

# 20XX Marine Recreational Fishing Expenditure Survey

How much do you spend on marine recreational fishing?



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## Section A: Your Most Recent Day of HMS Marine Recreational Fishing

We would like to know about your most recent day of marine recreational fishing for highly migratory species.

- “**Marine**” means open ocean or any portion of a bay, sound, or river that is saltwater or brackish water.
- A **day of HMS fishing** is *any portion of a day* spent fishing for **highly migratory species** (HMS). HMS species include tuna, swordfish, sharks, marlin, sailfish, or spearfish.
- Except when asked, please do not include any information for other household members or other fishing party members.
- Please print clearly and mark boxes with an X where appropriate to indicate your response.

1. When was your most recent day of marine fishing for highly migratory species?  
(please enter the two digit month and four digit year, e.g., “03, 2011” for March, 2011)

Month       Year

2. During your most recent day of marine fishing for highly migratory species, did you primarily fish from a: (please indicate your primary trip type by making an “X” in **one** box only)

Party or charter boat       Private or rental boat  
 Beach or bank       Pier, jetty, bridge, or dock

3. On this day, what city or town was closest to the place where you launched a boat or boarded a party or charter boat in order to fish for highly migratory species?

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

4. Did you target any particular type of highly migratory species of fish on this day?

Yes       No      **→ Please go to question 5 on the next page**  
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If yes, please list the top two species you targeted (regardless of whether or not you caught them).  
Do not include fish you caught but did not target.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Did you take time off from work **without** pay in order to go on your most recent day of HMS fishing?

Yes       No

6. **Including yourself**, how many people traveled together to your most recent day of HMS fishing?

Number of people, including yourself

6a. **Including yourself**, how many people were in your fishing party on your most recent day of HMS fishing?

Number of people, including yourself

7. Was your most recent day of HMS fishing part of a longer trip in which you spent at least one night away from your permanent or seasonal residence?

Yes       No      **—————> Please go to question 8 on the next page**



7a. How many nights were you away from your residence on this trip?

Number of nights

7b. How many days of this trip did you go fishing?

Number of days fished (*count partial days as full days*)

7c. If you went on an overnight fishing trip on a boat, how many nights did you sleep on the boat?

Number of nights on the boat       Did **not** take an overnight boat trip

7d. What was the **primary** purpose of this entire trip away from home?  
(*please indicate your choice by making an "X" in one box only*)

Fishing

Vacation or other personal reasons

Business

8. On your most recent day of HMS fishing, how much did you **PERSONALLY** spend for the following items? If your most recent day was part of a longer trip away from home, please provide your expenses for the entire trip.
- Include expenses that you paid for others, but do not include any expenses paid by others for you.
  - For each item, indicate the percentage of your expense that was spent in the state where you were fishing.
  - If you spent nothing, please write "0" for that item.

(A) Type of Expense	(B) Your Personal Expense (Round to the nearest dollar)	(C) % Spent in the State of Your Most Recent Day of HMS Fishing (0-100%)
Food and drink from grocery or convenience stores	\$ _____ .00	_____ %
Food and drink from restaurants and bars	\$ _____ .00	_____ %
Parking and site access fees	\$ _____ .00	_____ %
Auto, truck, or RV fuel	\$ _____ .00	_____ %
Auto, truck, or RV rental	\$ _____ .00	_____ %
Bait	\$ _____ .00	_____ %
Ice	\$ _____ .00	_____ %
Boat fuel and oil	\$ _____ .00	_____ %
Boat rental	\$ _____ .00	_____ %
Party, charter, or guide fees	\$ _____ .00	_____ %
Fish filleting fee and tips paid to charter crew	\$ _____ .00	_____ %
Lodging (hotels, motels, campgrounds, etc.)	\$ _____ .00	_____ %
Public transportation	\$ _____ .00	_____ %
Airfare	\$ _____ .00	_____ %
Gifts or souvenirs	\$ _____ .00	_____ %
Processing, freezing, or shipping fee paid to fish processing company	\$ _____ .00	_____ %
Fishing tournament, jackpot, or derby entry fees	\$ _____ .00	_____ %
Other _____	\$ _____ .00	_____ %

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

## Section B: Tackle, Equipment and Durable Fishing-Related Expenses

In this section, we would like to know about your annual expenses related to marine recreational fishing for **all types of finfish**, including both migratory species and non-migratory species. We are interested in your expenses **during the past 12 months** on fishing tackle, fishing-related equipment, and large durable items such as boats, vehicles, and vacation homes.

1. During the past 12 months, did you spend any money on fishing tackle or fishing gear?

Yes

No



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1a. Please complete the table below with the amount of money you **PERSONALLY** spent in the past 12 months on the following items of **fishing tackle**.

- If you spent nothing, please write “0” for that item.
- In column C, indicate the **percentage of your expense** (from column B) that was spent in the state of your most recent day of HMS fishing (as recorded in Section A, Question 3). (For example, if all expenses of a given type occurred in that state, write “100”. If none occurred in that state, write “0”.)
- In column D, indicate the **percentage of each item’s usage** that was for marine recreational fishing *regardless of the state where you used the item*. (For example, if the item was used 10 days for freshwater fishing and used 10 days for marine fishing (for a total of 20 days of use), write “50%” as the percentage of use for marine fishing.)

(A) Type of Expense	(B) Your Personal Expense	(C) % Spent in the State of Your Most Recent Day of HMS Fishing (0-100%)	(D) % of Use for Marine Fishing (0-100%)
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	_____ %	_____ %

2. Please complete the table below with the amount of money you **PERSONALLY** spent in the past 12 months on the following **fishing-related** items.

- If you spent nothing, please write “0” for that item.
- In column C, indicate the **percentage of your expense** (from column B) that was spent in the state of your most recent day of HMS fishing. (For example, if all expenses of a given type occurred in that state, write “100”. If none occurred in that state, write “0”.)
- In column D, indicate the **percentage of each item’s usage** that was for marine recreational fishing *regardless of the state where you used the item*. (For example, if the item was used 10 days for freshwater fishing and used 10 days for marine fishing (for a total of 20 days of use), write “50%” as the percentage of use for marine fishing.)

(A) Type of Expense	(B) Your Personal Expense	(C) % Spent in the State of Your Most Recent Day of HMS Fishing (0-100%)	(D) % of Use for Marine Fishing (0-100%)
Marine fishing licenses, fishing stamps or fees	\$ _____ .00	_____ %	_____ %
Special marine fishing clothing (foul weather gear, boots, waders, masks, wetsuits, etc.)	\$ _____ .00	_____ %	_____ %
Books, magazine, newspaper and electronic subscriptions devoted to recreational fishing	\$ _____ .00	_____ %	_____ %
Camping equipment (sleeping bags, packs, tents, coolers, etc.)	\$ _____ .00	_____ %	_____ %
Binoculars, field glasses, etc.	\$ _____ .00	_____ %	_____ %
Dues or contributions to recreational fishing clubs or organizations	\$ _____ .00	_____ %	_____ %
Processing or taxidermy fees	\$ _____ .00	_____ %	_____ %

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

3. Have you owned a boat that you personally used for marine recreational fishing in the past 12 months?

Yes

No



Please go to question 4 on the next page



3a. How long is the boat you used most often for marine recreational fishing in the past 12 months? \_\_\_\_\_ Feet

3b. Is the boat you used most often motorized?

Yes



\_\_\_\_\_ Horsepower

No

3c. Please complete the table below with the amount of money you **PERSONALLY** spent in the past 12 months on **boats and boating accessories** that you used for marine recreational fishing. Please include expenses for all boats that you used.

Type of Expenditure	Personal Expenditure	State Where Expenditure Occurred	Purchase Financed? (check one)	Purchased New or Used? (check one)	Purchased from a Broker/Dealer or Private Party? (check one)
Purchase of a motor boat(s) and accessories	\$ _____ .00	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	<input type="checkbox"/> Broker/Dealer <input type="checkbox"/> Private Party
Purchase of a non-motorized boat(s) (canoe, kayak)	\$ _____ .00	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	<input type="checkbox"/> Broker/Dealer <input type="checkbox"/> Private Party
Boat electronics and accessories purchased separately from boat(s) (ex: GPS, fish finders, radios, ropes, etc.)	\$ _____ .00	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	<input type="checkbox"/> Broker/Dealer <input type="checkbox"/> Private Party
Boat and trailer maintenance and repairs	\$ _____ .00	_____	_____ % of repairs done by you		
Boat mooring, storage, and haul out/launch fees	\$ _____ .00	_____			
Boat insurance	\$ _____ .00	_____			
Boat and trailer license and registration	\$ _____ .00	_____			

3d. Thinking about the total usage of your boat(s) used for marine recreational fishing, what percentage of the time in the past 12 months did you use this boat(s) for marine recreational fishing?

\_\_\_\_\_ %

3e. Did you sell a boat that you owned in the past 12 months?

Yes

No



4. Do you own a vehicle (car, truck, motor home or RV, off-road vehicle, etc.) that you personally used for marine recreational fishing in the past 12 months (for example, do you drive your car to a fishing site or do you use your truck to pull a boat)?

Yes       No      **—————>**      **Please go to question 5 on the next page**

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4a. Please complete the table below with the amount of money you **PERSONALLY** spent in the past 12 months on **vehicles** that you used for marine recreational fishing. Please include expenses for all vehicles that you used.

Type of Expenditure	Personal Expenditure	State Where Expenditure Occurred	Purchase Financed? (check one)	Purchase New or Used? (check one)	Purchased from a Broker/Dealer or Private Party? (check one)
Purchase of vehicles used for marine recreational fishing	\$ _____ .00	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	<input type="checkbox"/> Broker/Dealer <input type="checkbox"/> Private Party
Repair and maintenance for vehicles used for marine recreational fishing	\$ _____ .00	_____	_____ % of repairs done by you		
Insurance for vehicles used for marine recreational fishing	\$ _____ .00	_____			
License and registration for vehicles used for marine recreational fishing	\$ _____ .00	_____			

4b. Thinking about the total usage of your vehicle(s) used for marine recreational fishing, what percentage of the time in the past 12 months did you use this vehicle(s) for marine recreational fishing?

\_\_\_\_\_ %



5. Do you own a second home (i.e., cabin, single family home, timeshare, etc.) that you personally used for marine recreational fishing in the past 12 months?

Yes

No



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5a. Please complete the table below with the amount of money you **PERSONALLY** spent in the past 12 months on a second home that you used for marine recreational fishing.

Type of Expenditure	Personal Expenditure	State Where Expenditure Occurred	Purchase Financed? (check one)	Purchase New or Used? (check one)	Purchase made with a Real Estate Agent? (check one)
Purchase of second home used for marine recreational fishing	\$ _____ .00	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Repair and maintenance for homes used for marine recreational fishing	\$ _____ .00	_____	_____ % of repairs done by you		
Insurance for homes used for marine recreational fishing	\$ _____ .00	_____			

5b. Thinking about your total usage of this second home, what percentage of time in the past 12 months did you use this home for marine recreational fishing?

\_\_\_\_\_ %

## Section C: About You and Your Household

Different types of anglers may have different expenditure patterns. The following questions will help us to ensure that we have a representative sample of anglers, and to see how expenditure patterns vary across types of anglers. Your answers are strictly confidential.

In questions 1-3 below, please refer to the state of your most recent day of HMS fishing.

1. In the past **2 months**, how many days did you go marine fishing for **any type** of finfish in this state from a:  
(enter the number of days in each trip type; count partial days as full days; enter zero if you took no trips of a given type)

Party or charter boat

Private or rental boat

Beach or bank

Pier, jetty, bridge, or dock

2. During the past **12 months**, how many days have you spent marine fishing for finfish in this state?

Number of days (count partial days as full days )

3. In the past 12 months, how many total days did you go fishing for highly migratory species in this state?  
(enter zero if you had no HMS trips)

Number of days (count partial days as full days )

4. Are you male or female?

Male

Female

5. In what year were you born?

(Year)

6. How many years have you been marine recreational fishing?

(Number of years)

7. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
- Yes, Puerto Rican
- Yes, Cuban
- Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin \_\_\_\_\_

8. What is your race? (please mark all that apply)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black, African American, or Negro | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian: _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____          |

9. In the past 12 months, how many hours per week did you typically work for pay?

10. Which of the following categories best describes your household's **total annual income before taxes** in 2010? (Please mark only **one** category)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$20,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$80,000-\$99,999   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000-\$39,999  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000-\$149,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000-\$59,999  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000-\$199,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$60,000-\$79,999  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 or more   |

11. What is the highest level of education you have completed? (Please mark only **one** category)

- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade or less
- High school graduate or GED
- Associate or technical school degree or college coursework
- Bachelor's degree (ex: BA or BS)
- Advanced, professional, or doctoral degree or coursework

## Thank You For Completing This Survey!

We appreciate your participation in this survey. If you would like further 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 you have in the space below:

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