



# NOAA RECREATIONAL FISHING SURVEY

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This survey on recreational saltwater fishing is being conducted for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The survey is interested in collecting information about people who have been recreational saltwater fishing. It's important for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to understand how often and where people fish so as to be able to improve recreational saltwater fishing for everyone.

1a. During the **past 12 months** did you do any recreational salt water fishing?

- Yes
- No ----Skip to Question 8

**Saltwater fishing:** 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.

1b. When was your **most recent** recreational saltwater fishing trip? Was it:

- Within the past 4 months
- Between 4 and 8 months ago --- Skip to Question 8
- Between 8 and 12 months ago -- Skip to Question 8

2. Between **November 1 and December 31, 2011**, did you go recreational saltwater fishing in North Carolina **from the shore**?

- Yes
- No ----Skip to Question 5

**Shore** includes docks, bridges, causeways, beaches, banks or any other shore-based structure or area.

3. Between **November 1 and December 31, 2011**, on how many days did you go recreational saltwater fishing in North Carolina from the shore?

November 2011						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		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			

December 2011						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				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	31

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Total days fished from shore in North Carolina

4. We are interested in some details about the North Carolina shore-based fishing you did between November 1 and December 31, 2011.

For the next few questions, please answer these questions about the **most recent shore-based** fishing you did in North Carolina between November 1 and December 31, 2011.

- 4a. Does the public have access to the place where you fished?

- Yes  
 No

- 4b. At approximately what time did you **stop** fishing?

- Between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m.  
 Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
 Between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.  
 Between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m.

- 4c. Was there a child under 18 with you who also fished?

- Yes  
 No

5. Not including trips taken on charter boats, between **November 1 and December 31, 2011**, did you go recreational saltwater fishing from a private or rental boat that returned to shore in North Carolina?

**Charter boats** are rental or commercial boats that include a captain or crew who help locate and catch fish

- Yes  
 No ----Skip to Question 8

6. Between **November 1 and December 31, 2011**, on how many days did you go recreational saltwater fishing from a private or rental boat that returned to shore in North Carolina?

November 2011						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Total days fished from a private boat that returned to North Carolina

7. We are interested in some details about the fishing trips you took by boat. For the next few questions, please answer about the **most recent** fishing trip you took by a boat between November 1 and December 31, 2011. We are only interested in boat trips which returned to shore in North Carolina.

7a. Does the public have access to the place where the boat landed?

Yes

No

7b. At approximately what time did you return to shore?

Between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m.

Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m.

7c. Did the trip include one or more children under the age of 18 who fished?

Yes

No

8. At any time during the **past 12 months**, did you have a recreational saltwater fishing license for the state of North Carolina, including a multipurpose license or a lifetime license that includes recreational saltwater fishing?

Yes

No ---- Skip to Question 11

9. During the past 12 months, which of the following types of North Carolina fishing licenses did you have? *Please check all that apply.*

- 10 day Coastal Recreational Fishing license
- Annual Coastal Recreational Fishing license
- Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing license
- Annual Unified License
- Lifetime Unified License
- Other type of license, including inland license of any type

10. If you had a 10 day Coastal Recreational Fishing License, for what dates was it valid?

Start Date:

End Date:

11. Have you **ever** seen a sea turtle hooked by or entangled in a fishing line?

- YES
- NO --- SKIP TO Q. 14
- Not Sure, Don't Know ---- SKIP TO Q. 14

12. Thinking about the most recent time that you saw a sea turtle either hooked or entangled in a fishing line, did this hooking or entanglement occur:

- Within the past 12 months
- Between 1 to 2 years ago
- More than 2 years ago

13. Thinking about the most recent time that you saw a sea turtle either hooked or entangled in a fishing line, where did this hooking or entanglement occur?

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13. Finally, a few questions about yourself and your household.

Are you:

- Male
- Female

14. How old are you? Are you:

- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 or older

15. For statistical purposes, we are interested in learning about your telephone service. Which category best describes the telephone service for your household:

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

**Thank you! Please return this form in the postage paid envelope provided or mail to:**

South Atlantic Survey of NOAA Services  
116 John Street, Suite 800  
New York, NY 10038

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

Your address was either randomly selected from a database of licensed anglers in your state or you completed the South Atlantic Survey of NOAA Services within the last two months. Addresses were selected using scientific sampling methods. You and your household represent many other households in your part of the State.

### **Nobody in my house fished in the last few months. Should I still respond to the survey?**

Yes. It is important that everyone who receives this questionnaire complete it and return it. For this survey to be scientific, we need basic information about all households selected for the survey whether they fished recently or not.

### **Why can't you interview another household instead of mine?**

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

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

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

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

Your answers will help the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration improve its stewardship of marine resources.

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

On average, it should take less than 10 minutes to complete, including reviewing instructions, and answering the questions.

### **I have other questions. Who can I talk to?**

Questions about completing this questionnaire can be directed to Rob Andrews at 301-713-2328.