



# 2012-2013 SURVEY

## Input from Hawaii's Registered Boaters



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The first several questions ask about your Hawaii ocean fishing activities. Your answers will help us to understand fishing in Hawaii for better resource management and federal funding.  
Unless stated otherwise, please circle only one answer.

**1. Please indicate the type of saltwater fishing you engage in**

1. I do not fish in saltwater (*please proceed directly to Question 23*)
2. Only shore-based fishing (*please proceed directly to Question 19*)
3. Mostly shore-based fishing, and some boat-based fishing
4. About equal amounts of shore and boat-based fishing
5. Mostly boat-based fishing, and some shore-based fishing
6. Only boat-based fishing

**Definitions:**

Shore-based fishing means you do not use a boat.

Boat-based fishing means you use a boat or other water craft while fishing.

**2. Have you fished in Hawaii in the past 12 months?**

1. Yes
2. No (*please proceed directly to Question 19*)

**3. About how many days did you go fishing in the past 12 months?**

I fished about \_\_\_\_\_ days in the past 12 months

**4. Did you sell any fish you caught in Hawaii in the past 12 months?**

1. Yes
2. No

The next few questions ask about your boat-based fishing here in Hawaii.

**5. When I go fishing, I:**

1. Always fish from my own boat
2. Sometimes fish from my private boat and sometimes from a friend's boat
3. Always fish from a friend's boat
4. Usually hire a charter boat or party fishing boat
5. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**6. If you use your own boat for fishing, how many other people do you typically take with you on an average trip?**

\_\_\_\_\_ people

\_\_\_\_\_ not applicable (I don't use my boat for fishing)

**7. When I fish, it is primarily:**

1. Alone
2. With friends
3. With a spouse or significant other
4. With one or more of my children
5. With another member of my household

**8. When fishing, I would say that:**

1. I always fish in State waters (0-3 miles from shore)
2. I usually fish in State waters, but sometimes in Federal waters (more than 3 miles from shore)
3. I fish about equally in State and Federal waters
4. I usually fish in Federal waters, but sometimes in State waters
5. I always fish in Federal waters

The next few questions ask about aspects of your typical fishing trips.

**9. I take most or all of my fishing trips from:**

1. Kauai
2. Oahu
3. Molokai
4. Maui
5. Lanai
6. Hawaii

**10. From where do you typically depart? Please circle only one answer.**

1. Public boat ramp
2. Private boat ramp
3. Public or private marina
4. Private residence
5. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**11. We are interested in knowing when you go fishing. Please place a number before each time slot in the boxes below.**

1 = Always 2 = Frequently 3 = Sometimes 4 = Rarely 5 = Never

<u>START FISHING</u>	<u>END FISHING</u>
___ Midnight – 3 AM	___ Midnight – 3 AM
___ 3 AM – 6 AM	___ 3 AM – 6 AM
___ 6 AM – 9 AM	___ 6 AM – 9 AM
___ 9 AM – Noon	___ 9 AM – Noon
___ Noon – 3 PM	___ Noon – 3 PM
___ 3 PM – 6 PM	___ 3 PM – 6 PM
___ 6 PM – 9 PM	___ 6 PM – 9 PM
___ 9 PM – Midnight	___ 9 PM – Midnight

**12. What percent of your trips are overnight fishing trips, in which you are out on the boat until the next morning?**

1. None
2. Less than 25%
3. Between 25% and 50%
4. More than 50%, but less than 75%
5. More than 75%

**13. How frequently do you fish to provide food for luaus, other ceremonies, or family events?**

1. Never
2. Rarely
3. Sometimes
4. Often
5. Always

**14. About how many fishing tournaments do you participate in during a typical year?**

1. 0
2. 1-5
3. 6-10
4. 11-15
5. More than 15

**15. During a typical year, how often do you engage in each of the following types of fishing?**

	<i>Not at all</i>	<i>Rarely</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Often</i>	<i>Very often</i>
1. Offshore trolling (for example, for tunas, mahimahi, ono, billfish etc.) .....	1	2	3	4	5
2. Tuna hand-lining .....	1	2	3	4	5
3. Deep bottom-fishing (for example, for opakapaka, onaga, etc.) .....	1	2	3	4	5
4. Shallow bottom-fishing (for example, for moana, ulua, weke-ula, etc.) .....	1	2	3	4	5
5. Reef trolling (for example, for uluas, barracudas, etc.) .....	1	2	3	4	5
6. Spear-fishing (scuba or free-diving) .....	1	2	3	4	5
7. Whipping / Casting (rod and reel or pole and line).....	1	2	3	4	5
8. Trapping.....	1	2	3	4	5
9. Netting.....	1	2	3	4	5

**16. Please think about your typical fishing trip by season. Do you try to catch any species of fish in particular? If yes, please list the fish you intended to catch.**

1. November-January \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
 February-April \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
 May-August \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
 September-October \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
2. No

**17. There are different types of fishing here in Hawaii. Please indicate the type that applies to your usual fishing trips. Please circle only one answer.**

1. Purely recreational (only for sport or pleasure)
2. Subsistence (primarily to catch fish to feed myself / my family)
3. Expense (primarily for sport, pleasure, or subsistence but I also sell a few fish to recover trip expenses whenever I can)
4. Cultural (I enjoy fishing, but I am even more concerned about keeping traditional practices alive, such as using traditional style and sharing fish with the community as my ancestors did)
5. I consider myself a commercial fisherman

**18. Please tell us how satisfied you are with each of the following aspects of fishing in Hawaii.**

	<i>Very dissatisfied</i>	<i>Dissatisfied</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Very satisfied</i>
1. The size of the fish I catch .....	1	2	3	4	5
2. The variety of fish I catch .....	1	2	3	4	5
3. The number of fish I can keep .....	1	2	3	4	5
4. The number of boat ramps near where I live ....	1	2	3	4	5
5. Condition of the boat ramps I frequent .....	1	2	3	4	5
6. The number of public harbors/marinas near where I live .....	1	2	3	4	5
7. Condition of the public harbors/marinas I frequent .....	1	2	3	4	5
8. The number of enforcement patrols .....	1	2	3	4	5
9. Information about fishing regulations .....	1	2	3	4	5
10. Other _____ .....	1	2	3	4	5

The last several questions ask about some of your preferences, experience, and background.  
This information will help us to better analyze the information you have provided.

**19. Our goal is to better understand Hawaii non-commercial fishing activities, concerns, and experience.**

**If you were surveyed again in the future, what survey method would you most prefer?**

(Rate from 1-4, with 1 being your most preferred and 4 being your least preferred)

- Telephone survey
- Mail survey
- Email / Internet survey
- In person survey

**20. We may have options for how often we survey Hawaii's fishermen about fishing activities.**

**Please indicate which of the following you find most acceptable.**

- 1. Once per month
- 2. Once every two months
- 3. Once every six months
- 4. Once per year
- 5. No preference

**21. We would like to know the best ways to communicate with Hawaii’s fishermen. How often do you use each of the following to get information about regulations and any other Hawaii fishing topics?**

	Not at all	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often
1. Talking with other fishermen .....	1	2	3	4	5
2. Fishing club meetings.....	1	2	3	4	5
3. Tackle shops .....	1	2	3	4	5
4. Internet .....	1	2	3	4	5
5. Recreational fishing magazines .....	1	2	3	4	5
6. Newspapers .....	1	2	3	4	5
7. Government agency publications .....	1	2	3	4	5
8. Conservation organization publications....	1	2	3	4	5
9. Television .....	1	2	3	4	5
10. Radio.....	1	2	3	4	5

**22. About how many years of experience do you have...**

1. Shore fishing in Hawaii \_\_\_\_\_ years
2. Boat fishing in Hawaii \_\_\_\_\_ years

**23. What year were you born?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**24. How long have you lived in Hawaii?**

\_\_\_\_\_ years

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