



NOAA FISHERIES

2016 Atlantic HMS Tournaments Survey

Operator Expenses



Your response is important!

About this survey:

Recreational fisheries are important to the national economy, with saltwater angler expenditures contributing to \$56 billion in total economic output annually. While billfish tournaments have been surveyed as recently as the 1990s, this survey has never before been conducted for all Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS) tournaments. The responses to this survey will be entered into an economics model that will show how the money spent at HMS tournaments goes into the community sectors, such as restaurants, hotels, tackle and bait shops, marinas, and other businesses. This information is critical for fishery managers to identify potential impacts that regulations may have on fishing communities, and to take measures that protect the economic success of local businesses.

Please take a moment to complete this survey. Thank you for helping NOAA sustainably manage our nation's marine resources.

Questions?

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Section A: General Tournament Operations

We would like to know about your highly migratory species (HMS) tournament.

- **HMS** are tunas, swordfish, sharks, marlins, sailfish, and spearfishes.
- This is a **voluntary** survey. Responses to financial questions will be protected under the Trade Secrets Act.
- This survey should be completed by the **tournament operator** or **designated staff member** for **one tournament only**.

1. About the Tournament:

Name: _____ City/town: _____ State: _____

Month/Day: ##/## to ##/## Year: ####

Weigh-in date(s): _____

Weigh-in location(s): _____

Number of years this tournament been held (including this year): ## First year: ####

2. Tournament Director name(s): _____

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: ### - ### - ####

3. Number of boats fishing for HMS in this tournament: ####

4. Total number of participants (anglers, crew, and captains): #### Estimated Actual

5. Did you estimate the number of spectators? Yes No (skip to question 6)

5a. Estimated total number of spectators at the weigh-ins: ####

5b. Description of method used to estimate number of spectators: _____

6. Check the boxes next to the species for which points or prizes were awarded:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bigeye tuna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blue Marlin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swordfish
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albacore tuna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White Marlin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pelagic sharks
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skipjack tuna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sailfish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coastal sharks
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yellowfin tuna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bluefin tuna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other species: _____

7. Was there a prize category or points for catch and release of any species? Yes No (skip to the next page)

7a. Please describe the catch & release point/awards system:

Section B: Funding Sources

Please tell us about the various revenue sources associated with your tournament operation.

Source	Total Amount for This Tournament
Registration Fees	\$ _____
Optional entry fees/Tournament within a Tournament/ Calcutta (optional)	\$ _____
Sponsors	\$ _____
Concessions	\$ _____
Sale of merchandise	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____

Section C: Tournament Expenses

Please tell us about the various expenses associated with operating your tournament.

1. Number of people employed to work on this event:
2. Number of volunteers for this event:
3. Did this tournament benefit any charities? Yes No (skip to question 4)
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- 3a. Donations made by the tournament:
\$ _____ .00
- 3b. Donations made directly by the participants to the charities:
\$ _____ .00
- 3c. Please list the charities: _____

4. Did this tournament contribute money to items other than charities (example: educational scholarships)? Yes No (skip to the next page)
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- 4a. Other contributions made by the tournament:
\$ _____ .00
- 4b. Please list the other beneficiaries: _____

Section C: Tournament Event Expenses

Please tell us about the various costs associated with operating your tournament, rounding to the nearest dollar.

Type of Expense	Total Amount for This Tournament
Monetary awards and prizes	\$ _____ .00
Trophies and plaques, etc.	\$ _____ .00
Site fee / Cost of location Recipient (marina, government, resort, etc.): _____	\$ _____ .00
Local licensing and permitting	\$ _____ .00
Audio and visual equipment (video monitors, speakers, special effects, etc.)	\$ _____ .00
Event equipment (chairs, tables, tents, etc.)	\$ _____ .00
Event marketing/advertising (TV, internet, print, social media, etc.)	\$ _____ .00
Catering	\$ _____ .00
Insurance	\$ _____ .00
Electricity	\$ _____ .00
Other utilities: _____	\$ _____ .00
Cost of merchandise	\$ _____ .00
Lodging	\$ _____ .00
Entertainment	\$ _____ .00
Security	\$ _____ .00
Other Labor Costs: _____	\$ _____ .00
Other _____	\$ _____ .00

If you had none of the above expenses, X here:

Thank You for Completing This Survey!

If you would like information on prior surveys or economic information related to marine recreational angling, please visit our website at <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st5/RecFishEcon.html>.

Please write any additional comments or expenses we may have missed:

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