



Florida Boating and Fishing Survey

We would like to know about your saltwater boating and fishing in Florida. This survey should only take about 5 minutes. Your confidential answers will help us estimate the economic effects of changes in fishing costs and regulations. Please use a **black pen** to completely fill in the ovals and write your answers in the boxes.

Q1. Do you **own a boat**?

- Yes, and I use the boat **(Go on to Q2)**
- Yes, but someone else uses the boat _____
- No, I don't own a boat _____ **→ (Survey Complete, Thank You)**

Q2. Did you use your boat in the **Gulf of Mexico** during **November and December** of **2018**?

- Yes **(Skip to Q4)**
- No **(Go on to Q3)**

Q3. **Why** didn't you use your boat in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December?

- I used my boat somewhere else
- The boat was not working
- I was too busy with other things
- I did not have the money to run the boat
- Other reason

**(After Answering this Question,
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Q4. Did you use your boat to **fish** in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December of 2018?

- Yes **(Skip to Q6)**
- No **(Go on to Q5)**

Q5. **Why** didn't you use your boat to fish in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December?

- I don't usually fish from my boat
- The species I like was not in season
- I did not have the money to run the boat for fishing
- Other reason

**(After Answering this Question,
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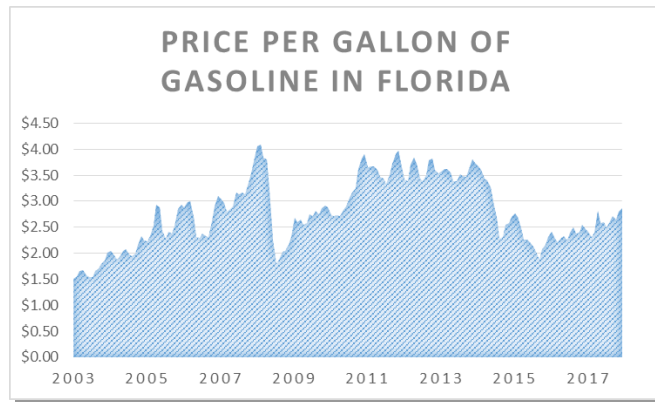




- Q6. How many **days** did you use your boat to fish in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December?
- Q7. How many **people (including yourself)** went on a typical fishing trip in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December?
- Q8. How many **hours (dock-to-dock)** was your typical fishing trip in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December?
- Q9. How much did a typical fishing trip **cost** in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December? Please estimate the **total cost paid by everyone for major items** like boat fuel and bait.

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The **cost** of fishing **fluctuates**. For example, the graph below shows how the price of fuel has changed in the last 15 years. Your answers to the next set of questions will help us predict how fishing activity might change when trip costs change.



Please keep in mind your answer from Q6 when answering the following questions:

- Q10. How many **days** would you have used your boat to fish in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December if each trip **cost twice as much** per day as you indicated in **Q9**?
- Q11. How many **days** would you have used your boat to fish in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December if each trip **cost half as much** per day as you indicated in **Q9**?

If the number of days reported in Q10 is greater than zero, please answer the following question:

- Q12. What is the **most you would have paid** for a fishing trip in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December?

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Q13. Which **species** did you fish for in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December?
(Select all that apply)

- gag grouper
- spanish or king mackerel
- red grouper
- mangrove snapper
- spotted seatrout or red drum
- yellowtail snapper
- tuna or marlin
- other

If you did not select gag grouper in Q13, then skip to Q19 below.

Otherwise, please answer the following questions:

Q14. On how many of the **days (entered in Q6)** that you fished in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December did you **target gag grouper**?

Q15. In **2018** the gag grouper season in the Gulf of Mexico opened in June and the bag limit was 2 fish per person per day.

Would you have fished the **same number of days** in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December if the gag grouper regulations were different?

- Yes **(Skip to Q19)**
- Maybe
- No

Please keep in mind your answers from Q6 when answering the following questions:

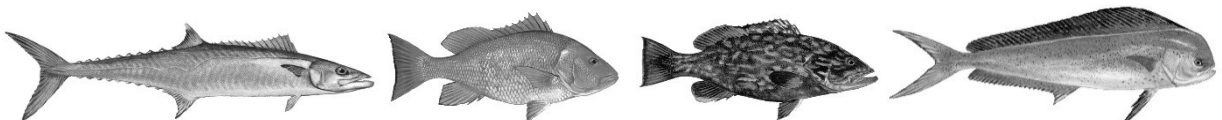
Q16. How many **days** would you have fished in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December if you could have **kept 3 instead of 2** gag groupers?

Q17. How many **days** would you have fished in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December if you could have **kept 1 instead of 2** gag groupers?

Q18. How many **days** would you have fished in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December if you **could not have kept gag grouper at all** because the season was closed?

Q19. How many **days** did you use your boat in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December **without fishing**?

Skip to to Q27 at the bottom of page 4





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If you did not use your boat to fish, then please answer the questions in this box about boat trips in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December of 2018:

Q20. How many **days** did you use your boat?

Q21. How many **people (including yourself)** went on a typical boat trip?

Q22. How many **hours (dock-to-dock)** was your typical boat trip?

Q23. How much did a typical boat trip **cost**?

Please estimate the **total cost paid by everyone for major items** like boat fuel.

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Input fields for Q20-Q23: vertical dashed lines and rectangular boxes.

The **cost** of boating **fluctuates**. For example, the graph on page 2 shows how the price of fuel has changed in the last 15 years. Your answers to the next set of questions will help us predict how boating activity might change when trip costs change.

Please keep in mind your answer from Q20 when answering the following questions:

Q24. How many **days** would you have boated in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December if each trip **cost twice as much** per day as you indicated in **Q23**?

Q25. How many **days** would you have boated in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December if each trip **cost half as much** per day as you indicated in **Q23**?

Input fields for Q24-Q25: vertical dashed lines and rectangular boxes.

If the number of days reported in q24 is greater than zero, please answer the following question:

Q26. What is the **most you would have paid** for a boat trip in the Gulf of Mexico during November and December?

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Input field for Q26: horizontal dashed line and rectangular box.

Q27. Information about income is very important. Please select the category that contains the amount closest to your **entire household** annual income before taxes.

- Less than \$20,000
- \$20,000 to under \$40,000
- \$40,000 to under \$60,000
- \$60,000 to under \$80,000
- ~~\$80,000~~ to under \$100,000
- ~~\$100,000~~ to under \$150,000
- ~~\$150,000~~ to under \$200,000
- ~~\$200,000~~ or more



Thank You for Your Participation

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this information for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. These data will be used to evaluate the economic effects of proposed regulations in the fishery.