

Rapid Assessment: Commercial and Recreational Fishermen

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ASSESSMENT OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF HURRICANES AND OTHER CLIMATE-RELATED NATURAL DISASTERS ON COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FISHING INDUSTRIES IN THE EASTERN, GULF COAST, AND CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES

We want to learn how you were affected by [____ name of storm ____] immediately following the storm. Your responses and participation in this survey are ANONYMOUS.

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INTRODUCTION: COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FISHERMEN SURVEY

Hello. My name is _____. I'm calling on behalf of NOAA Fisheries.

We want to learn about how you were affected by [__name of storm__]. We would like to ask you a few questions regarding the impacts of [__state name__] on your fishing business. We are talking to both businesses that were affected by [__name of storm__] as well as those who were not. It should only take about 15-20 minutes, depending on the number of vessels.

Your participation in this study is voluntary. (If you agree to participate now, it is okay to change your mind later.) You do not have to answer any question you do not want to, and all of your answers will remain anonymous.

- A. Do you own a fishing vessel? _____
- B. How many vessels do you own? _____
- C. Are you also a seafood dealer? _____
 - 1. Yes (If yes, are they willing to complete a fishing related business survey?)
 - 2. No

SECTION A: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Which of the following categories describes how your vessel(s) is/are operated? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)
- 1. Commercial fishing _____
 - 2. Charter/for-hire fishing _____
 - 3. Both _____

SECTION B: IMPACTS FROM (___Name of storm___) ON YOUR FISHING BUSINESS

This section will cover four types of impacts to your business: vessel(s) damage, gear damage, buildings and other infrastructure damage, and target fisheries and revenue losses.

VESSEL(S):

2. What is the vessel's name? _____ and Port of landing _____?
3. Was this vessel damaged by [__name of storm__]?
- 1. Yes
 - 2. No (SKIP to Q8)
 - 3. DO NOT KNOW
4. Please provide an estimate of damages. This estimate can be based on an appraisal or on your best estimate of the cost to repair the damage. Exclude damage to gear as that will be covered in a separate question.
- 1. \$ _____
 - 2. DO NOT KNOW

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5. Please provide an estimate of the market value of your vessel:

1. \$ _____
2. DO NOT KNOW

6. Is the damage insured?

1. Yes
2. No (SKIP to Q11)
3. DO NOT KNOW

7. Please provide or estimate the amount covered (paid) by insurance.

1. \$ _____
2. DO NOT KNOW

FISHING GEAR:

8. Was any gear associated with the vessel damaged? For example, gear deployed at sea, traps, nets or lines; or gear in storage?

1. Yes
2. No (SKIP to Q13)
3. DO NOT KNOW

9. Please provide an estimate of damages. This estimate can be based on an appraisal or on your best estimate of the cost to repair the damage.

1. \$ _____
2. DO NOT KNOW

10. Please provide an estimate of the market value of your total gear:

1. \$ _____
2. DO NOT KNOW

11. Is the damage insured?

1. Yes
2. No (SKIP to Q13)
3. DO NOT KNOW

12. Please provide an estimate of the amount covered (paid) by insurance.

1. \$ _____
2. DO NOT KNOW

BUILDINGS OR OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE:

13. Do you own or lease buildings or other facilities related to your fishing operations? For example, a pier or dock.

1. Yes
2. No (SKIP to Q19)
3. DO NOT KNOW

14. Were these buildings or other facilities damaged by [name of storm]?

1. Yes

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2. No (SKIP to Q19)
3. DO NOT KNOW

15. Please provide an estimate of damages. This estimate can be based on an appraisal or on your best estimate of the cost to repair the damage.

1. \$ _____
2. DO NOT KNOW

16. Please provide a very rough estimate of the market value of the buildings or facilities:

1. \$ _____
2. DO NOT KNOW

17. Is the damage insured?

1. Yes
2. No (SKIP to Q19)
3. DO NOT KNOW

18. Please provide or estimate the amount covered by insurance; in other words, the amount paid by insurance.

1. \$ _____
2. DO NOT KNOW

TARGET FISHERIES AND REVENUE:

19. At the time of [____ *name of storm*____], which fishery/fisheries was this vessel targeting?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. DO NOT KNOW

20. Have you switched fishery/fisheries because of [____ *name of storm*____]?

1. Yes
2. No (SKIP to Q23)
3. DO NOT KNOW

21. What fishery/fisheries have you switched to?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

22. Do you earn less in this fishery/these fisheries?

1. Yes
2. No
3. DO NOT KNOW

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23. Relative to last year, how much fishing revenue have you lost to date because of [____ *name of storm*____]?
(INT: lost revenue includes fishing for a less valuable species.)

1. \$ _____
2. DO NOT KNOW

SECTION C: IMPACTS FROM (____<i>Name of storm</i>____) ON FISHING OPERATING STATUS

24. Did this vessel stop fishing due to [____ *name of storm*____]?

1. Yes
2. No (SKIP to Q28)
3. DO NOT KNOW

25. Has this vessel resumed fishing since [____ *name of storm*____]?

1. Yes
2. No (SKIP to Q27)
3. DO NOT KNOW

26. When did the vessel resume fishing after [____ *name of storm*____]?

1. DATE: (MM/DD/YYYY) _____/_____/_____
2. DO NOT KNOW

27. How long do you think it will be until you will be able to return to fishing? (SELECT ONE OPTION)

1. Answered in days _____
2. Answered in weeks _____
3. Answered in months _____
4. DO NOT KNOW

28. Have you switched landing ports because of [____ *name of storm*____]?

1. Yes
2. No (SKIP to Q30)
3. DO NOT KNOW

29. Is the new landing port temporary or permanent?

1. Temporary
2. Permanent
3. DO NOT KNOW

SECTION D: IMPACTS FROM (____<i>Name of storm</i>____) ON CREW

30. What was the number of Crew (include captain) on the vessel before [____ *name of storm*____]?

1. No. _____

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2. DO NOT KNOW

31. Did you lay off any crew (include captain) due to [_____ name of storm_____]?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No (END OF SURVEY)
- 3. DO NOT KNOW

32. How many crew (include captain) did you lay off?

- 1. No. _____
- 2. DO NOT KNOW

33. How long did you lay off crew (include captain)? (SELECT ONE OPTION)

- 1. Answered in days_____
- 2. Answered in weeks_____
- 3. Answered in months_____
- 4. DO NOT KNOW

34. Are you back to your normal pre-storm crew (include captain) level?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. DO NOT KNOW

35. How long do you think it will be until you are back to your pre-storm crew (including captain) level? (SELECT ONE OPTION)

- 1. Answered in days_____
- 2. Answered in weeks_____
- 3. Answered in months_____
- 4. Never
- 5. DO NOT KNOW

SECTION E: COMMENTS

Do you have any additional comments you would like to share?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!