

Wild Food Harvest Survey Script

and Non-respondent Survey

Introduction

Initial Contact Script

Scheduling a time for the interview

“Hello, I am calling (visiting) you today because I am doing a comprehensive harvest survey to document all parts of the subsistence economy in your community. The survey is sponsored by the National Park Service, and the information will be used to update their resource harvest and use records of residents in this community.

I would like to schedule a time to conduct a face-to-face interview that will take about one-hour to complete. This survey will ask questions about your harvesting practices and preferences. The information will be used to estimate wild food harvests and to describe how this effects the economies in rural communities.

Would you be willing to participate in the survey?

→ If YES – Is this a good time or would you prefer to schedule another day and time?

→ If YES – go to Survey Script below (or record date and time given)

→ If NO- It is important to us that as many people as possible participate by helping us to collect data that will update our harvest records. The information you provide will not be connected back to you or your household. Your responses will be completely anonymous and will only be used in a report that will summarize all of the responses we receive.

→ If YES - go to Survey Script below

→ If NO – and not at all interested, interviewer will say, *I understand. would you be willing to answer four short questions before I leave (or hang up the telephone)*

Non-Response Survey Questions

1. Are you the head of your household?
2. Did you or anyone in your household try to harvest salmon in the past year?
3. Do you or members of your household USUALLY hunt for subsistence, personal use, or sport
4. Did members of your household sell the handicrafts that were made from locally harvested or collected natural materials?

Thank you

Survey Script

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the survey. Before we continue, may I ask if you are the head of the household or at least over 16 years old?

→ If NO - interviewer will ask for a better time to return.

→ If YES –

Before we begin, I would like to let you know your household was randomly selected to take this survey. The purpose of the survey is to help us to understand the harvest and subsistence practices in this community. This survey should take about one hour to complete.

It is important that I tell you that this survey has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget. Your participation is completely voluntary and even though you agreed to be surveyed, you may skip questions or stop at any time and no action will be taken against you for refusing to provide any information. Your name will never be connected with your individual responses. We use this information to write reports that will summarize our findings that will be used by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

If you have any questions about this survey, I have a name and contact number available if you would like to have it.

Can we begin?