no”, continue to next question (Is someone else currently operating the [VESSEL NAME]?)**

**If “no”, ask:** Is someone else currently operating the [VESSEL NAME]?

**If “yes”, then ask:** Do you know the name and number of someone who operated the [VESSEL NAME] during the last week, Monday through Sunday?

**If “yes”, take name and telephone number, thank respondent and terminate interview.**

**If “no”, denote whatever information is given and terminate interview.**

**If “no” and [NAME OF CONTACT] is not the vessel rep, then ask:** Is the vessel still operational?

**If “yes”,** thank respondent and end interview. (Bad contact information)

**If “no”,** thank respondent and end interview. (Vessel not operational)

We’re surveying owners and operators of charter and headboats to collected data needed to estimate total marine recreational fishing trips by individual angler. The [VESSEL NAME] has been selected at random from a directory of charter and headboats to be included in this week’s survey of trips. I would like to ask you a few questions about the trips made last week by [VESSEL NAME]. This data will remain confidential and your participation is voluntary. **(Continue with interview.)**

**Alternate survey description for re-contacts:**

[VESSEL NAME] has been selected for this week’s sample and I am calling to collect your information for this time period.

**(Continue with interview.)**

Q1. During the last week (Monday through Sunday), how many saltwater fishing trips targeting finfish did the [vessel name] take?

[Record]

**If Q1=0, go to Q21.**

Q2 How many of these trips were with paying passengers?

[Record]

Q3. How many of these trips consisted of more than one day of fishing?

[Record]

Q4. During the last week, Monday through Sunday, how many additional non-fishing trips did your boat make? Please include any trips taken for fuel, bait, shell-fishing, or other recreational activities.

[Record] **If Q4>0, go to Q4A**

Q4A. On what days did this/each of these additional boat trips occur?

[Record]

**If Q1>0 and Q2=0 then ask:**

On what days did these trips occur? *Enter the number of trips for each day of the week.*

**Go to Q21.**

Now that we have information on the total number of trips taken, we would like to obtain specific information about each of these trips. We will begin with the most recent recreational fishing

trip and work backwards to the last Monday.

Q5. Did your boat take any saltwater fishing trips that ended on day of week (starting with Sunday)?  
**Repeat this and the following questions for each day of the week. If more than one trip is made in one day, profile each trip separately for that day. (Trip Date)**  
**If Q1 = Q2, go to Q7.**

Q7. Was this trip with paying passengers?

[1] Yes

[2] No – Go to next trip.

Q8. **Only say this on this on the first trip:** *We are only interested in collecting information about passengers who actively fished by having a line in the water.*

Excluding captain and crew, how many people actually fished during the trip?(Record number of people on trip.)

[Record]

Q9. Did this trip return to a [STATE PORT] marina, dock, or launch ramp?

[1] Yes – Go to Q10

[2] No – Go to Q9A

Q9A. To what state did your boat return from this trip?

[Record State]

**If NONE OF THESE = Go to next trip**

Q10. To what county did this trip return?

[Record]

Q11. Did this trip return to a marina, dock, or launch ramp to which the public normally has access? If so, to what particular marina, dock, or launch ramp did this trip return?

[Record]

**If Unknown/Unlisted site – Go to Q11A.**

Q11A. Specify other

[Record name]

Q12. Did this trip cover more than one day of fishing?

[1] Yes –Continue to Q12A

[2] No – Go to Q13

Q12A. How many days of fishing occurred on this trip?

[Record]

Q13. At what time, to the nearest half-hour, did your boat leave the dock for that trip?

**(Record return time as military time.)**

[Record]

Q14. At what time, to the nearest half-hour, did your boat return from that trip? (**Record return time as military time.**)

[Record]

Q15. To the nearest half-hour, how much time was spent actively fishing with gear in the water? (**Record vessel fishing hours. If vessel fishing hours exceed 24 hours record “yes” for multi-day trip and split into individual day trips on consecutive days with equal fishing hours.**)

[Record]

Q16. What fishing method or methods (read all options) were used on that trip? (**Record primary two methods**)

- [1] Trolling
- [2] Bottom fishing
- [3] Casting
- [4] Fly-fishing
- [5] Drifting
- [6] Chunking
- [7] Chumming
- [8] Other
- [97] Don't know
- [99] Refused

Q17. Was most of your fishing effort on that trip in the ocean, a gulf, a river, a sound, an inlet, or a bay?

- [1] Ocean – Go to Q18
- [2] Sound – Go to Q19
- [3] River – Go to Q19
- [4] Bay – Go to Q19
- [5] Inlet or other non-ocean water body – Go to Q19

**Note: See state exceptions below for Sounds, Bays, and Rivers**

**If (TRIP\_ST=MD (24) or TRIP\_ST=VA (51)) and Q17=3 or 4:**

**Was most of your fishing in the Chesapeake Bay (F) or a river that empties into the Chesapeake Bay?**

**If no: Was most of your fishing in the Potomac River (above line between Point Lookout and Smith Point?)**

**If ((TRIP\_ST = NY (36) and (TRIPCNTY=5 or TRIPCNTY=59 or TRIPCNTY=81 or TRIPCNTY=103 or TRIPCNTY=119)) or TRIP\_ST = CT (9) or TRIP\_ST=RI (44)) and Q17=2,3 or 4:**

**Was most of your fishing in Long Island Sound (C) or a bay or river that opens into Long Island Sound?**

**IF ((TRIP\_ST = MA (25) and TRIPCNTY=5) or TRIP\_ST = RI (44)) and Q17=3 or 4:  
Was most of your fishing in Narragansett Bay (A) or a bay or river that opens into  
Narragansett Bay?**

**If (TRIP\_ST = MA (25) and (TRIPCNTY=1 or TRIPCNTY=5 or TRIPCNTY=7 or  
TRIPCNTY=23)) and Q17=3 or 4:  
Was most of your fishing in Buzzard's Bay (B) or a bay or river that opens into  
Buzzard's Bay?**

**IF ((TRIP\_ST = NY (36) and (TRIPCNTY=47 or TRIPCNTY=81 or TRIPCNTY=85)) or  
(TRIP\_ST = NJ (34) and (TRIPCNTY=23 or TRIPCNTY=25))) and Q17=3 or 4:  
Was most of your fishing in Raritan Bay (D) or a bay or river that opens into  
Raritan Bay?**

**If ((TRIP\_ST = NJ (34) and (TRIPCNTY=9 or TRIPCNTY=11)) or TRIP\_ST=10) and  
Q17=3 or 4:  
Was most of your fishing in Delaware Bay (E) or a bay or river that opens into  
Delaware Bay?**

Q18. Was most of your fishing less than or greater than three miles from shore?

[1] Less than 3 miles

[2] Greater than 3 miles

Q19. What species were targeted on that trip? That is, when you left the dock, what species  
were you planning on fishing for?

[Record]

**Go to next trip.**

### **Next Trip**

If there are more trips ask: Did your boat take any other saltwater fishing trips on [DAY OF  
CURRENT TRIP]?

### **FOLLOW-UP**

Q20. Did you receive notification from us that we would contact you?

[1] Yes – Go to END

[2] No – Q21

[8] Don't know – Go to Q21

[9] Refused – Go to Q21

Q21. You said your mailing address is [CONTACT INFORMATION]... Is this correct?

[1] Yes – Go to END

[2] No – Obtain correct information. Go to END

**END**

Those are all of the questions that I have for you, thank you for your time and cooperation. Have a good day/evening, goodbye.