

Crew Survey: Socio-Economics of Commercial Fishing Crews in the Southeast

Dear Crew Member:

The National Marine Fishery Service currently knows very little about the people working in the Gulf of Mexico shrimp fishery. Who are YOU---the people working the Gulf shrimp vessels every day?

Please help us answer this question by filling out the survey below.

Note, this survey is anonymous and hence your confidentiality is guaranteed!

Sincerely,

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Q1: How many years have you been involved in commercial fishing? _____ Years

Q2: What was your most recent position on a fishing vessel? _____

Q3: List all fisheries you worked in during the last year:

Gulf shrimp _____

Q4: What year were you born in? _____

Q5: Where were you born? (please check box)

In the United States

Outside the United States – Please print the name of the country: _____

Q6: Which category best describes the highest level of education that you completed?

Did not complete high school High school diploma/equivalency

Associate's/ two year degree Bachelor's/ four year degree or higher

Q7: Where did you live December 31, 2015? _____ Zip Code

Q8: What was your marital status December 31, 2015?

Single Married / Cohabiting Widowed/Divorced/Separated

Q9: How many people lived in your primary household December 31, 2015?

_____ Adults _____ Children under 18

Q10: What is the primary language you speak at home? _____

Q11: Please list the three major activities, e.g., fishing, employment elsewhere, investments, or social security, from which your household received income in 2015, starting with the most important. Please consider all sources of income from everyone that lives in your household.

Activity: _____ _____ _____
 Most important Second most important Third most important

Q12: Roughly, how many days did you work in commercial fishing in 2015? _____ Days

Q13: Roughly, how many days did you work outside of commercial fishing in 2015? _____ Days

Q14: Please check the category that best fits your personal income from commercial fishing 2015:

- 1. Under \$5,000
- 2. \$5,000 to \$9,999
- 3. \$10,000 to \$14,999
- 4. \$15,000 to \$19,999
- 5. \$20,000 to \$24,999
- 6. \$25,000 to \$29,999
- 7. \$30,000 to \$34,999
- 8. \$35,000 to \$39,999
- 9. \$40,000 to \$44,999
- 10. \$45,000 to \$49,999
- 11. \$50,000 to \$99,000
- 12. \$100,000 or more

Is there anything else about commercial fishing or this questionnaire you would like to share with us?
Please write on reverse page.

This survey is completely anonymous. Once you mail it in the enclosed envelope, there is no way to link it back to you or your household. **THANK YOU** very much for your participation!

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