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June 00, 2016

Dear Permit Owner:

The NOAA Fisheries Service is working to improve its ability to determine the economic effects of regulatory changes and other factors that impact the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic For-Hire Charter Fishing industry.

You have been randomly selected to participate in a new survey. Enclosed is a form asking about trip expenses and operating characteristics on your most recent for-hire trip with paying passengers.

Your participation in this survey is voluntary, but vital to generating much needed data on the economic situation of your industry. Little is currently known about the economic health of the for-hire industry. Your information on recent trip expenses and trip fees will aid future management decisions and help better understand potential economic effects of proposed regulation.

A pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope is enclosed. All information supplied will be safeguarded from improper access and will only be accessible to authorized personnel responsible for management and research of fisheries under the authority of NOAA. If you wish to receive the survey results once the data have been analyzed, please make note of this anywhere on the survey.

If you have any questions or require help filling out the survey, please contact Adam Stemle or Christopher Liese at (305) 361-4209.

Thank you very much for your cooperation with this data collection and wishing you tight lines and a good fishing year.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of Adam Stemle in blue ink.

Adam Stemle
Research Associate

Handwritten signature of Christopher Liese in blue ink.

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Dear Permit Owner:

PLEASE RESPOND

Your vessel “«VesselName»” with the registration number «VESID» has been randomly selected to participate in the **2016 Economic Survey of Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic For-Hire Charter Fishing industry** conducted by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

While voluntary, we would again like to emphasize the importance of your participation in this survey. By accurately completing this survey, you will ensure that fishery managers have accurate and up-to-date information about the economic conditions in the fishery.

We have enclosed an additional copy of the survey form. We are asking for information on a single, random trip. A pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope is enclosed. Please complete this form and return in the postage-paid envelope.

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