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Dear Mr. <<Last Name>> (use Ms. For females and full name when unsure of sex)

In a few weeks you will receive an invitation to participate in **a survey** that QuanTech is conducting on behalf of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The survey will ask about **your boating and fishing** activities in Florida. The results will be used to learn more about the environment and help improve the quality of marine and coastal resources.

For this study to be accurate, we need all people who are selected to complete this short survey online. Your address was **randomly picked** and we can't replace you with someone else. Your responses will help all boaters and anglers in Florida have their voices heard.

The survey is **voluntary** and your responses will be kept **confidential**. If you have any questions or comments about this study, we will be happy to talk to you. Please call 1-800-229-5220.

Thank you very much in advance for your help with this important study.

Yours sincerely,

David W. Carter, Ph. D. Economist, Social Science Research Group NOAA Southeast Fisheries Science Center

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Commonly Asked Questions

• How did you get my address?

Your address was randomly selected from a list of boaters and anglers in Florida. You represent many other boats and anglers in Florida.

• Nobody in my household participates in recreational fishing. Should I still complete the survey?

Yes. It is important that everyone who receives this short survey complete it. For the results of the study to be accurate, we need basic information about all people who received the survey – regardless of whether they participate in boating, fishing, or both.

• Why can't you interview another person instead of me?

We can't select another household. For the results to be accurate, we need all people who receive this short survey to complete it.

• How much time will this survey take?

On average, it should take less than five minutes to complete, including reviewing instructions, and answering the questions.

• Who is sponsoring the survey?

This study is being sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment and conserve and manage coastal and marine resources to meet our nation's economic, social, and environmental needs.

• How will the information I provide be used?

This survey collects information about how outdoor and marine resources in Florida are used and will help us better manage these resources for the future.

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We have included a small gift as a way of saying thank you for your help. **To participate in the online survey**:

- 1. Take note of your unique **survey ID: {RESTORE ID}**
- 2. Go to **www.study.fish** and enter your **survey ID** in the space provided.

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July 6, 2018

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Information collected in this study will help us to better understand how people use recreation resources in Florida. Please know that your answers are completely confidential and will be used only for this study in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Act and NOAA Administrative Order 216-100.

If you did not receive the survey information, please call 1-800-229-5220 x4.

Sincerely,

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- 1. Take note of your unique **survey ID: {RESTORE ID}**
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Your completed survey will help our understanding of the environment and coastal resources in the state of Florida.

Your address was randomly selected and for this study to be accurate, we need **all** households who receive this short survey to fill it out and send it back – even if you have not fished or participated in boating or fishing activities.

We are very grateful for your help. If you have any questions or comments, we will be happy to talk with you. Please call 1-800-229-5220.

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