

Angler Questionnaire - v4.3
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F_PART.

From January 1, 2020 until today, did you do any recreational fishing in the United States? Please do not include occasions when you only observed others fishing.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes → SKIP TO F_TRIPS
 2. No
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F_SPND.

[SHOW IF F_PART=2, 98, 99]

From January 1, 2020 until today, did you purchase, or did someone purchase for you, any equipment or other items PRIMARILY for use in recreational fishing? This could be smaller items such as rods or hooks, camping equipment, big-ticket items such as a boat or property used for fishing, or fishing license fees.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes → SKIP TO F_EQUIP
 2. No → STOP! Thank you. Please return the questionnaire in the enclosed envelope.
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F_TRIPS.

From January 1, 2020 until today, how many trips lasting a single day or longer have you taken to do any recreational fishing in the United States?

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F_DAYS.

From January 1, 2020 until today, how many TOTAL days did you do any recreational fishing in the United States? If you've gone on more than one trip, please provide the total number of days of all recreational fishing trips combined.

F_FW.

The following questions ask about whether you participated in freshwater fishing or saltwater fishing, or both.

From January 1, 2020 until today, did you do any recreational freshwater fishing? Please do not include occasions when you only observed others fishing.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
2. No

F_STATESFW.

[SHOW IF F_FW=1]

From January 1, 2020 until today, in which state or states did you do any recreational freshwater fishing?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

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|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Alabama | Hawaii | Michigan | North Carolina | Utah |
| Alaska | Idaho | Minnesota | North Dakota | Vermont |
| Arizona | Illinois | Mississippi | Ohio | Virginia |
| Arkansas | Indiana | Missouri | Oklahoma | Washington |
| California | Iowa | Montana | Oregon | West Virginia |
| Colorado | Kansas | Nebraska | Pennsylvania | Wisconsin |
| Connecticut | Kentucky | Nevada | Rhode Island | Wyoming |
| Delaware | Louisiana | New Hampshire | South Carolina | |
| District of Columbia (DC) | Maine | New Jersey | South Dakota | |
| Florida | Maryland | New Mexico | Tennessee | |
| Georgia | Massachusetts | New York | Texas | |

F_TRIPFW.

[SHOW IF F_FW=1]

From January 1, 2020 until today, how many trips lasting a single day or longer have you taken to do any recreational freshwater fishing in the United States?

F_DAYSFW.

[SHOW IF F_FW=1]

From January 1, 2020 until today, how many TOTAL days did you do any recreational freshwater fishing in the United States? If you've gone on more than one trip, please provide the total number of days of all recreational freshwater fishing trips combined.

F_SW.

From January 1, 2020 until today, did you do any recreational saltwater fishing? Saltwater fishing means recreational fishing for finfish or shellfish in oceans, bays, sounds, and tidal waters of rivers and streams. Fishing in brackish water, such as bays and estuaries, should be considered saltwater fishing. Please do not include occasions when you only observed others fishing.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
2. No

F_SWTYP.

[SHOW IF F_SW=1 AND IN COASTAL STATE]

From January 1, 2020 until today, what kind of recreational saltwater fishing did you do in your state of residence? Please answer for any recreational saltwater fishing you did in your state of residence ONLY and not for any recreational saltwater fishing you may have done in other states.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Fishing for finfish, but NOT shellfish

2. Fishing for shellfish, but NOT finfish
3. Fishing for both finfish AND shellfish
4. Did not do any recreational saltwater fishing in my state of residence

F_TRIPSSW.

[SHOW IF F_SW=1]

From January 1, 2020 until today, how many trips lasting a single day or longer have you taken to do any recreational saltwater fishing in the United States?

F_DAYSSW.

[SHOW IF F_SW=1]

From January 1, 2020 until today, how many TOTAL days did you do any recreational saltwater fishing in the United States? If you've gone on more than one trip, please provide the total number of days of all recreational saltwater fishing trips combined.

F_TRIP1.

[SHOW IF F_TRIPS=1]

The next question is about any expenses you may have had on your most recent recreational fishing trip that occurred from January 1, 2020 until today.

How much was spent for your share of each of the following trip-related expenses, even if someone else purchased the item for you? Enter the amount spent by you or someone else for your share of expenses. For any item in the list that was not purchased on this trip, please check the box next to the item that says "This item was not purchased."

GRID ITEMS:

1. Food, drink, and refreshments
2. Lodging at motels, cabins, lodges, or campgrounds, etc.
3. Transportation costs for a private vehicle, such as gas or highway tolls
4. Airfare

5. Other transportation costs such as trains, buses, taxis, or car rentals
 6. Guide fees, pack trip or package fees
 7. Public land use or access fees. Include fees for any land owned by the local, state, or federal government. Do not include leases.
 8. Private land use or access fees. Include entrance, privilege, or admittance fees for fishing on private lands or fishing preserves. Do not include leases.
 9. Heating and cooking fuel
 10. Equipment rental such as boats, fishing, or camping equipment
 11. Boating expenses such as fuel, launching fees, boat mooring, storage, maintenance, pumpout fees, or insurance
 12. Bait, either live or cut prepared. Do not include lures.
 13. Ice
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[F_TRIP2.](#)

[\[SHOW IF F_TRIPS>1\]](#)

The next questions are about any expenses you may have had on your most recent recreational fishing trips that occurred from January 1, 2020 until today.

First, thinking about your most recent recreational fishing trip, how much was spent for your share of each of the following trip-related expenses, even if someone else purchased the item for you? Enter the amount spent by you or someone else for your share of expenses. For any item in the list that was not purchased on this trip, please check the box next to the item that says "This item was not purchased."

GRID ITEMS:

1. Food, drink, and refreshments
2. Lodging at motels, cabins, lodges, or campgrounds, etc.
3. Transportation costs for a private vehicle, such as gas or highway tolls
4. Airfare
5. Other transportation costs, such as trains, buses, taxis, or car rentals

6. Guide fees, pack trip or package fees
7. Public land use or access fees. Include fees for any land owned by the local, state, or federal government. Do not include leases.
8. Private land use or access fees. Include entrance, privilege, or admittance fees for fishing on private lands or fishing preserves. Do not include leases.
9. Heating and cooking fuel
10. Equipment rental such as boats, hunting, or camping equipment
11. Boating expenses such as fuel, launching fees, boat mooring, storage, maintenance, pumpout fees, or insurance
12. Bait, either live or cut prepared. Do not include lures.
13. Ice

F_TRIP3.

[SHOW IF F_TRIPS>1]

Next, thinking about the recreational fishing trip you took before your most recent fishing trip that occurred from January 1, 2020 until today, how much was spent for your share of each of the following trip-related expenses, even if someone else purchased the item for you? Enter the amount spent by you or someone else for your share of expenses. For any item in the list that was not purchased on this trip, please check the box next to the item that says "This item was not purchased."

GRID ITEMS:

1. Food, drink, and refreshments
2. Lodging at motels, cabins, lodges, or campgrounds, etc.
3. Transportation costs for a private vehicle, such as gas or highway tolls
4. Airfare
5. Other transportation costs, such as trains, buses, taxis, or car rentals
6. Guide fees, pack trip or package fees
7. Public land use or access fees. Include fees for any land owned by the local, state, or federal government. Do not include leases.

8. Private land use or access fees. Include entrance, privilege, or admittance fees for fishing on private lands or fishing preserves. Do not include leases.
9. Heating and cooking fuel
10. Equipment rental such as boats, hunting, or camping equipment
11. Boating expenses such as fuel, launching fees, boat mooring, storage, maintenance, pumpout fees, or insurance
12. Bait, either live or cut prepared. Do not include lures.
13. Ice

F_TRIPS4.

[SHOW IF F_TRIPS>2]

Next, thinking about the recreational fishing trip you took before your two most recent fishing trips that occurred from January 1, 2020 until today, how much was spent for your share of each of the following trip-related expenses, even if someone else purchased the item for you? Enter the amount spent by you or someone else for your share of expenses. For any item in the list that was not purchased on this trip, please check the box next to the item that says "This item was not purchased."

GRID ITEMS:

1. Food, drink, and refreshments
2. Lodging at motels, cabins, lodges, or campgrounds, etc.
3. Transportation costs for a private vehicle, such as gas or highway tolls
4. Airfare
5. Other transportation costs, such as trains, buses, taxis, or car rentals
6. Guide fees, pack trip or package fees
7. Public land use or access fees. Include fees for any land owned by the local, state, or federal government. Do not include leases.
8. Private land use or access fees. Include entrance, privilege, or admittance fees for fishing on private lands or fishing preserves. Do not include leases.
9. Heating and cooking fuel

10. Equipment rental such as boats, hunting, or camping equipment
11. Boating expenses such as fuel, launching fees, boat mooring, storage, maintenance, pumpout fees, or insurance
12. Bait, either live or cut prepared. Do not include lures.
13. Ice

F_EQUIPINTRO.

The next questions are about expenditures on equipment and other items you may have purchased in the United States for use in recreational fishing. We're interested in expenditures on items you PRIMARILY use for recreational fishing and not items that you own but use primarily for purposes other than recreational fishing.

F_EQUIP.

From January 1, 2020 until today, how much did you spend on any of the following items PRIMARILY for your use in recreational fishing? If an item was purchased for you, please estimate its value and enter the amount. For any item in the list that was not purchased, or was purchased but NOT PRIMARILY for your use in recreational fishing, please check the box next to the item that says "This item was not purchased for recreational fishing."

GRID ITEMS:

1. Rods, reels, poles, and rod making components
2. Lines and leaders
3. Artificial lures, flies, baits, and dressing for flies or lines
4. Hooks, sinkers, swivels, and other items attached to a line, except lures and baits
5. Tackle boxes
6. Creels, stringers, fish bags, landing nets, and gaff hooks
7. Minnow traps, seines, and bait containers
8. Depth finders, fish finders, and other electronic fishing devices
9. Descending device

10. Ice fishing equipment such as tip-ups and tilts and ice fishing houses
 11. Any other equipment used PRIMARILY for recreational fishing such as scales, knives, fishing hook disgorgers, fish fighting chairs, outriggers, downriggers, rod holders and rod belts, fishing vests, and spear fishing and scuba equipment
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F_AUX.

From January 1, 2020 until today, how much did you spend on any of the following items PRIMARILY for use in recreational fishing? If an item was purchased for you, please estimate its value and enter the amount. For any item in the list that was not purchased, or was purchased but NOT PRIMARILY for your use in recreational fishing, please check the box next to the item that says "This item was not purchased for recreational fishing."

GRID ITEMS:

1. Camping equipment such as sleeping bags, packs, duffel bags, portable cooking stoves, tarps, and tents
 2. Binoculars, field glasses, spotting scopes, rangefinders, etc.
 3. Special fishing clothing, foul weather gear, boots, waders, etc.
 4. Professional processing or taxidermy costs, including shipping or transport expenses of harvested fish
 5. Any other items used PRIMARILY for recreational fishing such as GPS devices, snowshoes, skis, maintenance and repair of equipment, etc.
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F_OTHER.

From January 1, 2020 until today, how much did you spend on any of the following items? If an item was purchased for you, please estimate its value and enter the amount. For any item in the list that was not purchased, or was purchased but NOT PRIMARILY for your use in recreational fishing, please check the box next to the item that says "This item was not purchased."

GRID ITEMS:

- A. Books, magazines, or DVDs devoted to recreational fishing
- B. Mobile apps, online discussion boards or forums, or other online subscriptions devoted to recreational fishing
- C. Dues or contributions to national, state, or local conservation or wildlife-related organizations

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
 2. No
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F_BIG.

From January 1, 2020 until today, how much did you spend on any of the following items PRIMARILY for use in recreational fishing? If an item was purchased for you, please estimate its value and enter the amount. For any item in the list that was not purchased, or was purchased but NOT PRIMARILY for your use in recreational fishing, please check the box next to the item that says "This item was not purchased for recreational fishing."

Please only include the amount spent from January 1, 2020 until today, not the total value of the item. For example, if you made a down payment on a recreational vehicle (RV) in January and make monthly payments for the remainder of the cost, include both the down payment and all payments you've made since you purchased the vehicle. If you purchased the vehicle in a previous year, but made payments for the remainder of the cost from January 1, 2020 until today, include those payments but not the down payment or any payments you've made in previous years.

GRID ITEMS:

- A. An off-the-road vehicle such as a snowmobile, 4-wheeler, ATV, UTV, 4 x 4 vehicle, trail bike, or dune buggy
 - B. A pickup, camper, van, travel or tent trailer, motor home, house trailer, or recreational vehicle (RV)
 - C. A motor boat
 - D. A canoe, kayak, or other non-motor boat
 - E. A boat motor, boat trailer or hitch, or other boat accessories
 - F. Any other big-ticket items such as an airplane or freezer
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F_LAND.

The next questions are about any property that you may have owned or leased in the United States in 2020.

In 2020, did you own, in part or whole, property in the United States PRIMARILY to use for recreational fishing? If you owned property but you did not use it PRIMARILY for recreational fishing, please DO NOT include it.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
 2. No
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F_LANDACR.

[SHOW IF F_LAND=1]

How many acres did you own? Include land and water in acre total. If less than 1 acre, enter 1. If you owned property but you did not use it PRIMARILY for recreational fishing, please DO NOT include it. If you owned multiple pieces of property in 2020 that you PRIMARILY used for recreational fishing, please include the TOTAL acreage.

F_LANDGRP.

[SHOW IF F_LAND=1]

Did you own this property that you PRIMARILY used for recreational fishing with anyone else, or not? This could be a spouse or partner, other members of your immediate or extended family, a club or group, or anyone else with whom you share ownership of the property.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
 2. No
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F_LANDOTH.

[SHOW IF F_LANDGRP=1]

With whom did you own this property that you PRIMARILY used for recreational fishing? Please select all that apply.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Someone who lives in your household
 2. Someone, or a group of people, who do not live in your household
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F_OWNNUM.

[SHOW IF F_LANDGRP=1]

How many others owned this property with you, not including yourself?

F_LANDCST.

[SHOW IF F_LAND=1]

From January 1 to December 31, 2020, what was YOUR SHARE of the TOTAL cost of the property used for recreational fishing? Include mortgage, taxes, and maintenance. If the property was purchased in 2020, include the down payment and any closing costs or other expenses associated with the purchase.

F_LEASE.

In 2020, did you lease property in the United States PRIMARILY to use for recreational fishing? If you leased property but you did not use it PRIMARILY for recreational fishing, please DO NOT include it.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
 2. No
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F_LEASEACR.

[SHOW IF F_LEASE = 1]

How many acres did you lease? Include land and water in acre total. If less than 1 acre, enter 1. If you leased property but you did not use it PRIMARILY for recreational fishing, please DO NOT include it. If you leased multiple pieces of property in 2020, include all acreage that you PRIMARILY used for recreational fishing.

F_LEASEGRP.

[SHOW IF F_LEASE=1]

Did you lease this property that you PRIMARILY used for recreational fishing with anyone else, or not? This could be a spouse or partner, other members of your immediate or extended family, a club or group, or anyone else with whom you share the lease of the property.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
2. No

F_LEASEOTH.

[SHOW IF F_LEASEGRP=1]

With whom did you lease this property that you PRIMARILY used for recreational fishing? Please select all that apply.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Someone who lives in your household
2. Someone, or a group of people, who do not live in your household

F_LEASENUM.

[SHOW IF F_LEASEGRP=1]

How many others leased this property with you, not including yourself?

F_LEASECST.

[SHOW IF F_LEASE= 1]

From January 1 to December 31, 2020 what was YOUR SHARE of the TOTAL cost of the property leased for recreational fishing? Include rent and maintenance. If the property was first leased in 2020, include the deposit and any other expenses associated with the lease.

F_LICCOST.

From January 1 to December 31, 2020, how much did you spend on any of the following fishing license expenditures? If an item was purchased for you, please estimate its value and enter the amount. For any item in the list that was not purchased, or was purchased but NOT PRIMARILY for your use in recreational fishing, please check the box next to the item that says "This item was not purchased for recreational fishing."

GRID ITEMS:

1. Annual, multi-day, single-day, or lifetime license or licenses valid for fishing only
2. Annual, multi-day, single-day, or lifetime license or licenses valid for multiple sports, including fishing
3. Any other license valid for fishing
4. Any other stamps, tags, validations, or permits purchased for fishing

F_HPART.

The final questions are about some other types of outdoor activities in which you may have participated.

From January 1, 2020 until today, did you do any hunting in the United States? Please do not include occasions when you only observed others hunting or when you only scouted.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

3. Yes
4. No

F_WPARTAFH.

From January 1, 2020 until today, did you take any trips or outings to any location more than one mile away from home within the United States for the PRIMARY PURPOSE of observing, photographing, or feeding wildlife? The question does not refer to noticing wildlife while doing other activities such as hunting and fishing. DO NOT include trips to zoos, circuses, aquariums, museums, or scouting for game.

By wildlife, we mean birds, mammals, fish, insects, reptiles such as snakes and lizards, and amphibians such as frogs. DO NOT include farm animals or pets.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
2. No

F_WPARTHOME.

This question is about your experiences with wildlife around your home, meaning the area within a one-mile radius of your home. We're interested in whether you took a SPECIAL INTEREST in observing or viewing wildlife, not just simply noticing wildlife while doing something else such as gardening or exercising.

From January 1, 2020 until today, did you do any of the following wildlife-watching activities around your home, or not?

By wildlife we mean birds, mammals, fish, insects, reptiles such as turtles, snakes, and lizards, and amphibians, such as frogs. DO NOT include farm animals or pets.

GRID ITEMS:

- A. Closely observe wildlife or try to identify types of wildlife you did not know
- B. Photograph wildlife
- C. Feed birds or other wildlife
- D. Maintain natural areas such as wooded lots, hedgerows, or open fields of at least one-quarter acre for the benefit of wildlife, not including farmland
- E. Maintain plantings such as shrubs or agricultural crops for the benefit of wildlife
- F. Visit parks and natural areas to observe, photograph, or feed wildlife

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
2. No