

## MRIP Partner Needs and Satisfaction Assessment Questionnaire

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The Marine Recreational Information Program is committed to helping its partners understand recreational fishing data collection, estimation, and use. By answering the questions below, you will help us assess the strength of our state-regional-federal partnership and identify potential improvements to the way we communicate with partners like you.

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**Required:** How much of your **time at work** is spent on topics related to **recreational fishing data** (e.g., data collection and management, estimation, stock assessment, recreational fisheries management, etc.), including any involvement with the Marine Recreational Information Program?

- Most or all of my time.
- About half of my time.
- About one-quarter of my time.
- Less than one-quarter of my time.

**Required:** Do you obtain information about recreational fishing data from **the NOAA Fisheries website**?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

*If applicable, required:* Select the option that indicates your agreement with each of the following statements about **the NOAA Fisheries website**.

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	N/A
The website is <b>easy for me to understand</b> .						
The website is <b>easy to access</b> .						
The website <b>addresses topics I care about</b> .						
The website <b>answers questions I have</b> .						
The website <b>improves the transparency of the Marine Recreational Information Program</b> .						

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*Required:* Do you obtain information about recreational fishing data from **the Marine Recreational Information Program's newsletter**, also known as the Newscast?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

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*If applicable, required:* Select the option that indicates your agreement with each of the following statements about **the Marine Recreational Information Program's newsletter**.

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>N/A</b>
The newsletter is <b>easy for me to understand.</b>						
The newsletter is <b>easy to access.</b>						
The newsletter <b>addresses topics I care about.</b>						
The newsletter <b>answers questions I have.</b>						
The newsletter <b>improves the transparency of the Marine Recreational Information Program.</b>						

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*Required:* Do you obtain information about recreational fishing data from **Marine Recreational Information Program outreach materials** (e.g., brochures, fact sheets, or other communications products)?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

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*If applicable, required:* Select the option that indicates your agreement with each of the following statements about **the Marine Recreational Information Program's outreach materials**.

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>N/A</b>
The outreach materials are <b>easy for me to understand</b> .						
The outreach materials are <b>easy to access</b> .						
The outreach materials are <b>easy to share with others</b> .						
The outreach materials <b>address topics I care about</b> .						
The outreach materials <b>answer questions I have</b> .						
The outreach materials <b>improve the transparency of the Marine Recreational Information Program</b> .						

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*Optional:* How else do you **obtain information** about recreational fishing data? Please check all that apply.

- Communications received as a member of an MRIP Team (e.g., Executive Steering Committee or Transition, Survey Operations, Regional Implementation, or Communications and Education Team)
- Phone call, email, or other direct communications with Office of Science and Technology staff
- Phone call, email, or other direct communications with other NOAA Fisheries staff (e.g., Recreational Fishing Coordinators, Regional Office or Science Center staff, etc.)
- Council, commission, or fisheries information network website, newsletter, or other communication
- State agency website, newsletter, or other communication
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Required:* How often do you **share information** about recreational fishing data, including the work of the Marine Recreational Information Program, with people in your professional network?

- Frequently (multiple times per week)
- Regularly (multiple times per month)
- Infrequently
- Never

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*If applicable, required:* With which of the following groups do you share this information? Please check all that apply.

- Your agency or organization's leadership
- Scientific or analytic staff
- Policy or management staff
- Field staff
- Your stakeholders
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

*If applicable, optional:* In your experience, what is the most effective method of communicating with the groups with which you share information?

*If applicable, optional:* What are the most common questions about recreational fishing data that you receive?

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*Optional:* What recreational fishing data-related topics do you wish you had more information about?

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*Required:* Select the option that indicates your agreement with each of the following statements as they relate to **your experience with Marine Recreational Information Program staff**.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Not applicable
Staff keep me informed of important news, information, and programmatic changes.						
Staff have effectively explained the assumptions and limitations of MRIP's recreational fishing statistics.						
I'm confident in the data and information staff provide.						
I'm comfortable contacting staff with questions or concerns.						
Staff work to address my concerns and incorporate my suggestions.						

*Required:* Select the option that indicates your degree of satisfaction with each of the following aspects of **your experience as a Marine Recreational Information Program partner**.

	Not at all satisfied	Not satisfied	No opinion	Satisfied	Extremely satisfied	Not applicable
Your level of involvement in MRIP's work to evaluate existing data collection methods and develop, test, and certify new or improved survey designs.						
Your level of involvement in MRIP's work to implement regional data collection programs.						
Your level of involvement in MRIP's work to produce recreational fishing statistics.						

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*Required:* Are you aware of MRIP's regional implementation process?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

*If applicable, required:* Select the option that indicates your agreement with each of the following statements as they relate to **your experience with regional implementation**.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Not applicable
I know how to engage in the planning process.						
The planning process includes the right people from my organization.						
The planning process is relevant to my work.						
The planning process is valuable to me and my organization.						
The priorities in my region's implementation plan reflect the priorities of my organization.						



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*Optional:* What aspects of the Marine Recreational Information Program's partnership work well? Please share up to three examples.

*Optional:* What aspects of our partnership should be improved? Please share up to three examples.

*Optional:* How can the Marine Recreational Information Program improve its communications and outreach to partners like you?

*Optional:* How can the Marine Recreational Information Program help you keep your professional network informed about recreational fishing data?

*Required:* What is your affiliation? Please check all that apply.

- NOAA
- Other federal government agency
- State/local government agency
- Regional fishery management council
- Interstate marine fisheries commission
- Academic institution
- Other research institution
- Individual
- Other \_\_\_\_\_