

# Pre- and Post-Assessment of Alaska's Urban Youth and their Experiences with Fishing

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**Who:** Northeast Muldoon and Spenard Campus Boys and Girls Clubs. The mission of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Alaska is "To empower and inspire the diverse youth of Alaska to reach their full potential by offering them hope, opportunity and a safe environment". Participants will range from elementary through high-school aged youth who have varying levels of experience with fishing. No personally identifiable information will be recorded.

**What:** Introducing Alaska's urban youth to the fish in their backyards. Every youth from the Boys and Girls clubs described above will participate in a structured trip to a local creek to learn how to fish and about the fish that they will try to catch.

**How:** A hard copy of this survey will be given to each program participant in-person at the beginning of each day. We will walk through the survey with them verbally, while they write down their answers on their own sheets. After each question we will do a short recap of that question to hear any answers that the kids are willing to share.

## Pre-Assessment Questionnaire:

1.	Do you like to be outside? (circle one) a) Yes b) No <i>If you answered yes...What activities do you like to do outside?</i>
2.	Have been fishing before? a) Yes, a couple times b) Yes, many times c) Yes, once d) No
3.	<i>If you answered <b>yes to question 2</b>... What is your favorite thing about fishing?</i>

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** We estimate it will take you 5 minutes to complete the assessment, including time to read instructions, gather information, complete, and submit the assessment. We will use the information to identify what is going well and what could be improved in the partnership and program. Your response is voluntary. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. You may submit comments on any aspect of this information collection to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: BPHC, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803. Please do not send your survey to this address.

4.	<i>If you answered <b>no to question 2</b>... Why haven't you gone fishing before?</i>
5.	Do you think you can teach me or someone else how to fish? a) Yes b) Maybe c) No
6.	What do you need to go fishing?
7.	Do you or does someone in your family have fishing gear at home? a) Yes b) No c) I don't know
8.	What are some regulations about fishing? Why are there regulations?
9.	List as many types of fish as you can that live here in Anchorage creeks and lakes?
10.	What is state fish of Alaska?
11.	What is the state land animal of Alaska?
12.	List as many place as you can where we can go fishing here in Anchorage?
13.	What do fish need to live?
14.	Where do salmon live?
15.	Does anyone at your house go fishing? a) Yes b) No c) I don't know
16.	Do you eat fish at home? a) Yes b) No
17.	Is there anything that makes you nervous about fishing or being outside? If so, what?
18.	How comfortable do you feel with fishing? a) Very comfortable b) Comfortable c) Not comfortable at all

19.	How excited are you to go fishing today? a) Extremely excited b) Somewhat excited c) A little excited d) Not excited at all
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**Post-Assessment Questionnaire:**

1.	Have been fishing before? a) Yes, a couple times b) Yes, many times c) Yes, once d) No
2.	Where did we go fishing today?
3.	What was your favorite part about today?
4.	How many fish did you catch today? a) 0 b) 1 c) 2-4 d) More than 4
5.	<i>If you caught at least one fish today...</i> Do you know what type of fish you caught? a) Yes b) No If yes... What type of fish was it?
6.	What did you like about fishing?
7.	What did you not like about fishing?
8.	How comfortable do you feel with fishing now? a) Very comfortable b) Comfortable c) Not comfortable at all
9.	What do fish need to live?
10.	Where do salmon live?
11.	Do you want to go fishing again? a) Yes b) Maybe c) No

	d) Not sure
12.	Do you think you could teach a friend who has never fished before how to go fishing? a) Yes b) Maybe c) Probably not d) No
13.	What was your least favorite part about today?
14.	What did you learn today about fish that you didn't know before?

**Demographic questions:**

What year were you born?

What school do you go to?

Where were you born?

How long have you lived in Anchorage?

Are you:

 Male Female Prefer not to say

Are you Hispanic or Latino?

 Yes No

What race do you identify with (Select all that apply)?

 American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White