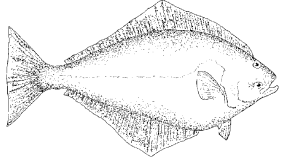
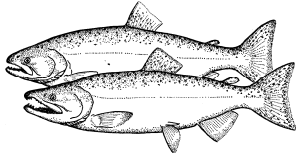
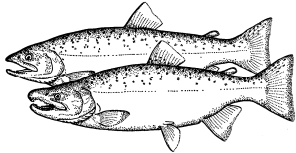
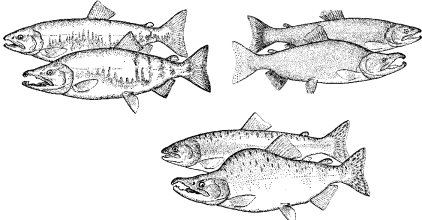
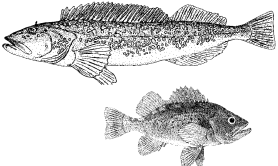


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Your 2016 Sport Fishing Activities in Alaska

The questions in this survey are about you and your fishing activities and opinions. Except when asked, please do not include any information about others who fish or travel with you. Please use the included maps, Map A (Southeast Alaska) and Map B (Southcentral Alaska), when needed.

In this survey:

- **Freshwater fishing** is any sport (recreational) fishing in rivers, lakes, and streams.
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- A **fishing trip** is any trip that includes recreational fishing. This includes travel to the location where you fished. Many anglers fish for more than one day on fishing trips.
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Your participation in this survey is voluntary.

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A1 Did you do any sport (recreational) fishing (saltwater or freshwater fishing trips) in Alaska before 2016? *Check the box of your response.*

- Yes
- No

A2 During 2016, how many total freshwater and saltwater fishing days did you sport fish in Alaska? *Count partial days as full days.*

_____ freshwater fishing days

_____ saltwater fishing days

A3 During 2016, in which areas of Alaska (Southeast Alaska, Southcentral Alaska, or other areas in Alaska) did you fish on your freshwater or saltwater fishing trips?

Check all that apply.

- Southeast Alaska – *see Map A*
- Southcentral Alaska – *see Map B*
- Other areas in Alaska – *any area in Alaska not shown in Map A or Map B (e.g., Fairbanks)*

A4 In 2016, did you take any saltwater fishing trips for halibut, salmon, lingcod, or rockfish in Southeast Alaska (see Map A)? *Check your response and follow the directions.*

- Yes → **CONTINUE TO NEXT PAGE**
- No → **SKIP TO PAGE 8**

Your Southeast Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing in 2016

The questions in this section are only about your Southeast Alaska saltwater sport fishing trips during 2016.

B1 During 2016, how many total trips and fishing days did you spend saltwater fishing using a charter (or fishing lodge) service, on a private boat (yours, a friend's, or a self-guided rental), or from shore at each of the following Southeast Alaska locations (see Map A)?
Count partial days as full days.

Location you boarded fishing boat or fished from shore	Total fishing TRIPS taken	Number of days fished		
		DAYS on charter boat	DAYS on private boat	DAYS from shore
Glacier Bay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Haines-Skagway.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Juneau.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kake.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ketchikan.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Petersburg.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Prince of Wales.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sitka.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wrangell.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Yakutat.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other location (specify): _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

B2 What is your best estimate of how many total fish you caught and kept at each Southeast Alaska location while saltwater fishing during 2016 (see Map A)?

Location you boarded fishing boat or fished from shore	Total number of fish you <i>caught and kept</i> in saltwater during 2016					
	Halibut	King salmon	Silver salmon	Other salmon	Lingcod	Rockfish
Glacier Bay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Haines-Skagway.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Juneau.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Sitka.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wrangell.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Yakutat.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other location (specify): _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

B3 Please choose the response that best describes your Alaska saltwater fishing for, and catch of, each species in Southeast Alaska during 2016. Check one box for each species.

<i>Saltwater species</i>	I did not fish for ▼	I fished for but did not catch ▼	I kept <u>all</u> of my catch ▼	I kept <u>some</u> of my catch ▼	I kept <u>none</u> of my catch ▼
Halibut.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
King salmon.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Silver salmon.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other salmon (red, pink, chum).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lingcod.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rockfish.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B4 During 2016, what types of transportation did you take to get to where you boarded a fishing boat or fished from shore in Southeast Alaska?

Check all boxes that apply.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your own vehicle (car, truck, RV, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Walk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A rental vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Train |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bus/Taxi | <input type="checkbox"/> Bus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ferry | <input type="checkbox"/> Float plane/charter plane |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private boat | <input type="checkbox"/> Helicopter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial airline | <input type="checkbox"/> Cruise ship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ | |

B5 In 2016, did you own or have access to (example: through a friend or family) a boat you could use when you fished in saltwater in Southeast Alaska? Check one box.

- Yes
- No

Your Most Recent Saltwater Sport Fishing Trip in Southeast Alaska

The questions in this section are only about your most recent Southeast Alaska saltwater sport fishing trip.

C1 Where did you fish from on your most recent saltwater fishing trip in Southeast Alaska?
For only the site(s) you visited on this trip, indicate the number of days you saltwater fished from a charter boat, a private boat, or from shore. Count partial days fishing as full days.

Location you boarded fishing boat or fished from shore	Number of days fished		
	DAYS on charter boat	DAYS on private boat	DAYS from shore
Glacier Bay.....	_____	_____	_____
Haines-Skagway.....	_____	_____	_____
Juneau.....	_____	_____	_____
Kake.....	_____	_____	_____
Ketchikan.....	_____	_____	_____
Petersburg.....	_____	_____	_____
Prince of Wales.....	_____	_____	_____
Sitka.....	_____	_____	_____
Wrangell.....	_____	_____	_____
Yakutat.....	_____	_____	_____
Other location (specify): _____	_____	_____	_____

C2 During what month and year did your most recent Southeast Alaska saltwater fishing trip begin?

Month _____ Year _____

C3 How many total days were you away from your home on your most recent trip (include fishing and non-fishing days)? *Count partial days as full days.*

_____ Days

C4 How many people traveled on this trip (including you)? *Include all adults and children, even if they did not fish.*

_____ Adults _____ Children under 18

C5 On this most recent trip, what types of transportation did you use to get to where you boarded a fishing boat or fished from shore? *Check all that apply.*

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your own vehicle (car, truck, RV, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Walk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A rental vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Train |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bus/Taxi | <input type="checkbox"/> Bus |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Private boat | <input type="checkbox"/> Helicopter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial airline | <input type="checkbox"/> Cruise ship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ | |

C6 For each saltwater species below, indicate whether you fished in saltwater for this species, the total number of fish you caught (including any you released), and the number of fish you caught and kept on this trip.

Saltwater fish species	Fished for? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Total number of fish caught	Number of fish caught and kept
Halibut.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
King salmon.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Silver salmon.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Other salmon (red, pink, or chum)...	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Lingcod.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Rockfish.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

C7 About how much total time (in hours and minutes) did you personally have a fishing pole in the water during this trip?

Hours _____ Minutes _____

C8 Was saltwater fishing the primary purpose of this trip? *Check one box.*

- Yes
 No

C9 Approximately how much money did you personally spend for yourself and others during this trip? Do not include any costs paid by others. If you didn't spend money on an item, please write "0".

Fishing-related costs	<u>Your costs</u> for most recent trip (round to nearest dollar)
Transportation to and from saltwater fishing	
Automobile/truck/RV fuel.....	\$ _____
Automobile/truck/RV rental.....	\$ _____
Bus/taxi fares.....	\$ _____
Train fare.....	\$ _____
Float/charter plane.....	\$ _____
Airline airfare.....	\$ _____
Ferry.....	\$ _____
Fishing-related food and lodging	
Fishing lodge/package costs.....	\$ _____
Lodging (trailer parks, campgrounds, hotels, etc.).....	\$ _____
Food and drink (restaurant).....	\$ _____
Food and drink (non-restaurant).....	\$ _____
Other fishing-related costs	
Fish/combination license fees (only if bought on trip).....	\$ _____
Guides or charter fees (including tips).....	\$ _____
Fishing boat rental.....	\$ _____
Fishing gear, bait (bought or rented for this trip).....	\$ _____
Fish processing, freezing, packing, or shipping fees.....	\$ _____
Ice.....	\$ _____
Fishing derby entry fees.....	\$ _____
Boat fuel, lubricants, and repairs.....	\$ _____
Moorage or launch fees for this trip.....	\$ _____
Gifts/souvenirs.....	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____

C10 How many people were the trip expenses in C9 for (including you)?

_____ Adults _____ Children under 18

Your Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing Trip Preferences

This section asks about your preferences for Alaska saltwater fishing trips. Even if you have not saltwater fished in Alaska, your responses are needed to understand how people choose fishing trips.

D1 In Alaska, do you prefer saltwater or freshwater fishing? *Check the box of the best answer.*

- I prefer saltwater fishing
- I prefer freshwater fishing
- I do not have a preference
- I don't know

D2 In Alaska, do you prefer to saltwater fish from a charter boat (or fishing lodge service) or a private boat (yours, a friend's, or a self-guided rental)? *Check the box of the best answer.*

- I prefer fishing from a charter boat
- I prefer fishing from a private boat
- I do not have a preference
- I don't know

D3 Many things may influence the type of Alaska saltwater fishing trip you choose to take. How important are each of the following to you? *Mark the box of your response.*

	Not important at all ▼	A little important ▼	Somewhat important ▼	Very important ▼	Extremely important ▼
Type of fishing (charter boat fishing, private boat fishing, or from shore).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of days fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Type of fish (species) targeted.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bag or take limit: number of fish you can keep.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Size restrictions: limits on the size of fish you can keep.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing trip cost.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The next 4 questions ask you to choose which of 3 things you like best: 2 different Southeast Alaska saltwater boat fishing experiences (Choice A and Choice B) or doing something else (Choice C).

Choices A and B may differ from fishing experiences you have had, particularly in how much they cost and in the regulations that apply for the trip, but we would still like to know your opinions about them.

- In each question, the saltwater fishing experiences (Choices A and B) are the same except for the differences you see in the table.
- Assume the fishing experiences are **one day trips** (no overnight trips) and that you have **access to a private boat** (yours, a friend’s, or a rental) when answering these questions.
- Remember that money you spend on Choice A or Choice B is money that could instead be spent on other items and activities if you didn’t go saltwater boat fishing in Southeast Alaska.

D4 Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C are described in the columns below. Below the columns, indicate which of these three choices you like best and which you like second best.

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Fish targeted.....	Halibut	Halibut	
<i>Bag (take) limit..... Number of fish you can keep each day</i>	2 per day	1 per day	Do something else in Southeast Alaska other than saltwater boat fishing
Fish targeted.....	Silver salmon	Silver salmon	
<i>Bag (take) limit..... Number of fish you can keep each day</i>	4 per day	3 per day	
Cost per person..... <i>Can include bait, ice, transportation, food, and other costs</i>	\$100	\$25	

	<u>Choice A</u>	<u>Choice B</u>	<u>Choice C</u>
Which do you like <u>best</u>? <i>Check one box-----></i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Which do you like <u>second best</u>? <i>Check one box-----></i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D5 Consider Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C in the columns below. Below the columns, indicate which of these you like best and which you like second best.

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Fish targeted	Silver salmon	Halibut	Do something else in Southeast Alaska other than saltwater boat fishing
Bag (take) limit <i>Number of fish you can keep each day</i>	6 per day	1 per day	
Fish targeted	No 2nd species targeted	King salmon	
Bag (take) limit <i>Number of fish you can keep each day</i>		3 per day	
Cost per person <i>Can include bait, ice, transportation, food, and other costs</i>	\$50	\$50	

	<u>Choice A</u>	<u>Choice B</u>	<u>Choice C</u>
Which do you like <u>best</u>? <i>Check one box-----></i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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D6 Again, consider the three options below and indicate below the columns which of them you like best and which you like second best.

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Fish targeted	King salmon	Silver salmon	Do something else in Southeast Alaska other than saltwater boat fishing
Bag (take) limit <i>Number of fish you can keep each day</i>	2 per day	6 per day	
Fish targeted	Silver salmon	No 2nd species targeted	
Bag (take) limit <i>Number of fish you can keep each day</i>	4 per day		
Cost per person <i>Can include bait, ice, transportation, food, and other costs</i>	\$75	\$50	

	<u>Choice A</u>	<u>Choice B</u>	<u>Choice C</u>
Which do you like <u>best</u>? <i>Check one box-----></i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Which do you like <u>second best</u>? <i>Check one box-----></i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D7 Consider Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C below and indicate which you like best and which you like second best.

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Fish targeted	King salmon	Halibut	Do something else in Southeast Alaska other than saltwater boat fishing
Bag (take) limit <i>Number of fish you can keep each day</i>	1 per day	2 per day	
Fish targeted	Silver salmon	King salmon	
Bag (take) limit <i>Number of fish you can keep each day</i>	6 per day	1 per day	
Cost per person <i>Can include bait, ice, transportation, food, and other costs</i>	\$150	\$75	

	<u>Choice A</u>	<u>Choice B</u>	<u>Choice C</u>
Which do you like <u>best</u>? <i>Check one box-----></i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Which do you like <u>second best</u>? <i>Check one box-----></i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D8 How confident are you in your answers in D4, D5, D6, and D7? *Check the best answer.*

Not at all confident	Slightly confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Extremely confident
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

About You and Your Household

This information helps us understand how your fishing experiences compare to those of other anglers. Your responses will be kept confidential.

- E1** Are you male or female? Male Female
- E2** In what year were you born? 19_____
- E3** How many years of fishing experience do you have fishing for any species anywhere?
_____ years
- E4** How many people do you live with in each of the following age groups (include yourself)?
If none for a category please write "0".
_____ Under 18 _____ 18 to 35 _____ 36 to 60 _____ Over 60
- E5** How many people do you live with who work outside the home (include yourself)?
If none for a category, write "0".
_____ Full-time worker _____ Part-time worker
- E6** What is the highest grade or level of school you completed? *Check the box of the best answer.*
- Some high school or less
 - High school diploma or equivalent
 - Some college
 - Two year college degree (AA, AS) or technical school
 - Four year college graduate (BA, BS)
 - Some graduate work but did not receive a graduate degree
 - Graduate degree (MA, MS, MBA, PhD, JD, MD, etc.)
- E7** Are you Hispanic or Latino? *Check the box of the best answer.*
- Yes
 - No
- E8** Which of the following best describes you? *Check one or more.*
- Asian
 - American Indian or Alaska Native
 - Black or African American
 - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 - White
- E9** What was your household income (before taxes) in 2016? *Check one box.*
- Less than \$10,000
 - \$10,000 to \$19,999
 - \$20,000 to \$29,999
 - \$30,000 to \$39,999
 - \$40,000 to \$49,999
 - \$50,000 to \$59,999
 - \$60,000 to \$79,999
 - \$80,000 to \$99,999
 - \$100,000 to \$124,999
 - \$125,000 to \$149,999
 - \$150,000 to \$200,000
 - \$200,000 or more

To better understand your opportunities for sport fishing, please answer these questions.

E10 Which one of the following best describes your employment status? *Check the box of the best answer.*

- Salaried worker
- Wage worker
- Self-employed
- Student
- Homemaker → **SKIP TO NEXT PAGE**
- Retired → **SKIP TO NEXT PAGE**
- Currently unemployed → **SKIP TO NEXT PAGE**
- Disabled and unable to work → **SKIP TO NEXT PAGE**
- Other (*please specify*) _____

E11 In a typical week, about how many hours do you work? *If you do not work for pay or profit, write "0" and skip to next page.*

_____ Hours per week

E12 Approximately what is your hourly wage rate? *Check one box.*

- Under \$5.00 per hour
- \$5.00 to \$9.99
- \$10.00 to \$14.99
- \$15.00 to \$19.99
- \$20.00 to \$29.99
- \$30.00 to \$39.99
- \$40.00 to \$49.99
- \$50.00 to \$59.99
- \$60 or more per hour

E13 Would you prefer to work more hours or fewer hours per week at your current hourly wage rate? *You'd have less income if you worked less, and more income if you worked more.*

- I would prefer to work **more** hours per week at my current hourly wage rate
- I would prefer to work **fewer** hours per week at my current hourly wage rate
- Neither. I am happy with the number of hours I currently work.

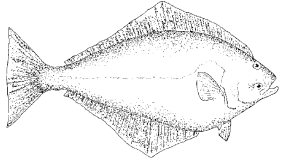
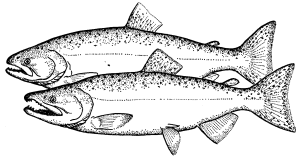
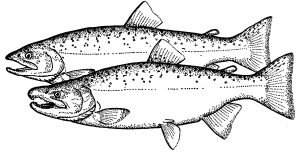
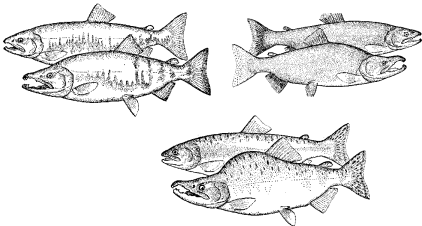
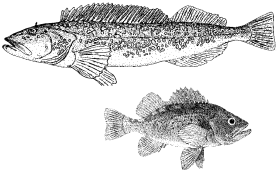
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- **Do not include** any subsistence or personal use fishing (e.g., dipnetting) you may have done.

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A1 Did you take any sport (recreational) fishing trips in Alaska before 2016?

Check the box of your response.

- Yes
- No

A2 During 2016, how many total freshwater and saltwater fishing days did you sport fish in Alaska? *Count partial days as full days.*

_____ freshwater fishing days

_____ saltwater fishing days

A3 During 2016, in which areas of Alaska (Southeast Alaska, Southcentral Alaska, or other areas in Alaska) did you fish on your freshwater or saltwater fishing trips?

Check all that apply.

- Southeast Alaska – *see Map A*
- Southcentral Alaska – *see Map B*
- Other areas in Alaska – *any area in Alaska not shown in Map A or Map B (e.g., Fairbanks)*

A4 In 2016, did you take any saltwater fishing trips for halibut, salmon, lingcod, or rockfish in Southcentral Alaska (see Map B)? *Check your response and follow the directions.*

- Yes → **CONTINUE TO NEXT PAGE**
- No → **SKIP TO PAGE 8**

Your Southcentral Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing in 2016

The questions in this section are only about your Southcentral Alaska saltwater sport fishing trips during 2016.

B1 During 2016, how many total trips and fishing days did you spend saltwater fishing using a charter (or fishing lodge) service, on a private boat (yours, a friend's, or a self-guided rental), or from shore at each of the following Southcentral Alaska locations (see Map B)?
Count partial days as full days.

Location you boarded fishing boat or fished from shore	Total fishing TRIPS taken	Number of days fished		
		DAYS on charter boat	DAYS on private boat	DAYS from shore
Anchor Point.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alaska Peninsula/Bristol Bay...	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cordova.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ninilchik/ Deep Creek.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Homer.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kenai (city).....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kodiak Island.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seldovia.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seward.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Valdez.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Whittier.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other location (specify): _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

B2 What is your best estimate of how many total fish you caught and kept at each Southcentral Alaska location while saltwater fishing during 2016 (see Map B)?

Location you boarded fishing boat or fished from shore	Total number of fish you <i>caught and kept</i> in saltwater during 2016					
	Halibut	King salmon	Silver salmon	Other salmon	Lingcod	Rockfish
Anchor Point.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alaska Peninsula/Bristol Bay...	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cordova.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ninilchik/ Deep Creek.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Homer.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kenai (city).....	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kodiak Island.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seldovia.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seward.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Valdez.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Whittier.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other location (specify): _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

B3 Please choose the response that best describes your Alaska saltwater fishing for, and catch of, each species in Southcentral Alaska during 2016. Check one box for each species.

<i>Saltwater species</i>	I did not fish for ▼	I fished for but did not catch ▼	I kept <u>all</u> of my catch ▼	I kept <u>some</u> of my catch ▼	I kept <u>none</u> of my catch ▼
Halibut.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
King salmon.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Silver salmon.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other salmon (red, pink, chum).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lingcod.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rockfish.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B4 During 2016, what types of transportation did you take to get to where you boarded a fishing boat or fished from shore in Southcentral Alaska?

Check all boxes that apply.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private or rental vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Train |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bus/Taxi | <input type="checkbox"/> Bus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ferry | <input type="checkbox"/> Float plane/charter plane |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private boat | <input type="checkbox"/> Helicopter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial airline | <input type="checkbox"/> Cruise ship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ | |

B5 In 2016, did you own or have access to (example: through a friend or family) a boat you could use when you fished in saltwater in Southcentral Alaska? Check one box.

- Yes
- No

Your Most Recent Saltwater Sport Fishing Trip in Southcentral Alaska

The questions in this section are only about your most recent Southcentral Alaska saltwater sport fishing trip.

C1 Where did you fish from on this saltwater fishing trip in Southcentral Alaska? For only the site(s) you visited on this trip, indicate the number of days you saltwater fished from a charter boat, a private boat, or from shore. Count partial days fishing as full days.

Location you boarded fishing boat or fished from shore	Number of days fished		
	DAYS on charter boat	DAYS on private boat	DAYS from shore
Anchor Point.....	_____	_____	_____
Alaska Peninsula/Bristol Bay...	_____	_____	_____
Cordova.....	_____	_____	_____
Ninilchik/ Deep Creek.....	_____	_____	_____
Homer.....	_____	_____	_____
Kenai (city).....	_____	_____	_____
Kodiak Island.....	_____	_____	_____
Seldovia.....	_____	_____	_____
Seward.....	_____	_____	_____
Valdez.....	_____	_____	_____
Whittier.....	_____	_____	_____
Other location (specify): _____	_____	_____	_____

C2 During what month and year did your most recent Southcentral Alaska saltwater fishing trip begin?

Month _____ Year _____

C3 How many total days were you away from your home on this trip (include fishing and non-fishing days)? Count partial days as full days.

_____ Days

C4 How many people traveled on this trip (including you)? Include all adults and children, even if they did not fish.

_____ Adults _____ Children under 18

C5 On this trip, what types of transportation did you use to get to where you boarded a fishing boat or fished from shore? *Check all that apply.*

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private or rental vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Train |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bus/Taxi | <input type="checkbox"/> Bus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ferry | <input type="checkbox"/> Float plane/charter plane |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private boat | <input type="checkbox"/> Helicopter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial airline | <input type="checkbox"/> Cruise ship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ | |

C6 For each saltwater species below, indicate whether you fished in saltwater for this species, the total number of fish you caught (including any you released), and the number of fish you caught and kept on this trip.

Saltwater fish species	Fished for? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Total number of fish caught	Number of fish caught and kept
Halibut.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
King salmon.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Silver salmon.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Other salmon (red, pink, or chum)...	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Lingcod.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Rockfish.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

C7 About how much total time (in hours and minutes) did you personally have a fishing pole in the water during this trip?

Hours _____ Minutes _____

C8 Was saltwater fishing the primary purpose of this trip? *Check one box.*

- Yes
 No

C9 Approximately how much money did you personally spend for yourself and others during this trip? Do not include any costs paid by others. If you didn't spend money on an item, please write "0".

Fishing-related costs	<u>Your costs for this trip</u> (round to nearest dollar)
Transportation to and from saltwater fishing	
Automobile/truck/RV fuel.....	\$ _____
Automobile/truck/RV rental.....	\$ _____
Bus/taxi fares.....	\$ _____
Train fare.....	\$ _____
Float/charter plane.....	\$ _____
Airline airfare.....	\$ _____
Ferry.....	\$ _____
Fishing-related food and lodging	
Fishing lodge/package costs.....	\$ _____
Lodging (trailer parks, campgrounds, hotels, etc.).....	\$ _____
Food and drink (restaurant).....	\$ _____
Food and drink (non-restaurant).....	\$ _____
Other fishing-related costs	
Fish/combination license fees (only if bought on trip).....	\$ _____
Guides or charter fees (including tips).....	\$ _____
Fishing boat rental.....	\$ _____
Fishing gear, bait (bought or rented for this trip).....	\$ _____
Fish processing, freezing, packing, or shipping fees.....	\$ _____
Ice.....	\$ _____
Fishing derby entry fees.....	\$ _____
Boat fuel, lubricants, and repairs.....	\$ _____
Moorage or launch fees for this trip.....	\$ _____
Gifts/souvenirs.....	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____

C10 How many people were the trip expenses in C9 for (including you)?

_____ Adults _____ Children under 18

Your Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing Trip Preferences

This section asks about your preferences for Alaska saltwater fishing trips. Even if you have not saltwater fished in Alaska, your responses are needed to understand how people choose fishing trips.

D1 In Alaska, do you prefer saltwater or freshwater fishing? *Check the box of the best answer.*

- I prefer saltwater fishing
- I prefer freshwater fishing
- I do not have a preference
- I don't know

D2 In Alaska, do you prefer to saltwater fish from a charter boat (or fishing lodge service) or a private boat (yours, a friend's, or a self-guided rental)? *Check the box of the best answer.*

- I prefer fishing from a charter boat
- I prefer fishing from a private boat
- I do not have a preference
- I don't know

D3 Many things may influence the type of Alaska saltwater fishing trip you choose to take. How important are each of the following to you? *Mark the box of your response.*

	Not important at all ▼	A little important ▼	Somewhat important ▼	Very important ▼	Extremely important ▼
Type of fishing (charter boat fishing, private boat fishing, or from shore).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of days fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Type of fish (species) targeted.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bag or take limit: number of fish you can keep.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day of week restriction: no fishing on specified day every week on charter trip.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Size restrictions: limits on the size of fish you can keep.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing trip cost.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The next four questions ask you to choose which of 3 things you like best: 2 different Southcentral Alaska saltwater boat fishing experiences (Choices A and B) or doing something else (Choice C).

Choices A and B may differ from fishing experiences you have had, particularly in how much they cost and in the regulations that apply for each experience, but we would still like to know your opinions about them.

- In each question, the saltwater fishing experiences (Choices A and B) are the same except for the differences you see in the table.
- Assume the fishing experiences are **one day trips** (no overnight trips) and that you have **access to a private boat** (including a rental boat) when considering private boat fishing trips.
- Some **charter boat** trips targeting **halibut** may have **size restrictions** on halibut that can be caught and kept. These are conservation measures to help maintain healthy fish stocks.
- Remember that money you spend on Choice A or Choice B is money that could instead be spent on other items and activities if you didn't go saltwater boat fishing in Alaska.

D4 Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C are described in the columns below. Below the columns, indicate which of these three choices you like best and which you like second best.

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Type of fishing trip.....	One day <u>charter</u> boat trip	One day <u>private</u> boat trip	
Fish targeted.....	Halibut	Halibut	
<i>Bag (take) limit.....</i> <i>Number of fish you can keep each Day</i>	2 per day	2 per day	
<i>Size restriction.....</i> <i>Restricts the size of fish in the bag limit (length limits converted to pounds)</i>	1 fish any size; 1 fish no larger than 10 lbs	No size restriction	
Fish targeted.....	Silver salmon	Silver salmon	
<i>Bag (take) limit.....</i> <i>Number of fish you can keep each Day</i>	6 per day	3 per day	
Cost per person..... <i>Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs</i>	\$500	\$200	

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Which do you like <u>best</u>? <i>Check one box-----></i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Which do you like <u>second best</u>? <i>Check one box-----></i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D5 Consider Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C in the columns below. Below the columns, indicate which of these you like best and which you like second best.

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Type of fishing trip.....	One day <u>private</u> boat trip	One day <u>private</u> boat trip	Do something else in Southcentral Alaska (No saltwater boat fishing)
Fish targeted.....	King salmon	Halibut	
<i>Bag (take) limit.....</i> <i>Number of fish you can keep each Day</i>	2 per day	1 per day	
<i>Size restriction.....</i> <i>Restricts the size of fish in the bag limit (length limits converted to pounds)</i>	No size restriction	No size restriction	
Fish targeted.....	No 2 nd species	Silver salmon	
<i>Bag (take) limit.....</i> <i>Number of fish you can keep each Day</i>		6 per day	
Cost per person..... <i>Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs</i>	\$150	\$250	

	<u>Choice A</u>	<u>Choice B</u>	<u>Choice C</u>
Which do you like <u>best</u>? <i>Check one box-----></i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Which do you like <u>second best</u>? <i>Check one box-----></i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D6 Again, consider the three options below and indicate below the columns which of them you like best and which you like second best.

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Type of fishing trip	One day <u>charter</u> boat trip	One day <u>charter</u> boat trip	Do something else in Southcentral Alaska (No saltwater boat fishing)
Fish targeted	Halibut	Halibut	
Bag (take) limit <i>Number of fish you can keep each Day</i>	2 per day	1 per day	
Size restriction <i>Restricts the size of fish in the bag limit (length limits converted to pounds)</i>	No fish larger than 43 lbs	1 fish any size; 1 fish not between 10 and 276 pounds	
Fish targeted	King salmon	King salmon	
Bag (take) limit <i>Number of fish you can keep each Day</i>	1 per day	2 per day	
Cost per person <i>Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs</i>	\$350	\$350	

	<u>Choice A</u>	<u>Choice B</u>	<u>Choice C</u>
Which do you like <u>best</u>? <i>Check one box-----></i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Which do you like <u>second best</u>? <i>Check one box-----></i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D7 Consider Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C below and indicate which you like best and which you like second best.

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Type of fishing trip.....	One day <u>charter</u> boat trip	One day <u>private</u> boat trip	Do something else in Southcentral Alaska (No saltwater boat fishing)
Fish targeted.....	Halibut	King salmon	
<i>Bag (take) limit.....</i> <i>Number of fish you can keep each Day</i>	2 per day	2 per day	
<i>Size restriction.....</i> <i>Restricts the size of fish in the bag limit (length limits converted to pounds)</i>	No fish between 37 and 162 lbs	No size restriction	
Fish targeted.....	Silver salmon	Silver salmon	
<i>Bag (take) limit.....</i> <i>Number of fish you can keep each Day</i>	3 per day	6 per day	
Cost per person..... <i>Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs</i>	\$400	\$250	

	<u>Choice A</u>	<u>Choice B</u>	<u>Choice C</u>
Which do you like <u>best</u>? <i>Check one box-----></i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Which do you like <u>second best</u>? <i>Check one box-----></i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D8 How confident are you in your answers in D4, D5, D6, and D7? *Check the best answer.*

Not at all confident	Slightly confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Extremely confident
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

About You and Your Household

This information helps us understand how your fishing experiences compare to those of other anglers. Your responses will be kept confidential.

- E1** Are you male or female? Male Female
- E2** In what year were you born? 19_____
- E3** How many years of fishing experience do you have fishing for any species anywhere?
_____ years
- E4** How many people do you live with in each of the following age groups (include yourself)?
If none for a category please write "0".
_____ Under 18 _____ 18 to 35 _____ 36 to 60 _____ Over 60
- E5** How many people do you live with who work outside the home (include yourself)?
If none for a category, write "0".
_____ Full-time worker _____ Part-time worker
- E6** What is the highest grade or level of school you completed? *Check the box of the best answer.*
- Some high school or less
 - High school diploma or equivalent
 - Some college
 - Two year college degree (AA, AS) or technical school
 - Four year college graduate (BA, BS)
 - Some graduate work but did not receive a graduate degree
 - Graduate degree (MA, MS, MBA, PhD, JD, MD, etc.)
- E7** Are you Hispanic or Latino? *Check the box of the best answer.*
- Yes
 - No
- E8** Which of the following best describes you? *Check one or more.*
- Asian
 - American Indian or Alaska Native
 - Black or African American
 - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 - White
- E9** What was your household income (before taxes) in 2016? *Check one box.*
- Less than \$10,000
 - \$10,000 to \$19,999
 - \$20,000 to \$29,999
 - \$30,000 to \$39,999
 - \$40,000 to \$49,999
 - \$50,000 to \$59,999
 - \$60,000 to \$79,999
 - \$80,000 to \$99,999
 - \$100,000 to \$124,999
 - \$125,000 to \$149,999
 - \$150,000 to \$200,000
 - \$200,000 or more

To better understand your opportunities for sport fishing, please answer these questions.

E10 Which one of the following best describes your employment status? *Check the box of the best answer.*

- Salaried worker
- Wage worker
- Self-employed
- Student
- Homemaker → **SKIP TO NEXT PAGE**
- Retired → **SKIP TO NEXT PAGE**
- Currently unemployed → **SKIP TO NEXT PAGE**
- Disabled and unable to work → **SKIP TO NEXT PAGE**
- Other (*please specify*) _____

E11 In a typical week, about how many hours do you work? *If you do not work for pay or profit, write "0" and skip to next page.*

_____ Hours per week

E12 Approximately what is your hourly wage rate? *Check one box.*

- Under \$5.00 per hour
- \$5.00 to \$9.99
- \$10.00 to \$14.99
- \$15.00 to \$19.99
- \$20.00 to \$29.99
- \$30.00 to \$39.99
- \$40.00 to \$49.99
- \$50.00 to \$59.99
- \$60 or more per hour

E13 Would you prefer to work more hours or fewer hours per week, at your current hourly wage rate? *You'd have less income if you worked less, and more income if you worked more.*

- I would prefer to work **more** hours per week at my current hourly wage rate
- I would prefer to work **fewer** hours per week at my current hourly wage rate
- Neither. I am happy with the number of hours I currently work.

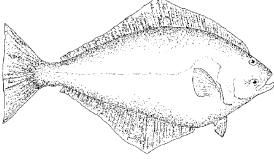
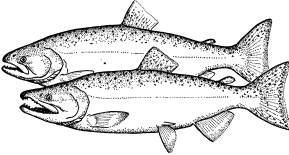
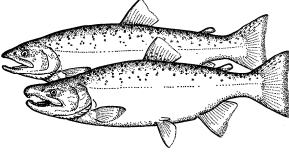
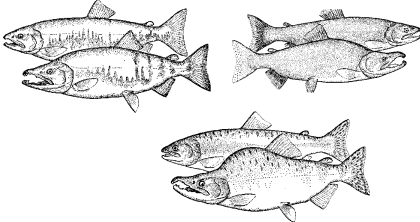
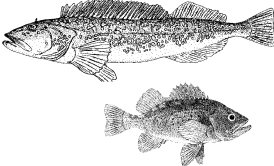
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Popular Alaska Saltwater Sport Fish

<i>Pacific Halibut</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available throughout the season • Average weight is about 17 pounds (range from 10 to over 100 pounds) • 2016 daily bag (take) limit was 1 or 2 per day when charter fishing; 2 per day otherwise • In 2016, there was a maximum size limit on halibut caught when charter fishing
<i>King Salmon (Chinook)</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available throughout the season • Average weight is about 25 pounds (range of 15 to over 50 pounds) • 2016 daily bag (take) limit was 1 to 2; in some areas, there were annual limits • Minimum size limits and annual bag (take) limits apply in some areas
<i>Silver Salmon (Coho)</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available from June through September • Average weight is about 11 pounds (range of 7 to over 15 pounds) • 2016 daily bag (take) limit for non-king salmon varied from 5 to 10; in some areas only 2 may be silver salmon • Minimum size limits apply in some areas
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- A **fishing trip** is any trip that includes recreational fishing. This includes travel to the location where you fished. Many anglers fish for more than one day on fishing trips.

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A1 Did you take any sport (recreational) fishing trips to Alaska before 2016?

Check one box.

- Yes
- No

A2 During 2016, how many different visits to Alaska that included saltwater fishing did you make from your home (outside Alaska)? Please write the number of visits in the space below.

_____ Alaska visits that included saltwater fishing

A3 During 2016, how many total days did you spend freshwater fishing and saltwater fishing in Alaska? Count partial days as full days.

_____ freshwater fishing days

_____ saltwater fishing days

A4 During 2016, in which areas of Alaska (Southeast Alaska, Southcentral Alaska, or other areas in Alaska) did you fish on your freshwater or saltwater fishing trips?

Check all that apply.

- Southeast Alaska – see *Map A*
- Southcentral Alaska – see *Map B*
- Other areas in Alaska – any area in Alaska not shown in Map A or Map B
(e.g., Fairbanks)

A5 In 2016, did you take any saltwater fishing trips for halibut, salmon, lingcod, or rockfish in Alaska? Check your response and follow the directions.

- Yes → *CONTINUE TO NEXT PAGE*
- No → *SKIP TO PAGE 8*

Your Most Recent Visit to Alaska That Included Saltwater Fishing

The questions in this section are only about your most recent visit to Alaska that included saltwater sport fishing.

B1 Visitors who fish in Alaska may visit Alaska for a variety of reasons besides saltwater fishing (including freshwater fishing, work-related activities, visiting family or friends, or non-fishing outdoor activities).

On your most recent visit to Alaska, on a scale from 1 (not at all important) to 10 (extremely important) how important was saltwater sport fishing for why you were visiting Alaska?
Please check one box.

	Not at all important									Extremely important
	▼									▼
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼

Saltwater sport fishing as a reason for visiting Alaska.....

B2 Would you have made this most recent visit to Alaska if you were unable to go saltwater sport fishing? *Check one box.*

- Yes
- No

B3 During what month and year did this visit to Alaska begin?

Month: _____ Year: 20____

B4 How many total days were you away from your home (where you live outside Alaska) on this visit to Alaska? *Include travel, fishing, and non-fishing days and count partial days as full days.*

_____ Days

B5 How many total days did you spend saltwater fishing on this visit to Alaska? *Count partial days as full days.*

_____ Days saltwater fishing

B6 How many people traveled on this visit to Alaska (including you)? *Include all adults and children, even if they did not fish.*

_____ Adults _____ Children under 18

B7 On this visit, did you travel by plane to the State of Alaska?

- Yes → I flew into: Juneau Petersburg Ketchikan Sitka
 Kodiak Anchorage Cordova Other: _____
- No

B8 On this visit, did you take a cruise ship into the State of Alaska from a non-Alaska port? (e.g., Seattle, Vancouver)

- Yes → I took a ___ day cruise to Alaska departing from _____ (departure port)
- No

B9 On this visit, did you stay at a fishing lodge for all or part of your saltwater fishing?

- Yes → How much time did you spend traveling between the airport you flew into (or other point of entry into Alaska) and the lodge you stayed at? *Please write the one-way travel time.*

_____ *hours* _____ *minutes*

- No

B10 Approximately how much money did you personally spend for yourself and others during this visit to Alaska? Do not include any costs paid by others. If you didn't spend money on an item, please write "0".

Type of cost	<u>Your costs for this trip</u> (round to nearest dollar)
Travel expenses to and from Alaska	
Transportation, food, and lodging costs while <u>traveling to and from Alaska</u>	\$ _____
Non-fishing expenses while in Alaska	
Transportation, food, and lodging costs <u>not related to fishing</u> while in Alaska.....	\$ _____
Fishing-related expenses while in Alaska	
Fishing lodge/package costs	\$ _____
Transportation to and from saltwater fishing	
Automobile/truck/RV fuel.....	\$ _____
Automobile/truck/RV rental.....	\$ _____
Bus/taxi fares.....	\$ _____
Train fare.....	\$ _____
Float/charter plane.....	\$ _____
Airline airfare.....	\$ _____
Ferry.....	\$ _____
Fishing-related food and lodging	
Lodging (trailer parks, campgrounds, hotels, etc.).....	\$ _____
Food and drink (restaurant).....	\$ _____
Food and drink (non-restaurant).....	\$ _____
Other fishing-related costs	
Fish/combination license fees (only if bought on trip).....	\$ _____
Guides or charter fees (including tips).....	\$ _____
Fishing boat rental.....	\$ _____
Fishing gear, bait (bought or rented for this trip).....	\$ _____
Fish processing, freezing, packing, or shipping fees.....	\$ _____
Ice.....	\$ _____
Fishing derby entry fees.....	\$ _____
Boat fuel, lubricants, and repairs.....	\$ _____
Moorage or launch fees for this trip.....	\$ _____
Gifts/souvenirs.....	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____

B11 How many people were the fishing-related expenses you paid in B10 for (including you)?

_____ Adults _____ Children under 18

Your Most Recent Saltwater Fishing in Alaska

The questions in this section are only about the saltwater fishing you did on your most recent visit to Alaska. As a reminder, a saltwater fishing trip is any trip that includes saltwater recreational fishing. This includes travel to the location where you fished. Some people fish for more than one day on fishing trips.

C1 Which of the following descriptions most closely describes the saltwater fishing you did on your most recent visit to Alaska? *Please check the box of the best answer.*

- Avid fishing.** You had planned to saltwater fish for most, or all, of your time in Alaska.
- Purposeful fishing.** You had planned to saltwater fish in Alaska and made arrangements for one or more days of fishing while in Alaska, but there were other activities important to you in Alaska.
- Incidental fishing.** You did not make specific plans to saltwater fish in Alaska, but did a day or more of fishing while there as the opportunities arose. It was not a major reason for your visit to Alaska.

C2 At which fishing locations did you saltwater fish during your visit to Alaska and how many days did you fish at each location? *Please check the box of the locations you fished at during your Alaska visit and write in the number of days you fished. Count partial days as full days.*

	Number of days fished
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fishing locations in Southeast Alaska (see Map A)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Glacier Bay.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Haines or Skagway.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Juneau or Auke Bay.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Kake.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Ketchikan.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Petersburg.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Prince of Wales.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sitka.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Wrangell.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yakutat.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other location in Southeast Alaska: _____	_____

	Number of days fished
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fishing locations in Southcentral Alaska (see Map B)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Anchor Point.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Peninsula/Bristol Bay.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cordova.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Clam Gulch.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Deep Creek or Ninilchik.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Homer.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Kenai (city).....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Kodiak Island.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Seldovia.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Seward.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Valdez.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Whittier.....	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other location in Southcentral Alaska: _____	_____

C3 On this most recent visit to Alaska, how many total fishing days did you spend saltwater fishing using a charter (or fishing lodge) service, on a private boat (yours, a friend's, or one you rented), or from shore? Please write the number of days you fished by charter boat, private boat, and shore. If none, write "0". Count partial days as full days.

Saltwater fishing by...	Number of Days Fished
Charter (or fishing lodge) service.....	_____
Private boat (yours, a friend's, or a self-guided rental).....	_____
Shore.....	_____

C4 For each saltwater species below, indicate whether you fished in saltwater for this species, the total number of fish you caught (including any you released), and the number of fish you caught and kept on this most recent Alaska saltwater fishing trip.

Saltwater fish species	Fished for? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Total number of fish caught	Number of fish caught and kept
Halibut.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
King salmon.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Silver salmon.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Other salmon (red, pink, or chum)...	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Lingcod.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Rockfish.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

C5 About how much total time (in hours and minutes) did you personally have a fishing pole in the water during this trip?

Hours _____ Minutes _____

C6 Which city, town, or area did you consider your **home base** (or starting point) for saltwater fishing during your most recent Alaska visit? *Please check one box.*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Locations in Southeast Alaska <i>(see Map A)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Angoon (Admiralty Island)
<input type="checkbox"/> Auke Bay
<input type="checkbox"/> Chichagof
<input type="checkbox"/> Craig (Prince of Wales Island)
<input type="checkbox"/> Edna Bay (Prince of Wales Island)
<input type="checkbox"/> Elfin Cove (Chichagof Island)
<input type="checkbox"/> Glacier Bay
<input type="checkbox"/> Haines
<input type="checkbox"/> Hoonah
<input type="checkbox"/> Juneau
<input type="checkbox"/> Kake
<input type="checkbox"/> Ketchikan
<input type="checkbox"/> Petersburg
<input type="checkbox"/> Sitka
<input type="checkbox"/> Skagway
<input type="checkbox"/> Wrangell
<input type="checkbox"/> Yakutat
<input type="checkbox"/> Other location in Southeast Alaska: _____

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Locations in Southcentral Alaska <i>(see Map B)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Anchorage and surrounding areas
<input type="checkbox"/> Anchor Point
<input type="checkbox"/> Cordova
<input type="checkbox"/> Clam Gulch
<input type="checkbox"/> Dillingham (Bristol Bay)
<input type="checkbox"/> Deep Creek or Ninilchik
<input type="checkbox"/> Homer
<input type="checkbox"/> Kenai (city)
<input type="checkbox"/> King Cove (Alaska Peninsula)
<input type="checkbox"/> Kodiak (Kodiak Island)
<input type="checkbox"/> Moose Pass
<input type="checkbox"/> Old Harbor (Kodiak Island)
<input type="checkbox"/> Seldovia
<input type="checkbox"/> Seward
<input type="checkbox"/> Soldotna
<input type="checkbox"/> Valdez
<input type="checkbox"/> Whittier
<input type="checkbox"/> Other location in Southcentral Alaska: _____

C7 On average, about how much **time** each day did you spend traveling (roundtrip) from your home base to the location(s) where you boarded a boat or fished from shore? *This is time spent in travel by road or air to where you boarded a fishing boat or fished from shore—not the time spent in a boat traveling to the fishing grounds.*

Average roundtrip travel time per day: ____ hours ____ minutes

Your Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing Trip Preferences

This section asks about your preferences for Alaska saltwater fishing trips. Even if you have not saltwater fished in Alaska, your responses are needed to understand how people choose fishing trips.

D1 In Alaska, do you prefer saltwater or freshwater fishing? *Check one box.*

- I prefer saltwater fishing
- I prefer freshwater fishing
- I do not have a preference
- I don't know

D2 In which area of Alaska do you, or would you, prefer to saltwater fish? *Check one box.*

- Southeast Alaska – *see Map A*
- Southcentral Alaska – *see Map B*
- Other areas in Alaska – *any area in Alaska not shown in Map A or Map B (e.g., Fairbanks)*
- I do not have a preference
- I don't know

D3 Many things may influence the type of Alaska saltwater fishing trip you choose to take. How important are each of the following to you? *Mark the box of your response.*

	Not important at all ▼	A little important ▼	Somewhat important ▼	Very important ▼	Extremely important ▼
Fishing area (Southeast Alaska or Southcentral Alaska).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of days fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Type of fish targeted.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bag or take limit: number of fish you can keep.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Size restrictions: limits on the size of fish you can keep.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing trip cost.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The next four questions ask you to choose between 3 things you can do while on a visit to Alaska: two Alaska saltwater charter boat fishing experiences (Choice A and Choice B) or doing something else instead of Alaska saltwater charter boat fishing (Choice C), including activities like freshwater fishing and sight-seeing.

Choice A and Choice B may differ from fishing experiences you have had, but we would still like to know your opinions about them.

- In each question, assume the saltwater charter fishing experiences (Choice A and Choice B) are identical except for the differences you see in the table.
- Some trips may have **size restrictions** on the **halibut** that can be caught and kept. These are conservation measures to help maintain healthy fish stocks.
- Remember that money you spend on Choice A or Choice B is money that could instead be spent on other items and activities if you didn't go saltwater charter fishing in Alaska.

D4 Choices A, B, and C are described in the columns below. Below the columns, indicate which of these three choices you like best and which you like second best.

	Choice A Charter Fishing	Choice B Charter Fishing	Choice C Non-Charter Fishing
Fishing area	Southeast	Southcentral	Do something else in Alaska instead of saltwater charter boat fishing
Number of fishing days	1 day	1 day	
Fish targeted	Halibut	Halibut	
Bag (take) limit <i>Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)</i>	2 per day (2 total)	3 per day (3 total)	
Size restriction <i>Restricts the size of fish in the per day bag limit (length limits converted to pounds)</i>	No fish between 35 and 150 lbs.	No fish larger than 35 lbs.	
Fish targeted	Silver salmon	Silver salmon	
Bag (take) limit <i>Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)</i>	6 per day (6 total)	3 per day (3 total)	
Cost per person (Fishing-related COSTS only) <i>Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs</i>	\$700	\$1,000	

Choice A

Choice B

Choice C

Which do you like best?

Check one box----->

Which do you like second best?

Check one box----->

D5 Consider Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C in the columns below and indicate below the columns which you like best and second best.

	Choice A Charter Fishing	Choice B Charter Fishing	Choice C Non-Charter Fishing
Fishing area	Southeast	Southcentral	
Number of fishing days	5 days	1 day	
Fish targeted	Silver salmon	Halibut	
Bag (take) limit <i>Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)</i>	6 per day (30 total)	2 per day (2 total)	
Size restriction <i>Restricts the size of fish in the per day bag limit (length limits converted to pounds)</i>	No size restriction	1 fish any size; 1 fish cannot be between 35 and 130 lbs.	Do something else in Alaska instead of saltwater charter boat fishing
Fish targeted	No 2nd fish species	King salmon	
Bag (take) limit <i>Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)</i>		3 per day (3 total)	
Cost per person (Fishing-related COSTS only) <i>Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs</i>	\$3,500	\$700	

Choice A

Choice B

Choice C

Which do you like best?

Check one box----->

Which do you like second best?

Check one box----->

D6 Again, consider the three choices below and indicate which of them you like best and which you like second best.

	Choice A Charter Fishing	Choice B Charter Fishing	Choice C Non-Charter Fishing
Fishing area	Southcentral	Southcentral	Do something else in Alaska instead of saltwater charter boat fishing
Number of fishing days	5 days	3 day	
Fish targeted	Halibut	Halibut	
Bag (take) limit <i>Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)</i>	2 per day (10 total)	2 per day (6 total)	
Size restriction <i>Restricts the size of fish in the per day bag limit (length limits converted to pounds)</i>	No fish between 23 and 150 lbs.	No fish larger than 35 lbs.	
Fish targeted	King salmon	King salmon	
Bag (take) limit <i>Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)</i>	2 per day (10 total)	2 per day (6 total)	
Cost per person (Fishing-related COSTS only) <i>Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs</i>	\$1,750	\$1,050	

Choice A

Choice B

Choice C

Which do you like best?

Check one box----->

Which do you like second best?

Check one box----->

D7 Consider Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C below and indicate which you like best and which you like second best.

	Choice A Charter Fishing	Choice B Charter Fishing	Choice C Non-Charter Fishing
Fishing area	Southcentral	Southeast	Do something else in Alaska instead of saltwater charter boat fishing
Number of fishing days	5 days	3 day	
Fish targeted	Silver salmon	Halibut	
Bag (take) limit <i>Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)</i>	6 per day (30 total)	2 per day (6 total)	
Size restriction <i>Restricts the size of fish in the per day bag limit (length limits converted to pounds)</i>	No size restriction	No fish between 28 and 150 lbs.	
Fish targeted	No 2nd fish species	King salmon	
Bag (take) limit <i>Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)</i>		2 per day (6 total)	
Cost per person (Fishing-related COSTS only) <i>Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs</i>	\$3,500	\$600	

Choice A

Choice B

Choice C

Which do you like best?

Check one box----->

Which do you like second best?

Check one box----->

D8 How confident are you in your answers in D4, D5, D6, and D7? *Check the best answer.*

Not at all confident

Slightly confident

Somewhat confident

Very confident

Extremely confident

About You and Your Household

This information helps us understand how your fishing experiences compare to those of other anglers. Your responses will be kept confidential.

- E1** Are you male or female? Male Female
- E2** In what year were you born? 19_____
- E3** How many years of fishing experience do you have fishing for any species anywhere?
_____ years
- E4** How many people in your household are in each of the following age groups (including you)?
If none for a category please write "0".
_____ Under 18 _____ 18 to 35 _____ 36 to 60 _____ Over 60
- E5** How many people in your household work outside the home (including you)?
If none for a category, please write "0".
_____ Full-time worker _____ Part-time worker
- E6** What is the highest grade or level of school you completed? *Check the box of the best answer.*
- Some high school or less
 - High school diploma or equivalent
 - Some college
 - Two year college degree (AA, AS) or technical school
 - Four year college graduate (BA, BS)
 - Some graduate work but did not receive a graduate degree
 - Graduate degree (MA, MS, MBA, PhD, JD, MD, etc.)
- E7** Are you Hispanic or Latino? *Check the box of the best answer.*
- Yes
 - No
- E8** Which of the following best describes you? *Check one or more.*
- Asian
 - American Indian or Alaska Native
 - Black or African American
 - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 - White
- E9** What was your household income (before taxes) in 2016? *Check one box.*
- Less than \$10,000
 - \$10,000 to \$19,999
 - \$20,000 to \$29,999
 - \$30,000 to \$39,999
 - \$40,000 to \$49,999
 - \$50,000 to \$59,999
 - \$60,000 to \$79,999
 - \$80,000 to \$99,999
 - \$100,000 to \$124,999
 - \$125,000 to \$149,999
 - \$150,000 to \$200,000
 - \$200,000 or more

To better understand your opportunities for sport fishing, please answer these questions.

E10 Which one of the following best describes your employment status? *Check the box of the best answer.*

- Salaried worker
- Wage worker
- Self-employed
- Student
- Homemaker → **SKIP TO NEXT PAGE**
- Retired → **SKIP TO NEXT PAGE**
- Currently unemployed → **SKIP TO NEXT PAGE**
- Disabled and unable to work → **SKIP TO NEXT PAGE**
- Other (*please specify*) _____

E11 In a typical week, about how many hours do you work? *If you do not work for pay or profit, write "0" and skip to next page.*

_____ Hours per week

E12 Approximately what is your hourly wage rate? *Check one box.*

- Under \$5.00 per hour
- \$5.00 to \$9.99
- \$10.00 to \$14.99
- \$15.00 to \$19.99
- \$20.00 to \$29.99
- \$30.00 to \$39.99
- \$40.00 to \$49.99
- \$50.00 to \$59.99
- \$60 or more per hour

E13 Would you prefer to work more hours or fewer hours per week at your current hourly wage rate? *You'd have less income if you worked less, and more income if you worked more.*

- I would prefer to work **more** hours per week at my current hourly wage rate
- I would prefer to work **fewer** hours per week at my current hourly wage rate
- Neither. I am happy with the number of hours I currently work.

Is there anything we overlooked?
Please use the space below to provide us with any other comments you would like to make.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!
