

2016 Economic Survey of Federal Gulf and South Atlantic For-Hire Permit Holders

This survey is voluntary.

Vessel name: «VesselName»

Vessel ID: «VESID»

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1: Has this vessel taken an **offshore** for-hire fishing trip **during the last year**, i.e., fished in ocean waters sea-side of the beach (COLREGS line)?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Please continue with Question 2.

<input type="checkbox"/> No, it only fished in inshore/inland waters.
Please skip to question 19 on Page 2.

Below, please provide us with information about your **LAST OFFSHORE FOR-HIRE FISHING** trip with the vessel «VesselName»:

2: Month this trip took place?

- Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

3: What was the length of this trip in hours?

- <4 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12+ multi-day

4: How many paying passengers were on this trip?

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7+

5: Which method(s) of fishing did you engage in on this trip (check all that apply)?

- Bottom/Reef/Wreck Trolling Casting Drift Other _____

6: Did this trip fish in Federal Waters (the EEZ - Exclusive Economic Zone)? Yes No

7: How many hours did you actually spend fishing on this trip? __ __ hours

8: Total distance travelled on this trip? __ __ __ miles

9: Total gallons of fuel used on this trip? __ __ __ __ gallons

10: How many mates/crew members, EXCLUDING the captain, were on this trip?

- 0 1 2 3+

Continuing with questions about **your LAST OFFSHORE FOR-HIRE FISHING** trip:

For the following expense questions, please enter "0" if you did not have any expenses in a category.

11: Cost of FUEL and OIL used on this trip: \$ _ _ _ .00

12: ICE expense for this trip: \$ _ _ _ .00

13: BAIT expense for this trip: \$ _ _ _ .00

14: TACKLE expense for this trip: \$ _ _ _ .00

15: Payments to hired mates/crew on this trip (excluding share of tip): \$ _ _ _ .00

16: a) What was the total charter fee paid by all passengers for this trip? \$ _ _ _ _ .00

b) Less credit card charges or other processing deductions? \$ _ _ .00 OR _____%

c) Less commission (for booking service, referrals, etc.)? \$ _ _ .00 OR _____%

17: What was the total tip received on this trip? \$ _ _ .00 OR _____% OR Don't know

18: Did the passengers pay for any additional services or products? \$ _ _ _ .00
(for fish cleaning, instance souvenirs, photos, etc.)

Please do not leave blank!

General questions about your for-hire vessel «VesselName»:

19: Is this vessel usually operated/captained by the majority owner of the vessel? Yes No

20: Please estimate the total number of fishing trips with for-hire customers over last year?

_____ number of trips _____ number of days at sea

21: Please estimate the percentage of trips that fish in offshore waters? _____%

22: Do you maintain a public website for your vessel/business? Yes No

If "Yes" , please list URL: www. _____

23: What percentage of your trips are by repeat customers or referrals? _____%

24: Does this vessel advertise **regularly scheduled trips** where **individual** anglers can reserve a seat, i.e., is operated as head- or party boat? Yes No

25: Do you vary for-hire fees throughout the year (for the same type of trip)? Yes No

26: Please estimate (or guess) how much your vessel (the vessel itself, not the for-hire business) could be sold for today? \$ _ , _ _ _ , _ _ _ .00

27: Percent of trips where anglers leave caught fish with you or crew? _____%

Thank You! Please return this completed form in the enclosed prepaid envelope!

If you have any **comments** please use the white space below. Also, please make a note if you would like to receive the results of this survey when they become available.