



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE
Office of Response and Restoration
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

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<address>

<city>, <state> <zip code>-<zip+4>

Dear <title> <surname>:

Recently you agreed to take a short survey regarding beach visitation and your recreational experience. Thank you! A survey booklet is enclosed with this letter. By filling out this survey, you will be participating in an important study that will help government officials understand your priorities for the coastal environment.

Once we have received your survey, we will delete your name, street address, and email address from all lists so that your responses cannot be traced back to you. Of course, your participation is voluntary and you can refuse to answer any or all of the questions. If you have any questions about the survey, please feel free to contact Jessica Balukas (Abt Associates) at jessica_balukas@abtassoc.com or 617.520.2437.

We hope that you find this survey important and interesting, and we thank you for your assistance in this important project. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. We would greatly appreciate it if you could return the survey by <date>. Please return your completed survey using the provided postage-paid, return envelope.

Sincerely,

Amy V. Uhrin
Chief Scientist, Marine Debris Program
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Last week the survey, *Beach Recreation Survey: <location>*, was mailed to you regarding beach visitation and your recreational experience. If you have already returned your completed survey, please accept our sincere thanks.

If you have not yet completed your survey, we ask that you please do so today. Your answers will help government officials understand your priorities for the coastal environment.

If you did not receive the survey or it was misplaced, please contact Jessica Balukas (Abt Associates) at jessica_balukas@abtassoc.com or 617.520.2437 and we will send a replacement survey to you.



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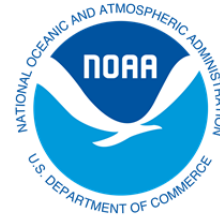
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Dear <title> <surname>:

Three weeks ago the survey, *Beach Recreation Survey: <location>*, was mailed to you concerning possible programs affecting marine debris levels and recreation at local beaches. If you have not yet completed your survey, we ask that you do so today. Your opinions are important and are needed to ensure that the survey results are complete and accurate.

The purpose of this survey is to collect information about your priorities for the coastal environment. It should take up to 10 minutes of your time. This survey:

- Asks about your experiences at local beaches within the past year and characteristics that influence your beach visitation decisions
- Presents a scale for measuring marine debris and asks about debris encountered during beach visits
- Asks how changes in marine debris levels would influence your beach visitation.

We need your opinions. Your responses to this survey will help inform resource management decisions. Please carefully read the information in this survey and answer the questions.

All answers to this survey will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law. Once we have received your survey, we will delete your name, street address, and email address from all lists so that your responses cannot be traced back to you. Of course, your participation is voluntary and you can refuse to answer any or all of the questions.

We thank you for your assistance in this important project. We would greatly appreciate it if you could return the completed survey using the prepaid envelope by <date>. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Balukas (Abt Associates) at jessica_balukas@abtassoc.com or 617.520.2437.

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