

# RECLAMATION

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## River Recreation Quality Survey

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# RIVER RECREATION QUALITY SURVEY

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| <p><b>For agency use only</b></p> <p><b>River being surveyed:</b> _____</p> |
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1. In the table below, circle the number to indicate your feelings about this river for each item.

| <b>The river is. . .</b> |   |   |   |   |   |   |                     |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------------------|
| Important                | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Unimportant         |
| Means a lot to me        | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Means nothing to me |
| Beneficial               | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Not beneficial      |
| Boring                   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Interesting         |
| Appealing                | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Unappealing         |

2. How familiar are you with each segment of this river indicated on the enclosed map (agency will supply map)? *Circle one number for each river stretch.*

|                 | Very unfamiliar | Unfamiliar | Somewhat Unfamiliar | Somewhat familiar | Familiar | Very familiar |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------|
| River Stretch 1 | 1               | 2          | 3                   | 4                 | 5        | 6             |
| River Stretch 2 | 1               | 2          | 3                   | 4                 | 5        | 6             |
| River Stretch 3 | 1               | 2          | 3                   | 4                 | 5        | 6             |
| River Stretch 4 | 1               | 2          | 3                   | 4                 | 5        | 6             |
| River Stretch 5 | 1               | 2          | 3                   | 4                 | 5        | 6             |
| River Stretch 6 | 1               | 2          | 3                   | 4                 | 5        | 6             |
| River Stretch 7 | 1               | 2          | 3                   | 4                 | 5        | 6             |
| River Stretch 8 | 1               | 2          | 3                   | 4                 | 5        | 6             |

3. For each of the following statements about this river, please circle the number that shows how much you agree or disagree with each. If you do not know, please circle "DK."

|  | <b>Strongly disagree</b> | <b>Disagree</b> | <b>Disagree somewhat</b> | <b>Agree somewhat</b> | <b>Agree</b> | <b>Strongly agree</b> | <b>Do not know</b> |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| The water quality is good  | 1                        | 2               | 3                        | 4                     | 5            | 6                     | DK                 |
| The area along and near the river is safe  | 1                        | 2               | 3                        | 4                     | 5            | 6                     | DK                 |
| The river is inviting to use   | 1                        | 2               | 3                        | 4                     | 5            | 6                     | DK                 |
| Erosion of the river's banks is a serious issue                                    | 1                        | 2               | 3                        | 4                     | 5            | 6                     | DK                 |
| Commercial outfitter use of the river is important to the economy of the area      | 1                        | 2               | 3                        | 4                     | 5            | 6                     | DK                 |
| There are many conflicts between local residents and recreation users of the river | 1                        | 2               | 3                        | 4                     | 5            | 6                     | DK                 |
| There are many conflicts between different recreation users of the river           | 1                        | 2               | 3                        | 4                     | 5            | 6                     | DK                 |
| River recreation use is important to the economy of the area                       | 1                        | 2               | 3                        | 4                     | 5            | 6                     | DK                 |

4. Rate both the **availability** and **quality** of the following opportunities and facilities that occur along or near the river. For each item, circle the number on the right that best describes its availability and the number that best describes its quality. (If you do not know, circle “DK.”)

| ITEMS  | AVAILABILITY RATING |     |      |      |             | QUALITY RATING |      |      |           |             |
|--|---------------------|-----|------|------|-------------|----------------|------|------|-----------|-------------|
|  | Not at all          | Low | Med. | High | Do not know | Very poor      | Poor | Good | Very good | Do not Know |
| Opportunities to attend concerts, festivals, and arts performances | 1                   | 2   | 3    | 4    | DK          | 1              | 2    | 3    | 4         | DK          |
| Boat access sites  | 1                   | 2   | 3    | 4    | DK          | 1              | 2    | 3    | 4         | DK          |
| Trails for walking, hiking, and biking                             | 1                   | 2   | 3    | 4    | DK          | 1              | 2    | 3    | 4         | DK          |
| Scenic area  | 1                   | 2   | 3    | 4    | DK          | 1              | 2    | 3    | 4         | DK          |
| Educational displays and programs                                  | 1                   | 2   | 3    | 4    | DK          | 1              | 2    | 3    | 4         | DK          |
| Undeveloped (natural) public land                                  | 1                   | 2   | 3    | 4    | DK          | 1              | 2    | 3    | 4         | DK          |
| Residential developments   | 1                   | 2   | 3    | 4    | DK          | 1              | 2    | 3    | 4         | DK          |
| Public facilities (restroom, water fountains)                      | 1                   | 2   | 3    | 4    | DK          | 1              | 2    | 3    | 4         | DK          |
| Historical attractions   | 1                   | 2   | 3    | 4    | DK          | 1              | 2    | 3    | 4         | DK          |
| Marinas  | 1                   | 2   | 3    | 4    | DK          | 1              | 2    | 3    | 4         | DK          |
| Quiet areas to sit and view the river                              | 1                   | 2   | 3    | 4    | DK          | 1              | 2    | 3    | 4         | DK          |
| Recreation-based small businesses (shops, restaurants)             | 1                   | 2   | 3    | 4    | DK          | 1              | 2    | 3    | 4         | DK          |

5. Listed below are potential management actions for the river. *Circle one number for each, to indicate your degree of **opposition** or **support** for each potential management action.*

| Management action  | DEGREE OF OPPOSITION OR SUPPORT |        |                 |                  |         |                  |             |
|--|---------------------------------|--------|-----------------|------------------|---------|------------------|-------------|
|  | Strongly oppose                 | Oppose | Oppose somewhat | Support somewhat | Support | Strongly support | Do not know |
| <b>Environmental Actions</b>   |                                 |        |                 |                  |         |                  |             |
| Develop new programs to improve water quality  | 1                               | 2      | 3               | 4                | 5       | 6                | DK          |
| Increase efforts to restore the natural environment of the river                             | 1                               | 2      | 3               | 4                | 5       | 6                | DK          |
| Speed up implementation of water quality programs  | 1                               | 2      | 3               | 4                | 5       | 6                | DK          |
| Control shoreline erosion  | 1                               | 2      | 3               | 4                | 5       | 6                | DK          |
| <b>Development Actions</b>   |                                 |        |                 |                  |         |                  |             |
| Develop additional public access sites for boating   | 1                               | 2      | 3               | 4                | 5       | 6                | DK          |
| Create areas for scenic vistas along or near the river                                       | 1                               | 2      | 3               | 4                | 5       | 6                | DK          |
| Develop additional picnic areas along or near the river                                      | 1                               | 2      | 3               | 4                | 5       | 6                | DK          |
| Provide increased parking at existing boat access sites                                      | 1                               | 2      | 3               | 4                | 5       | 6                | DK          |
| Encourage development of tourism / recreation-based small businesses along or near the river | 1                               | 2      | 3               | 4                | 5       | 6                | DK          |
| Develop historic attractions along or near the river   | 1                               | 2      | 3               | 4                | 5       | 6                | DK          |
| <b>Health and Safety Actions</b>   |                                 |        |                 |                  |         |                  |             |
| Improve the safety of facilities, trails, and access points (railings, lighting)             | 1                               | 2      | 3               | 4                | 5       | 6                | DK          |
| Increase law enforcement presence  | 1                               | 2      | 3               | 4                | 5       | 6                | DK          |
| Create speed zones for recreational boats on the river                                       | 1                               | 2      | 3               | 4                | 5       | 6                | DK          |
| <b>Actions to Increase Opportunities</b>   |                                 |        |                 |                  |         |                  |             |
| Provide more visitor education on the commercial uses of the river                           | 1                               | 2      | 3               | 4                | 5       | 6                | DK          |
| Encourage more concerts, festivals, and art performances along the river                     | 1                               | 2      | 3               | 4                | 5       | 6                | DK          |
| Accommodate increased use on the river   | 1                               | 2      | 3               | 4                | 5       | 6                | DK          |

6. As a recreation area, how would you rate the river compared to other river recreation areas you have visited? *Circle one number.*

|             |          |                 |                |          |            |
|-------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|----------|------------|
| <b>1</b>    | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b>        | <b>4</b>       | <b>5</b> | <b>6</b>   |
| Much better | Better   | Somewhat better | Somewhat worse | Worse    | Much worse |

7. People may or may not benefit from the river running through this area. *Circle one number for each type of benefit listed below to indicate to what degree the river in this area (and its various facilities, activities, and services) has benefited you. For benefits you do not receive at all, simply circle 1.*

| Benefit  | DEGREE OF BENEFIT RECEIVED |                |                  |                     |                          |            |
|--|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------|
|  | No benefit                 | Slight benefit | Moderate benefit | Significant benefit | Very significant benefit | No Opinion |
| A high quality of life                                 | 1                          | 2              | 3                | 4                   | 5                        | 6          |
| Recreational opportunities                             | 1                          | 2              | 3                | 4                   | 5                        | 6          |
| Scenic enjoyment                                       | 1                          | 2              | 3                | 4                   | 5                        | 6          |
| Improved community services (police protection, roads) | 1                          | 2              | 3                | 4                   | 5                        | 6          |
| High property values                                   | 1                          | 2              | 3                | 4                   | 5                        | 6          |
| Employment   | 1                          | 2              | 3                | 4                   | 5                        | 6          |
| Increased access to parks and hike / bike trails       | 1                          | 2              | 3                | 4                   | 5                        | 6          |
| Access to natural areas                                | 1                          | 2              | 3                | 4                   | 5                        | 6          |
| Good access to amenities in local area                 | 1                          | 2              | 3                | 4                   | 5                        | 6          |
| Meeting people from other areas                        | 1                          | 2              | 3                | 4                   | 5                        | 6          |

8. People may or may not experience the types of issues listed below because of recreational use of the river. *Please circle **one** number for **each** item below to indicate the degree to which you find it to be an issue. For items that are not an issue for you, simply circle 1.*

| Type of Issue   | DEGREE OF PROBLEM |        |          |         |              |            |
|---|-------------------|--------|----------|---------|--------------|------------|
|   | Not at all        | Slight | Moderate | Serious | Very serious | No Opinion |
| Litter  | 1                 | 2      | 3        | 4       | 5            | 6          |
| Noise   | 1                 | 2      | 3        | 4       | 5            | 6          |
| Fear for safety   | 1                 | 2      | 3        | 4       | 5            | 6          |
| Crowding of hiking trails, parks, and other recreational facilities | 1                 | 2      | 3        | 4       | 5            | 6          |
| People trespassing on your property                                 | 1                 | 2      | 3        | 4       | 5            | 6          |
| Vandalism   | 1                 | 2      | 3        | 4       | 5            | 6          |
| Higher property taxes   | 1                 | 2      | 3        | 4       | 5            | 6          |
| Traffic congestion on roads along, or leading to, the river         | 1                 | 2      | 3        | 4       | 5            | 6          |
| Higher cost of goods and services                                   | 1                 | 2      | 3        | 4       | 5            | 6          |
| Alcohol and drug use along the river                                | 1                 | 2      | 3        | 4       | 5            | 6          |
| Conflicts between users   | 1                 | 2      | 3        | 4       | 5            | 6          |

**Note:** The background information being collected below is needed to provide a profile of our study population to make sure it is representative of all the visitors to our recreation area. None of the information in this or other sections will be associated with any names or addresses.

9. Are you from in-state, out-of-state or another country? *Please check (✓) only one location.*

\_\_\_\_\_ In-State    \_\_\_\_\_ Out-of-State    \_\_\_\_\_ Another County

**Note:** The two questions below are designed to describe your ethnicity and race. Regardless of your answer to Q. 10, go to Q. 11.

10. Are you Hispanic or Latino (i.e., a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture, regardless of race)?

Yes

No

11. Please select one or more racial categories with which you most closely identify. *Please check (✓) all that apply.*

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White

— Thank you for your cooperation —