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New England Coastal Water Quality and Recreation Survey

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Introduction:



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This survey asks for your opinions on coastal water quality in New England and how you use coastal areas for recreation. Your answers to this survey will help inform decisions to improve and protect coastal water quality.

We want to hear from everyone. Even if you do not participate in coastal water recreation or visit coastal New England, some questions will apply to you.

The survey should take you around 15 minutes to complete. There are no wrong answers, but please read each question carefully.

Thank you for your help!

All responses will be kept confidential. Response to this survey is voluntary. Send comments on any aspect of this survey to Recreation Survey, Atlantic Ecology Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 27 Tarzwell Drive, Narragansett, Rhode Island, 02882.

If you have questions or concerns about the study, you can contact the survey team by email at NERecreationSurvey@abtassoc.com



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Q 1.1.

Which **saltwater** activities have you participated in during the last 12 months in **New England** (Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut)? Please think only about activities on, in, or near the ocean, bays, estuaries, salt ponds, and other salty or brackish tidal waters.

(Check all that apply)

- Activities on the shore, not in the water (walking, dog walking, sitting, sunbathing, games, beachcombing, picnicking, sandcastles, kite flying, photography, etc.)
- Birding/Wildlife Viewing
- Fishing
- Hunting
- Jet skiing
- Kayaking/Canoeing/Rowing
- Kiteboarding/Windsurfing
- Motorboating
- Paddleboarding
- Sailing
- Scuba diving
- Shellfishing
- Skimboarding
- Snorkeling
- Spearfishing
- Surfing/Boogie boarding
- Swimming/Body surfing
- Tubing/Waterskiing
- Wading
- Other saltwater activities, please list
- I did not participate in saltwater recreation in New England in the past 12 months

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Q 1.2.

In the last 12 months, how often did you participate in **saltwater recreation in New England**? This means any activities on, in, or near coastal New England waters. Consider any time when you spent a half hour or more.

- Summer**
(June, July, Aug) times per week **or** per season
- Fall**
(Sept, Oct, Nov) times per week **or** per season
- Winter**
(Dec, Jan, Feb) times per week **or** per season
- Spring**
(March, April, May) times per week **or** per season

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Q 2.1.

Was the last time you participated in saltwater recreation in New England part of a single day or an overnight trip?

- Single day** (a day when you left from and returned to your primary or seasonal home on the same day to participate in saltwater recreation activities for a half hour or more)
- Overnight trip** (any trip in New England that included saltwater recreation when you stayed overnight somewhere that was not your primary or seasonal home)

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Reminder: If "Single day" was selected

The next questions are about your most recent **SINGLE DAY** of saltwater recreation in New England

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Q 2.2.A

When was the **last time** you participated in **saltwater** recreation in New England on a single day?

month year

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Q 2.2.A.c

Was it on a?

- Weekend/holiday
- Weekday

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Q 2.3.A

Where did you go in **New England**?
Please place a PIN on the map to mark where you went. You can navigate using the map, or use the search function and/or dropdown menus.

Select State

Rhode Island

Select Town

Charlestown

Search for a Place

east beach

Examples: beach name, street name, marina, or park name.

Search

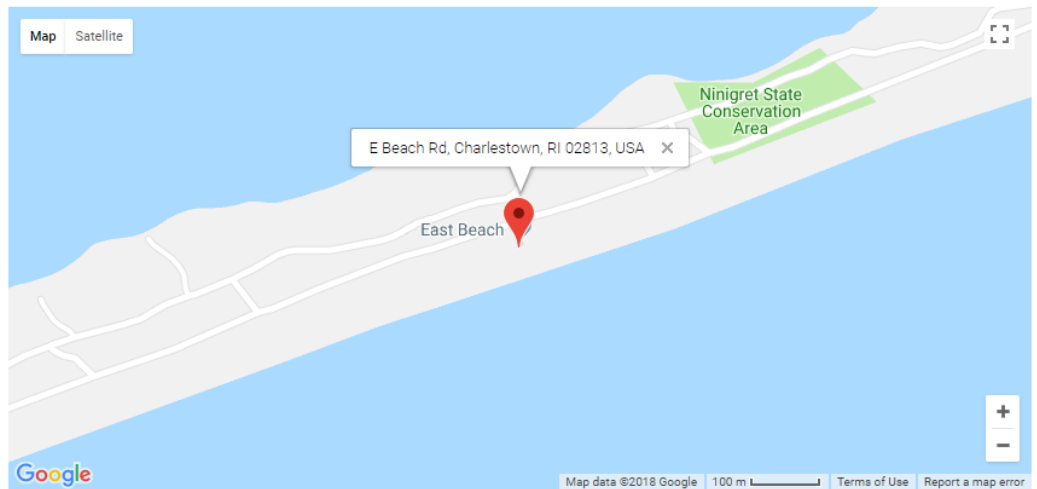
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Confirm Location

Is this the correct place?

E Beach Rd, Charlestown, RI 02813, USA

Confirm Location/Next



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Q 2.4.A

Why did you choose that place?

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Q 2.5.A

How many times have you gone to that place in the last 12 months?

- 1 time
- 2-5 times
- 6-15 times
- 16-30 times
- 31-50 times
- More than 50 times

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Q 2.6.A

What type of transportation did you use to travel there?

(Check all that apply)

- Car/truck
- Public transportation
- Bicycle
- Walked
- Ferry
- Private boat
- Other, please specify

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Q 2.7.A

How far did you travel (**one-way**) from your home to get there? Your best estimate is fine.

One-way distance: miles

Time it took to get there, one way (including traffic): Hours Minutes

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Q 2.8.A

How many people went with you (**including yourself**)?

- Adults
- Children (under 18)

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Q 2.9.A

How long did you spend there on that day?

hours minutes

Q 2.10.A

Did you, or someone you went with, use a parking pass for that place?

Yes
 No
 Not sure

If selected "Yes"

What was the cost of this parking pass?

\$

I don't know

Q 2.11.A

Did you pay a daily parking fee?

Yes
 No

If selected "Yes"

How much did you pay for parking?

\$

Q 2.12.A

Which **saltwater** activities did you participate in on that day?

(Check all that apply)

- Activities on the shore, not in the water (walking, dog walking, sitting, sunbathing, games, beachcombing, picnicking, sandcastles, kite flying, photography, etc.)
- Birding/Wildlife Viewing
- Fishing
- Hunting
- Jet skiing
- Kayaking/Canoeing/Rowing
- Kiteboarding/Windsurfing
- Motorboating
- Paddleboarding
- Sailing
- Scuba diving
- Shellfishing
- Skimboarding
- Snorkeling
- Spearfishing
- Surfing/Boogie boarding
- Swimming/Body surfing
- Tubing/Waterskiing
- Wading
- Other saltwater activities, please list

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Q 2.13.A

Which was **your most important activity** that day?

- Activities on the shore
- Motorboating
- Swimming/body surfing

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Q 2.14.A

How much contact with the water did you have that day?

- Did not get wet at all
- Got sprayed
- Waded
- Got most or all of my body wet

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Water quality definition

Water quality describes how clean or dirty the water is - specifically its quality for recreation such as swimming, fishing or shellfishing, boating, and other activities. Water quality can affect marine life, your health, and your enjoyment of recreation.

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Q 2.15.A

How do you think the water quality usually is, on average, at that place?

Worst possible quality:

may have bad odor, oil,
raw sewage; unhealthy
for plant and animal life

Best possible quality:

clear, safe for all activities,
never has closures, healthy
for plant and animal life



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Q 2.16.A

How sure were you about your water quality rating in the previous question?

- Not very sure
- Somewhat sure
- Sure
- Very sure

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How would you rate the usual condition of the water at that place for the following aspects of water quality?

	Worst Quality					Best Quality					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
Seaweed	Widespread									None	
Algae / Scum	Widespread									Absent	
Bacteria	Excessive									Absent	
Clarity of the water	Murky									Clear	
Mucky Bottom Condition	Very Mucky									Not at all Mucky	
Oil or gas sheen	Common									Rare	
Smell / Odor	Bad odor									Fresh	
Trash in water	Common									Rare	

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Q 2.18.A

Overall, how would you rate the usual **quality of the water** (how clean or dirty the water is) at that place for each of these activities? Even if you don't participate in an activity, please answer for each of them.

	Poor	Okay	Good	Don't Know/Not Applicable
Canoeing/kayaking/paddleboarding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Eating fish caught in the water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Motorboating/Sailing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnicking and other activities on the shore	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scenic beauty/Enjoyment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shellfishing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Snorkeling/Scuba diving	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Swimming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wading	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q 2.19.A

Thinking about the place you visited most recently for saltwater recreation, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	1	2	3	4	5	6	Strongly Agree
That place provides value to me that I can't obtain elsewhere	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am very attached to that place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I identify with the physical landscape of that place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Many important memories are tied to that place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel happiest when I'm at that place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
That place means a lot to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have no particular love for that place compared to other areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I get more satisfaction out of visiting that place than any other recreation place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The recreational activities that I pursue at that place say a lot about who I am	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q 2.20.A

What is important to you about that place, if anything?

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Reminder: If "Overnight trip" was selected

The next questions ask about your most recent OVERNIGHT trip that included saltwater recreation in New England

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Q 2.2.B

When was the **last time** you took an overnight trip in New England that included **saltwater** recreation?

month year

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Q 2.3.B

Where did you stay overnight?

State:

City:

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Q 2.4.B

In the past 5 years, how many times have you gone on vacation or an overnight trip to that place?

Times

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Q 2.5.B

What type of transportation did you use to travel there?

(Check all that apply)

- Airplane
- Bicycle
- Car/truck
- Ferry
- Public transportation
- Recreational vehicle or camper
- Tour bus
- Private boat
- Other, please specify

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Q 2.6.B

How far did you travel (**one-way**) from your home to get to the place where you stayed overnight (not including stops along the way such as shopping or sightseeing)?

Your best estimate is fine.

One-way distance: miles

Time it took to get there, one way (including traffic): Hours Minutes

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Q 2.7.B

How many people went with you (**including yourself**)?

- Adults
- Children (under 18)

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Q 2.8.B

How many nights did you stay away from home on that trip?

night(s)

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Q 2.9.B

Where did you stay while on that vacation or overnight trip?

Check all that apply.

- Rental home or condo
- Your second home or condo
- Friend's or relative's house or condo
- Hotel/resort/bed & breakfast
- Campsite
- Other, please specify

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Q 2.10.B

What was your total cost for lodging on this trip?

\$

I don't know

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Q 2.11.B

How important was saltwater recreation as a reason for taking that trip?

- The most important activity
- One of the most important activities
- One of several activities
- A minor activity
- Not an important activity

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Q 2.12.B

Which saltwater activities did you participate in on that overnight trip?

(Check all that apply)

- Activities on the shore, not in the water (walking, dog walking, sitting, sunbathing, games, beachcombing, picnicking, sandcastles, kite flying, photography, etc.)
- Birding/Wildlife Viewing
- Fishing
- Hunting
- Jet skiing
- Kayaking/Canoeing/Rowing
- Kiteboarding/Windsurfing
- Motorboating
- Paddleboarding
- Sailing
- Scuba diving
- Shellfishing
- Skimboarding
- Snorkeling
- Spearfishing
- Surfing/Boogie boarding
- Swimming/Body surfing
- Tubing/Waterskiing
- Wading
- Other saltwater activities, please list

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Q 2.13.B

Which was **your most important activity** on that trip?

- Activities on the shore
- Birding/Wildlife Viewing
- Swimming/Body surfing
- Wading

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Q 2.14.B

How many days of that trip did you participate in Swimming/Body surfing?

day(s)

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Q 2.15.B

Please recall only the **LAST TIME** you participated in Swimming/Body surfing, on that vacation or overnight trip. Where did you go for that activity? (This may or may not be the same location where you stayed)

Please place a PIN on the map to mark where you went. You can navigate using the map, or use the search function and/or dropdown menus.

Select State

Search for a Place

Examples: beach name, street name, marina, or park name.

I can't find the place on the map/I don't remember the name.



Use the + and - buttons at the bottom-right of the window to zoom in and out. Click and drag to move the map. Click to place a PIN on the map

Q 2.16.B

Why did you choose that place for Swimming/Body surfing?

Q 2.17.B

In the past 12 months, how many times have you gone to that place where you went for Swimming/Body surfing?

- 1 time
- 2-5 times
- 6-15 times
- 16-30 times
- 31-50 times
- More than 50 times

Q 2.18.B

What type of transportation did you use to travel from where you stayed overnight to where you went for Swimming/Body surfing?

(Check all that apply)

- Car/truck
- Public transportation
- Bicycle
- Walked
- Ferry
- Private boat
- Other, please specify

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Q 2.19.B

How far did you travel (**one-way**) from where you stayed overnight to get to the place where you went for Swimming/Body surfing?

Your best estimate is fine.

One-way distance: miles

Time it took to get there, one way (including traffic): Hours Minutes

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Q 2.20.B

How many people went with you (**including yourself**)?

- Adults
- Children (under 18)

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Q 2.21.B

How long did you spend at that place on that day?

hours minutes

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Q 2.22.B

Did you use a parking pass for that place?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

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If selected "Yes"

What was the cost for this parking pass?

\$

I don't know

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Q 2.23.B

Did you pay a daily parking fee?

- Yes
- No

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If selected "Yes"

How much did you pay for parking?

\$

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Q 2.24.B

How much contact with the water did you have that day?

- Did not get wet at all
- Got sprayed
- Waded
- Got most or all of my body wet

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Water quality definition

Water quality describes how clean or dirty the water is - specifically its quality for recreation such as swimming, fishing or shellfishing, boating, and other activities. Water quality can affect marine life, your health, and your enjoyment of recreation.

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Q 2.25.B

How do you think the water quality usually is, at the place where you went for Swimming/Body surfing?

Worst possible quality:
may have bad odor, oil,
raw sewage; unhealthy
for plant and animal life

Best possible quality:
clear, safe for all activities,
never has closures, healthy
for plant and animal life



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Q 2.26.B

How sure were you about your water quality rating in the previous question?

- Not very sure
- Somewhat sure
- Sure
- Very sure

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How would you rate the usual condition of the water, at that place where you went for Swimming/Body surfing, for the following aspects of water quality?

	Worst Quality					Best Quality						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know	
Seaweed	Widespread										None	Don't know
Algae / Scum	Widespread										Absent	Don't know
Bacteria	Excessive										Absent	Don't know
Clarity of the water	Murky										Clear	Don't know
Mucky Bottom Condition	Very mucky										Not at all mucky	Don't know
Oil or gas sheen	Common										Rare	Don't know
Smell / Odor	Bad odor										Fresh	Don't know
Trash in water	Common										Rare	Don't know

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Q 2.28.B

Overall, how would you rate the usual **quality of the water** (how clean or dirty the water is) at that place where you went for Swimming/Body surfing for each of these activities? Even if you don't participate in each activity, please answer for each of them.

	Poor	Okay	Good	Don't Know/Not Applicable
Canoeing/kayaking/paddleboarding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Eating fish caught in the water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Motorboating/Sailing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnicking and other activities on the shore	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scenic beauty/Enjoyment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shellfishing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Snorkeling/Scuba diving	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Swimming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wading	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q 2.29.B

Thinking about that place where you went for Swimming/Body surfing, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements

	Strongly Disagree					Strongly Agree	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I get more satisfaction out of visiting that place than any other recreation place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I identify with the physical landscape of that place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am very attached to that place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Many important memories are tied to that place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel happiest when I'm at that place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
That place means a lot to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The recreational activities that I pursue at that place say a lot about who I am	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have no particular love for that place compared to other areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
That place provides value to me that I can't obtain elsewhere	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q 2.30.B

What is important to you about that place, if anything?

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The next questions ask about other places you go for saltwater recreation in New England

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Q 3.1

Of the places you've visited for saltwater recreation in **New England** in the last 5 years, which place had the **WORST** water quality?

Please place a PIN on the map to mark that place. You can navigate using the map, or use the search function and/or dropdown menus.

Select State

Select State

Search for a Place

Enter place name and click the Search button

Examples: beach name, street name, marina, or park name.

Search

I can't find the place on the map/I don't remember the name.



Use the + and - buttons at the bottom-right of the window to zoom in and out. Click and drag to move the map. Click to place a PIN on the map

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Q 3.2

How many times have you gone to that place in the last **12 months**?

- 0 times
- 1 time
- 2-5 times
- 6-15 times
- 16-30 times
- 31-50 times
- More than 50 times

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Q 3.3

How do you think the water quality usually is, on average, at that place?

Worst possible quality:
may have bad odor, oil,
raw sewage; unhealthy
for plant and animal life

Best possible quality:
clear, safe for all activities,
never has closures, healthy
for plant and animal life



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Q 3.4

What about that place made you think it had the worst water quality?

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Q 3.5

Of the places you've visited for saltwater recreation in **New England** in the last 5 years, which place had the **BEST** water quality? Please place a PIN on the map to mark that place. You can navigate using the map, or use the search function and/or dropdown menus.

Select State

Select State

Search for a Place

Enter place name and click the Search button

Examples: beach name, street name, marina, or park name.

Search

I can't find the place on the map/I don't remember the name.



Use the + and - buttons at the bottom-right of the window to zoom in and out. Click and drag to move the map. Click to place a PIN on the map

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Q 3.6

How often have you gone to that place in the last **12 months**?

- 0 times
- 1 time
- 2-5 times
- 6-15 times
- 16-30 times
- 31-50 times
- More than 50 times

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Q 3.7

How do you think the water quality usually is, on average, at that place?

Worst possible quality:
may have bad odor, oil,
raw sewage; unhealthy
for plant and animal life

Best possible quality:
clear, safe for all activities,
never has closures, healthy
for plant and animal life

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Q 3.8

What about that place made you think it had the best water quality?

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Q 3.9

What is the farthest you would travel on a single day (**one-way**), leaving from and returning to your home, for saltwater recreation?

One-way distance: miles

One-way time: hours minutes

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Q 3.10

If a beach is closed for swimming because of bacterial pollution on a day you are thinking of going, would you...?

Still go

Not go to the beach at all

Go to a different beach

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Your Opinions on Coastal Water Quality in New England

Coastal water quality is specific to the ocean, bays, estuaries, salt ponds, and other salty or brackish tidal waters in New England. **Water quality** is used to describe how clean or dirty the water is.

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Q 4.1

How concerned are you about the following coastal water quality issues in New England?

	Not at all concerned	Slightly concerned	Moderately concerned	Very concerned	Don't know
Fish dying from lack of oxygen	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduced water clarity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduced beauty of coastal areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduced quality of water activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contaminated fish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Loss of desirable fish/wildlife	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Beaches closed for swimming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shellfish closures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Too much seaweed/algae	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Unpleasant odor in coastal areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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About Your Household

The following questions are a way to make sure that we understand the values and opinions of all types of people within New England.

All answers are strictly confidential and the information will only be used to report comparisons among people. We will never identify individuals or households with their responses.

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Q 5.1

What is the zip code of your primary home?

Zip code

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Q 5.2

If you work outside the home, what is the zip code or name of the town and state where you work?

Zip code OR

City/Town

State

I do not work outside the home

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Q 5.3

When you chose your primary home, how important was being close to saltwater for recreation?

- Not at all important
- A minor reason
- Somewhat important
- Extremely important
- The main reason

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Q 5.4

How many people (including yourself) live in your household?

- adults
- children (under 18)

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Q 5.5

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Other

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Q 5.6

What year were you born?

Please select your answer ▼

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Q 5.7

Do you identify as Hispanic or Latino?

- Yes
- No
- I prefer not to answer

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Q 5.8

What race or races do you consider yourself to be?

(Check all that apply)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Black or African American
- White
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Asian
- I prefer not to answer

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Q 5.9

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Some high school
- High school diploma/GED
- Trade/technical training
- Some college
- 4-year college degree
- Graduate degree

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Q 5.10

What is your current employment status?

- Employed full-time
- Employed part-time
- Self-employed
- Unemployed
- Full-time student
- Full-time homemaker
- Retired
- Disabled

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Q 5.11

How many hours per week do you typically work?

hours per week

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Q 5.12

Do you have the option of working additional hours to increase your total income?

- Yes
- No

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If selected "Yes"

What would your hourly wage be for those extra hours?

\$ per hour

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Q 5.13

What was your household income (before taxes) in 2017?

- \$19,999 or less
- \$20,000-\$39,999
- \$40,000-\$59,999
- \$60,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000- \$149,999
- \$150,000- \$199,999
- \$200,000 or more
- I prefer not to answer

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Q 5.14

Do you own a second home on or near the New England coast?

- Yes
- No

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If selected "Yes"

What is the zip code or name of the town and state where your second home is located?

Zip code OR

City/Town

State

I do not wish to give that information

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Q 5.15

How much time do you spend in your second home each year?

- Seasonal (spend most or all of a season)
- Weekends (spend many or most weekends)
- A week or more but less than a whole season
- Occasional use

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Comments:

Thank you for taking the time to tell us about your saltwater recreation and your opinions about water quality in coastal New England! If you have any additional thoughts and comments about any of the topics or the survey itself, please share them here.

If you would like more information about how you can help improve the water in your coastal region, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/learn-issues/learn-about-water>



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Thank you very much for your time.

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