

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE

Large Pelagics Fishing Survey

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There are changes planned for two Large Pelagics Fishing Survey forms for 2018. One form with changes is the first page of the Large Pelagics Intercept Survey (LPIS) questionnaire. Changes to this form would affect the formatting of Q21 and add an oval and response option to Q22. The three options (i.e. Live, Dead, and Artificial) for Q21 would be moved to the same line to allow space for the addition of the new oval and response option to Q22. The new oval and response option is for a relatively common response to Q22, "Live Lining". The response would no longer have to be written in as an "Other" fishing method. Filling in the oval is slightly faster than writing in the response.

The second form with a potential change is the Large Pelagics Biological Survey (LPBS) form. The change is to add an oval for the sampler to differentiate the two muscle tissue preparations (i.e. cube and/or vial) they collected. This will facilitate the cataloging of biological samples by NMFS and reconciliation of data with samples received.

Please see the slide with changes shown. No additional response time will be needed.