



[State] Resident  
(Add 1)  
(Add 2)  
(City), (State) (Zip)

Dear [State] Resident:

A few weeks ago we sent a recreational saltwater fishing questionnaire to your household. If you have already returned the questionnaire, we thank you. If you have not returned it, we ask you to please complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it as soon as possible. For the results of this study to be scientific, we need all anglers who receive this short questionnaire to complete the questionnaire and send it back, even if you **do not** fish.

We are very grateful for your help. This survey is an important part of a research study of recreational saltwater fishing conducted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). NOAA oversees many of the natural resources in coastal states and needs high quality information to improve recreational fishing opportunities for [State] residents.

Your name was randomly selected from a list of all anglers licensed for saltwater fishing in [State]. This is a voluntary survey. 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 aggregate statistical form without identification as to its source.

If you have any questions about this study, we are happy to talk with you: please contact XXXXXXXX at 1-XXX-XXX-XXXX. Thank you again for your generous help with this important study.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Van Voorhees". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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