

North Pacific Observer Safety and Security Survey

This anonymous survey was created by the Alaska Enforcement Division's observer liaison agent, Jackie Smith. It is believed that victim type crimes are under-reported in the observer world, and hopes she can bring to the light the true number of incidents observers experience, as well as understand any impediments to disclosure. By understanding the frequency of occurrences, and the impediments to disclosure, she hopes to make changes that will improve observer work environments and reduce risk of victim type crimes.

This survey is completely anonymous. Jackie's information will be provided if you would like to speak with her or report an incident. Individual data will not be released to the public. Aggregate data will be analyzed by Jackie and made public in reports but the data source will be kept in confidence.

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Demographics

Data is needed to determine if there is any correlation based on demographics. All questions require a response.

1. **What is your gender? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Male
- Female
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

2. **What age range do you fall under? ***

Mark only one oval.

- 24 and under
- 25 to 29
- 30 to 34
- 35 to 39
- 40 to 44
- 45 and over

Prefer not to answer

3. **Who is your contractor? ***

Mark only one oval.

- AIS
- AOI
- MRAG
- Saltwater
- Tech Sea
- Prefer not to answer

4. **What year did you begin observing? ***

5. **Did you deploy as an observer in the North Pacific Observer Program in 2016 or in 2017? ***

Mark only one oval.

- No *Skip to "Thank you for your time. ."*
- Yes, only in 2016 *Skip to question 6.*
- Yes, only in 2017 *Skip to question 29.*
- Yes, in both 2016 and 2017 *Skip to question 6.*

2016 Deployments

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- Yes. I did not report this issue.
- No. I did not experience this issue.

7. **2. At any time while on contract in 2016, did anyone threaten to physically injure you? ***

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8. 3. At any time while on contract in 2016, did anyone ever intentionally physically injure you? **Mark only one oval.*

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4. At any time while on contract in 2016, did anyone ever physically prevent you from performing your duties? **Mark only one oval.*

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5. At any time while on contract in 2016, did anyone ever use a threat to prevent you from performing your duties? **Mark only one oval.*

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7. At any time while on contract in 2016, did anyone ever offer you something in exchange to change your data? **Mark only one oval.*

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14. **9. At any time while on contract in 2016, did anyone ever make unwelcome or unwanted comments of a sexual nature towards you? ***

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- Yes. I did not report this issue.
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15. **10. At any time while on contract in 2016, did anyone ever attempt to touch you in an unwelcome or unwanted sexual manner? ***

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27. **IMPEDIMENTS TO DISCLOSURE: What other reasons did you decide not to report an incident to NMFS and/or OLE?**

28. **Did you deploy in 2017? ***

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If you wish to speak to Jackie with NMFS Enforcement regarding an experience that occurred outside of 2016 and 2017, you can contact her via email at: Jaclyn.Smith@noaa.gov.

Stop filling out this form.

Thank you for your time.

Hi, I am Jackie with the Alaska Division's Office for Law Enforcement. Thank you for taking the time to take this survey. I want to do what I can to make your work environment safe and free from harassment. If you want to speak with me on the survey, or anything that you may have experienced in the field, even if you never reported it, please feel free to contact me directly via email: Jaclyn.Smith@noaa.gov, or via my office number at 907-271-1869. If you need someone to talk to about your experience, Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) has an anonymous crisis line you can call: (800) 478-8999.

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