

**Coastal Household Telephone Survey  
CATI Instrument**

Hello, I'm calling to conduct a survey for the NOAA Fisheries of the U.S. Department of Commerce. We are collecting information for use in conservation of coastal resources, and we would appreciate your help with this important study. [As needed: May I please speak with an adult in the household?]

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This is a voluntary survey, and 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. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subjected to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

- Q1. How many people in this household go fishing?
- Q2. To help me assign your information to the correct location, is the telephone number I've reached you at located in {restore name from sample} county / parish / island / municipality?
- Q3. Is this your permanent residence? [Interviewer prompt if needed: "Where you live at least 6 months out of the year."]
- Q4. How many people in total, including yourself, live in your household?  
Please include those people who fish and don't fish.

[At this point, if the response to number of anglers in the household is equal to zero then the questionnaire skips to the final quality control question (gender) and skips the additional marine recreational 2-month and 12-month fishing screeners.]

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- Q5. How many people in your household, including children and adults, have been recreational saltwater fishing in the past 12 months anywhere in the U.S. (including Hawaii and the mainland) or in a U.S. territory?

- Q6. Thinking just about the past 2 months, how many of the people living in your household, including children and adults, have been recreational saltwater fishing in the past 2 months in the U.S. or a U.S. territory?
- Q7. Record gender of respondent.
- Q8. I'd like to ask each person who has been recreational saltwater fishing in the past 2 months a few questions about their fishing trip(s). What are the first names of the people in your household who have been recreational saltwater fishing in the past 2 months?

### **Angler Screening**

[Angler screening questions must be repeated for each new angler interviewed.]

Hello, I'm conducting a survey on recreational saltwater fishing for the NOAA Fisheries. We want to gather information from people who have been recreational saltwater fishing. Saltwater fishing includes 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. Recreational fishing means the primary purpose of the fishing is for fun or relaxation, as opposed to providing income from the sale of fish.

I understand that you've been saltwater fishing in the past 2 months. I'd like to ask you a few questions about your most recent fishing trips. All of your answers will be kept confidential, and this survey is voluntary, so you are not required to answer any question that you feel is an invasion of your privacy.

- Q9. Did all of the anglers in your household take all of their fishing trips together over the past 2 months?

### **Trip Profiling Instructions**

[All anglers in the household must be interviewed separately about their fishing trips in the past 2 months.]

[2-Month Trips: The first questions determine the total number of days in which the angler took fishing trips in the past 2 months. For estimation purposes, it is necessary to separate in-state trips from out-of-state trips.]

- QT1. On how many days in the past 2 months, between {TODAY – days in wave} and {TODAY – 1}, did you (s/he) go recreational saltwater fishing in {state of residence} or in a boat launched from {state of residence}?
- QT2. On how many days in the past 2 months, between {TODAY – days in wave} and {TODAY – 1}, did you (s/he) go saltwater fishing in any coastal state or territory of the U.S. other than {state of residence} or from a boat launched from another coastal state or territory of the U.S.?

[The following questions are then asked for each fishing day (total of QT1 and QT2) in the wave until all trips are profiled.]

[Date of Trip: Beginning with the most recent trip, the interviewer must record the date (month and day) of the fishing trip. If the respondent cannot recall the exact day of the month, the interviewer should probe for the month, and whether it was a weekday or a weekend day (including holidays). The CATI system should display allowable dates, and interviewers must have a calendar available to help respondents determine dates.]

QT3. [Ask for 1<sup>st</sup> trip] When did you (s/he) last go saltwater fishing? Or [Ask if not 1<sup>st</sup> trip] Can you tell me the date of the saltwater fishing trip prior to that one? I have a calendar with me in case we need to look up some of the specific dates.

QT3a. [If respondent is unable to remember the date in Q3, ask] Was that a weekday or weekend?

QT4. On that day, did you (s/he) fish from a boat?

If no, skip to QT5 for shore fishing.

QT4a. [Ask if QT4 = yes] Was that from a ...[read]

1. Party or head boat – CATEGORY B
2. Charter boat – CATEGORY B
3. Private boat – CATEGORY C
4. Rental boat – CATEGORY C
5. Boat – don't know what type – CATEGORY C

QT5. On that day, did you (s/he) fish from the shore?

Or

On that day, did you (s/he) also fish from the shore? (If QT4 = yes)

QT5a. [Ask if QT5 = yes] Was that from a ...[read]

1. Pier
2. Dock
3. Jetty / Breakwater
4. Bridge / Causeway
5. Other manmade structure
6. Bank / Beach

QT6. [For boat trips, use:] To what coastal state or U.S. territory did the boat return?

[For shore trips, use:] In what state or U.S. territory were you fishing?

[Prompt as needed with a list of states]

QT7. [For boat trips, use:] To what coastal county / parish / island / municipality did the boat return?

[For shore trips, use:] In what coastal county / parish / island / municipality were you fishing?

QT8. Does the public have access to the place from which the boat left, or is it private access?

QT9. At what time did you stop fishing?

QT10. Was most of your fishing effort that day in the ocean, a sound, a river, a bay, or an inlet?

At the end of each trip profile, the CATI program should loop to the next logical action:

1. Profile the next most recent fishing day and trip, or
2. If all trips are profiled, thank the respondent and either terminate the interview or ask for the next available angler.

QP1. Not including cell phones, how many different telephone numbers are there in your home?

QP2. Of these {restore QP1} telephone numbers, how many are never used for talking and instead are always connected to a fax machine or computer modem?

QP3. Of the remaining {restore QP1 – QP2} telephone numbers, how many are for business use only?

QP4. I calculate that you have {QP1 – QP2 – QP3} residential telephone lines. Does this sound right?

That concludes the questions that I have about your fishing. Thank you very much for your time and assistance.

If there are additional anglers in the household who still need to be interviewed, ask:

“Now may I please speak to: “

If respondent indicates that one or more of the people listed are children, ask current respondent to continue answering the questions based on the child’s fishing activities.