



Massachusetts Saltwater  
Angler Permit

Survey

2012

### Section A: Your Recreational Saltwater Fishing Activity

In this section, we ask questions about how often you recreationally fish in saltwater and whether you typically fish from shore, a private boat, or a charter boat.

1. Approximately how many days did you recreationally fish in Massachusetts marine waters during 2011?

Number of days (*count partial days as full days*)

2. How many days have you recreationally fished in Massachusetts marine waters so far in 2012?

Number of days (*count partial days as full days*)

3. Approximately how many days do you think you will actually recreationally fish in Massachusetts marine waters during all of 2012?

Number of days (*count partial days as full days*)

4. Will you most often be recreational fishing from shore, a private boat, or a charter boat in Massachusetts marine waters in 2012?

Shore

Private boat

Charter boat

5. Do you currently own a boat that you will use to fish recreationally in Massachusetts marine waters in 2012?

Yes

No

6. Will anyone in your household purchase a Massachusetts permit to operate a for-hire recreational fishing boat or purchase a Massachusetts commercial fishing permit this year?

Yes

No

### Section B: Your 2012 Massachusetts Saltwater Recreational Fishing Permit

In this section, we ask you a hypothetical question about your willingness to pay for your 2012 Massachusetts Saltwater Recreational Fishing Permit.

7. Imagine that you had not yet purchased your 2012 Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit, and that the cost you would have to pay to obtain the permit was \$[ ]. Knowing that the fishing permit is required for anyone that fishes recreationally in Massachusetts marine waters during 2012, would you have been willing to pay \$[ ] for your permit?

Although the question is hypothetical, before you provide your answer please keep in mind your household budget. Try to answer the question as if you really had to pay this amount for your 2012 Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit, and then check the indicated box below.

Yes

No

If answered Yes to Question 7

If answered No to Question 7

8. Are you “probably sure” or “definitely sure” that you would have been willing to pay \$[ ] for your 2012 Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit?

- Probably sure  
 Definitely sure

8. Are you “probably sure” or “definitely sure” that you would **not** have been willing to pay \$[ ] for your 2012 Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit?

- Probably sure  
 Definitely sure

### Section C: About You and Your Household

Different types of anglers may value fishing in different ways. These questions will help us understand the relationship between demographic characteristics and the value that anglers place on being able to go recreational saltwater fishing.

9. How many people live in your household (including yourself)? \_\_\_\_\_

10. What is your marital status?  Married  Not married

11. What best describes your employment status ? (Please check all that apply)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employed full-time | <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time homemaker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employed part-time | <input type="checkbox"/> Student             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other(specify)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired            |  |

12. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Some high school  
 High school graduate  
 Some college  
 Two-year college degree (AA, AS) or technical school  
 Four-year college degree (BA, BS)  
 Some graduate work but not a graduate degree  
 Graduate degree (MA, MS, MBA, PhD, JD, MD, etc)

13. Which of the following best describes your household’s 2011 total annual income before taxes?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$15,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 - \$99,999   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 - \$34,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 - \$149,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35,000 - \$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 - \$199,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 - \$74,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 and over    |

# Thank You For Completing This Survey!

We appreciate your participation in this survey. Please add any additional comments below.

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