

# MRIP Recreational Fishing Survey



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## **Commonly Asked Questions**

### **Nobody in my household participates in any of these activities. Should I still respond to the survey?**

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 the activities mentioned in the survey or not.

### **Who is sponsoring the survey?**

This study is being sponsored by the United States Department of Commerce.

### **How will the information I provide be used?**

The Department of Commerce will use the information to help states and federal agencies make decisions about how to manage resources.

### **How much time will this survey take?**

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

### **How did you get my address?**

Your address was randomly selected from all addresses in your state using scientific sampling. You and your household represent many other households in your part of the State.

### **Your answers are voluntary.**

Please return the completed questionnaire in the prepaid envelope. If you are missing the prepaid envelope please return your completed questionnaire to:

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- ➡ Please use a black or blue pen to complete this form.
- ➡ Mark  to indicate your answer.
- ➡ If you want to change your answer, darken the box and mark the correct answer.

Please complete this survey even if no one in your household fishes.

**1. Which category best describes this house, apartment, or mobile home?**

- Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan
- Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage)
- Rented
- Occupied without payment or rent

**2. Which category best describes the telephone service for you and members of your household?**

- Regular or Landline phone only
- Cellular phone only
- Both Landline and Cellular phone
- No working phone service

**3. How many people, including all adults and children, live in this household?**

**4. Saltwater fishing is 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. During the past 12 months did anyone who lives here go recreational saltwater fishing?**

- No ➡ Thank you. Please return this in the envelope provided.
- Yes ➡

Please continue and complete the questions on the next page for **EACH PERSON** in your household who fished during the past 12 months.



	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3
1. What is this person's gender?	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
2. How old is this person? <i>If less than 1 year old, mark 0 years</i>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Years	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Years	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Years
3. Is this person of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, of Hispanic origin <input type="checkbox"/> No, not of Hispanic origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, of Hispanic origin <input type="checkbox"/> No, not of Hispanic origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, of Hispanic origin <input type="checkbox"/> No, not of Hispanic origin
4. What is this person's race? <i>Mark one or more boxes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White
5. When was this person's <b>most recent</b> recreational saltwater fishing trip? Was it  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"><b>Saltwater fishing:</b> 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.</div>	<input type="checkbox"/> Within the past 4 months <i>Go to Question 6</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 to 8 months ago <input type="checkbox"/> 8 to 12 months ago <input type="checkbox"/> More than 12 months ago <input type="checkbox"/> Never	<input type="checkbox"/> Within the past 4 months <i>Go to Question 6</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 to 8 months ago <input type="checkbox"/> 8 to 12 months ago <input type="checkbox"/> More than 12 months ago <input type="checkbox"/> Never	<input type="checkbox"/> Within the past 4 months <i>Go to Question 6</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 to 8 months ago <input type="checkbox"/> 8 to 12 months ago <input type="checkbox"/> More than 12 months ago <input type="checkbox"/> Never
6. Between <b>September 1 and October 31, 2012</b> , on how many days did this person go recreational saltwater fishing in North Carolina from the shore?  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"><b>Shore</b> includes docks, bridges, causeways, beaches, banks or any other shore-based structure or area.</div>	Enter '0' if this person did not fish.  <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Days fished from shore	Enter '0' if this person did not fish.  <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Days fished from shore	Enter '0' if this person did not fish.  <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Days fished from shore
7. Not including trips taken on charter boats, between <b>September 1 and October 31, 2012</b> , on how many days did this person go recreational saltwater fishing from a private or rental boat that returned to shore in North Carolina?  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"><b>Charter boats</b> are rental or commercial boats that include a captain or crew who help locate and catch fish</div>	Enter '0' if this person did not fish.  <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Days fished from a private boat	Enter '0' if this person did not fish.  <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Days fished from a private boat	Enter '0' if this person did not fish.  <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Days fished from a private boat

Please use this calendar to assist you in answering Questions 6 and 7.

SEPTEMBER 2012						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					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

OCTOBER 2012						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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