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WEST COAST FISHERIES PARTICIPANTS SURVEY

This is a voluntary survey.

Purpose of West Coast Fishery Participation Survey: This survey collects information about why you fish and the benefits you get from participating in fisheries, including non-monetary benefits. This will enable fishery managers to better understand how individuals and communities are affected when opportunities and profitability in particular fisheries change.

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1. What year were you born? _____

2. How many years have you been involved in fishing as a paid crew member, captain and/or vessel owner?
 - ___ Less than 5
 - ___ 5-9
 - ___ 10 – 14
 - ___ 15– 19
 - ___ 20 or more

3. How much longer do you expect to continue to fish or operate a vessel commercially?

- ___ Less than 5
- ___ 5-9
- ___ 10 – 14
- ___ 15– 19
- ___ 20 or more
- ___ as long as I can

4. Do you captain your own vessel? ___ Always ___ Mostly ___ Sometimes ___ Never

5. What is the zip code where you live more than half the year? _____

6. How many immediate family members also work in the fishing industry? _____

7. How many extended family members also work in the fishing industry? _____

8. Besides your family, what proportion of the people that you interact with regularly (e.g., friends, social acquaintances, colleagues, business associates, etc.) work in the fishing industry? _____ All _____ Most _____ Some _____ Few _____ None

9. How many generations of commercial fishermen does your family represent? _____

10. How would you define the fishing community you feel most a part of?

___ as a place (e.g., the town you tie up your vessel, land fish, and or the town where you and your family reside)

___ as a collection of people (e.g., the fishermen who fish in the same area or in your “radio” group, belong to the same industry association as you, or an ethnic group)

___ both place and people

___ I’m not part of a fishing community

11. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

Statement	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Being a fisherman is important to me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continuing a family tradition of fishing is important to me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

My fishing community is important to me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continuing a community tradition of fishing is important to me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing is a respected occupation where I live.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing is more respected where I live now than it was 15 years ago.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Please indicate your level of job satisfaction associated with each of these potential attributes of commercial fishing in terms of your own experience as a fisherman.

Attribute of Fishing	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
Adventure of job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Challenge of job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Camaraderie with crew					
Being on the water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Competing with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doing something worthwhile	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Producing healthy food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pitting skill against nature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being my own boss	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working my own schedule	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Earnings from fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Predictability of earnings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. What do you consider the biggest challenge or impediment to making a living as a fisherman?

- Natural variation in the fish available to catch
- Variation in prices for fish or costs of inputs such as fuel, supplies or maintenance
- Ability to access fisheries or the cost of licenses or quota
- Regulations (please explain the specific types of regulations)

___ Other Factors (please explain)

14. Has your fishing operation been affected by fishery closures in recent years (yes / no – please circle one)? If yes, please indicate what fishery closures.

15. If you answered yes to the question above, how did you respond to the closure?

- ___ Fished in another fishery
- ___ Worked in a job or business other than commercial fishing
- ___ Did not work in either fishery or non-fishery employment during the closure

16. Do you prefer to participate in multiple fisheries or a single fishery?

- ___ single fishery
- ___ 2 fisheries
- ___ 3 or more fisheries

17. Which fishery is your most important source of fishing income?

- ___ Dungeness Crab
- ___ Albacore
- ___ Market Squid
- ___ Salmon
- ___ Pink Shrimp
- ___ Pacific Whiting
- ___ Groundfish (fixed gear)
- ___ Groundfish (trawl)
- ___ Other (please specify) _____

18. If that fishery were unprofitable or closed, in which other fishery would you choose to participate, or would you pursue non-fishery work?

- Dungeness Crab
- Albacore
- Market Squid
- Salmon
- Pink Shrimp
- Pacific Whiting
- Groundfish (fixed gear)
- Groundfish (trawl)
- Other fishery (please specify fishery) _____
- Non-fishery work (specify type of work) _____

19. Given the choice between fishing and an alternative job for which you are qualified, would you prefer fishing or the alternative job if the expected pay for both was the same (check one)? Fishing Alternative Work

20. If you answered "fishing" in question 22, how much more would the other job have to pay for you to prefer it over fishing?

- 1-10% more
- 11-25% more
- 26-50 % more
- 51-100 % more
- Greater than 100% more
- Would never choose another job

21. Which fishery is most important to you personally, not necessarily financially, but in terms of your identity or enjoyment?

- Dungeness Crab
- Albacore
- Market Squid
- Salmon
- Pink Shrimp
- Pacific Whiting
- Groundfish (fixed gear)
- Groundfish (trawl)
- Other fishery (please specify) _____

22. If applicable, what is the maximum number of crew you employ on your fishing boat, not including the captain? _____

23. Have you ever continued fishing in order to provide employment for crew when you thought the profits earned by the vessel might fail to cover expenses? YES NO

24. Do you keep your commercial catch for your own use and/or sharing with family and friends? __YES __NO [If NO, skip to Question 30]

25. Roughly how many pounds of catch do you keep each year for personal use? _____

26. How important are the following reasons for keeping some of your catch?

Reason	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important
Regular household consumption			
Pleasure of eating seafood I caught myself			
It's just what we do around here			
To give to friends or family			
To trade catch for other goods or services			

27. For each species, indicate (with an "X") if you keep catch for any of the following reasons (leave a row blank if you do not keep the catch of that species for personal use):

	Regular household consumption	Share with friends or family	Food for special occasions	There is a surplus	Other (please specify)
Dungeness Crab					
Albacore					
Chum Salmon					
Chinook Salmon					
Coho Salmon					
Shrimp					
Market Squid					
Pacific Sardine					
Halibut					
Groundfish					
Other					

28. Over the last 3-4 years: what percentage of your household income came from commercial fishing? _____%
29. Over the last 3-4 years: what percentage of the income you personally contributed to your household was from work other than commercial fishing? _____%
30. If you provided a positive percentage in Q29, what type of non-fishing work did you do in this period?
- _____

31. In recent years how often do you personally earn non-fishing income in each quarter?

January-March	<input type="checkbox"/> Always	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Never
April-June	<input type="checkbox"/> Always	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Never
July-September	<input type="checkbox"/> Always	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Never
October-December	<input type="checkbox"/> Always	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Never

32. What was your average annual household income over the last 3- 4 years?

Less than \$25,000
 \$25,000 to \$74,999
 \$75,000 to \$124,999
 \$125,000 to \$174,999
 \$175,000 or more

33. How many people are in your household? _____

34. Do you have health insurance and, if so, how is it acquired?

No health insurance
 Purchased independently
 Provided through your fishery related job
 Provided through your own employment other than fishing
 Provided through another household member's employer
 Provided through Medicare or Medicaid

35. Would you be willing to participate in a more in-depth interview on your participation in fishing? Yes No

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