

Right Whale Mandatory Ship Reporting System: What do you think?

The National Marine Fisheries Service, the federal agency responsible for the stewardship of living marine resources and their habitat, is sponsoring a survey to obtain mariner's feedback on the **North Atlantic right whale mandatory ship reporting (MSR) system**.

This is a voluntary survey. Your feedback will be used to evaluate and improve the North Atlantic right whale MSR system. All survey responses are anonymous and confidential.

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1. Are you aware of the North Atlantic right whale MSR system?
 - Yes
 - No. *If box is checked survey will skip to Q7.*
2. During the year, about how many times do you enter one of the North Atlantic right whale MSR areas?
 - I enter one of the North Atlantic right whale MSR areas on a regular basis
If box above is checked, survey will prompt: Approximately ____ times per year
 - I have entered one of the North Atlantic right whale MSR areas but not on a regular basis
 - I have not entered one of the North Atlantic right whale MSR areas. *If checked, survey will skip to Q6, the third part.*
3. Which North Atlantic right whale MSR area do you enter most frequently?
 - North MSR area
 - South MSR area
 - About the same amount for both areas
4. When you enter a North Atlantic right whale MSR area, how often do you send a report as part of the North Atlantic right whale MSR system?
 - Always
 - Most of the time
 - Some of the time
 - Rarely

5. After sending in a report to the North Atlantic right whale MSR system, have you received a message about right whale regulations and tips on how to avoid interactions with right whales?
- Yes
- No

6. Please check the box that best represents your level of agreement with each statement.

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
After entering one of the North Atlantic right whale MSR areas...					
...it is relatively easy to send in the required report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...I generally follow the report format exactly as specified in the instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...I send in the report as soon as possible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...sending in the required report takes time away from other duties I have on the ship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
After receiving the automated message about right whale regulations and tips on avoiding interactions with right whales...					
...I generally don't have time to read the entire message	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...I am more alert about avoiding or watching for right whales	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...I find the information to be useful for the captain and crew	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...some aspect of the ship's operation may change (e.g. speed, post extra lookouts) to avoid an interaction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In my opinion the North Atlantic right whale MSR system...					
... is important for right whale conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...is an unnecessary requirement for ships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. How many years have you worked in the maritime industry? _____
- (a) How many years as a crew member? _____
- (b) How many years as a captain? _____

8. What type of ship do you work on? _____

9. Who do you work for? _____

10. Please add any additional comments you have concerning the MSR system in this box.

Type comments here