



# NOAA FISHERIES

## 2016 Atlantic HMS Tournaments Survey

### Angling Team 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 (estimated 15 minutes). Thank you for helping NOAA sustainably manage our nation's marine resources.

#### Questions?

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## Section A: Your Most Recent HMS Fishing Tournament

Highly migratory species (HMS) are sharks, tunas, swordfish, and billfishes. Please tell us about your most recent highly migratory species fishing tournament.

- This is a **voluntary** survey. Your responses will be protected. Results of this survey will only be released for public use in aggregate statistical form.
- This survey should be completed by the **team captain** or **vessel owner** for **one tournament only**.
- If you participated in another tournament, please complete a separate survey for that event.
- Note: A **day of tournament fishing** is any portion of a day spent fishing in an HMS tournament.

1. Tournament Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Month: ## Year: ####

2. From which type of vessel did you fish?

*(If you used more than one vessel, please select the type you used the most)*

Charter boat       Private boat       Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Length: \_\_\_\_\_      Length: \_\_\_\_\_  
HP: \_\_\_\_\_      HP: \_\_\_\_\_

3. From **where** did you launch or board the vessel to fish in the tournament?

City or town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

4. How **many** days and nights did you spend tournament fishing? Days: ## Nights: ##

5. Which **highly migratory species** did you target in this tournament? *(Select all that apply)*

Bigeye tuna       Marlins       Pelagic sharks  
 Albacore tuna       Sailfish       Coastal sharks  
 Skipjack tuna       Swordfish       Other species: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yellowfin tuna       Bluefin tuna      \_\_\_\_\_

6. How many members of your fishing team took **time off** from work **without pay** to participate in this tournament? ##

7. Including yourself, **how many** people...

Traveled with you to the tournament (**family/friends**): ##

Were on your **fishing team**: ##

8. Was this tournament participation part of a longer trip in which you spent at least one night away from your permanent or seasonal residence?  Yes  No (skip to Section B)

Number of nights (**total**) you were **away from your residence** on this trip: ##

Number of non-tournament **days** you went fishing: ## *(Count partial days as full days)*

Number of non-tournament **overnight** fishing trips you took: ## *(Total number of nights)*

8a. What was the primary **purpose of this trip** away from home? *(Please select only one)*

Fishing in this tournament       Vacation or other personal reasons       Business

## Section B: Tournament Trip Expenses

For this tournament, how much did your **team** spend for the following items?

*If you answered "yes" to question 8, please provide your expenses for the **entire trip**.*

**Team Expense:** Please round to the nearest dollar.

**State:** The U.S. state where the majority of the money was spent.

Type of Expense	Team Expense	State
Fees: tournament, jackpot, or derby entry	\$ _____ .00	_____
Grocery or convenience stores (food and drink)	\$ _____ .00	_____
Restaurants and bars (food and drink)	\$ _____ .00	_____
Parking, boat slip rental, and site access fees	\$ _____ .00	_____
Fuel: Auto, truck, or RV	\$ _____ .00	_____
Rental: Auto, truck, or RV	\$ _____ .00	_____
Bait	\$ _____ .00	_____
Ice	\$ _____ .00	_____
Boat fuel and oil	\$ _____ .00	_____
Boat rental	\$ _____ .00	_____
Party, charter, or guide fees	\$ _____ .00	_____
Lodging (hotels, motels, campgrounds, etc.)	\$ _____ .00	_____
Entertainment	\$ _____ .00	_____
Public transportation	\$ _____ .00	_____
Airfare	\$ _____ .00	_____
Fishing permits bought during the tournament trip	\$ _____ .00	_____
Other _____	\$ _____ .00	_____

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

## Section C: Tackle and Durable Equipment Expenses

For this tournament, how much did your **team** spend for the following items?

**Team Expense:** Please round to the nearest dollar, and put "0" if there was no expense.

**Percent Spent In-State:** The percent of your team expense spent in the state in which the tournament was held (0-100%).

Type of Expense	Team Expense	Percent Spent In-State
Rods, poles, reels and components for rod-making	\$ _____ .00	_____ %
Tackle and gear (lures, hooks, leaders, sinkers, flies and fly tying supplies, fishing line, tackle boxes, nets, knives, gaffs, etc.)	\$ _____ .00	_____ %
Electronics (video cameras, GPS, radars, radios, satellite communications, vessel instruments, fishfinders, EPIRBs/PLBs, etc.)	\$ _____ .00	_____ %

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

## Section D: About You

Different anglers may have different spending patterns. The following questions will help us to ensure that we have a representative sample of anglers, and to see how expenditure patterns may vary.

Your answers are strictly confidential.

### 1. About you:

Male  Female

Birth Year:  #  #  #  #

Number of **years** you've been saltwater **fishing**:  #  #

Number of **years** you've participated in saltwater fishing **tournaments**:  #  #

### 2. During the past **12 months**...

Number of **HMS tournaments** you have participated in:  #  #

Number of **days** you went fishing for **HMS**:  #  #  #

Number of **days** you went fishing for **any** species:  #  #  #

# 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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