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WEST COAST FISHERIES PARTICIPANTS SURVEY

Purpose of West Coast Fishery Participation Survey: This survey collects information about why you fish and the benefits you get from participating in fisheries, including non-monetary benefits. This will enable fishery managers to better understand how individuals and communities are affected when opportunities and profitability in particular fisheries change.

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1. What year were you born? _____

2. How many years have you been involved in fishing as a paid crew member, captain and/or vessel owner?
 - ___ Less than 5
 - ___ 5-9
 - ___ 10 – 14
 - ___ 15– 19
 - ___ 20 or more

3. How much longer do you expect to continue to fish or operate a vessel commercially?
 - ___ Less than 5
 - ___ 5-9
 - ___ 10 – 14
 - ___ 15– 19
 - ___ 20 or more
 - ___ as long as I can

4. Do you captain your own vessel? Always Mostly Sometimes Never
5. What is the zip code where you live more than half the year? _____
6. How many immediate family members also work in the fishing industry? _____
7. How many extended family members also work in the fishing industry? _____
8. Besides your family, what proportion of the people that you interact with regularly (e.g., friends, social acquaintances, colleagues, business associates, etc.) work in the fishing industry?
 All Most Some Few None

9. How many generations of commercial fishermen does your family represent? _____

10. How would you define the fishing community you feel most a part of?

as a place (e.g., the town you tie up your vessel, land fish, and or the town where you _____ and your family reside)

as a collection of people (e.g., the fishermen who fish in the same area or in your “radio” group, belong to the same industry association as you, or an ethnic group)

both place and people

I’m not part of a fishing community

11. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

Statement	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Being a fisherman is important to me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continuing a family tradition of fishing is important to me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My fishing community is important to me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continuing a community tradition of fishing is important to me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing is a respected occupation where I live.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing is more respected where I live now than it was 15 years ago.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Please indicate your level of job satisfaction associated with each of these potential attributes of commercial fishing in terms of your own experience as a fisherman.

Attribute of Fishing	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
Adventure of job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Challenge of job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Camaraderie with crew					
Being on the water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Competing with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doing something worthwhile	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Producing healthy food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pitting skill against nature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being my own boss	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working my own schedule	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Earnings from fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Predictability of earnings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13.

How important are following issues challenges or impediments to making a living as a fisherman?

Reason	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important
Variation in prices for fish			
Costs of inputs such as fuel, supplies or maintenance			
Ability to access permits, licenses or quota to fish			
Regulations that restrict when, where, or how I can fish			
Natural variation in the population of fish available to catch			

14. Has your fishing operation been affected by fishery closures in the last two years (yes / no – please circle one)? If yes, please indicate what fishery closures.

15. If you answered yes to the question above, how did you respond to the closure?

- Fished in another fishery
- Worked in a job or business other than commercial fishing
- Did not work in either fishery or non-fishery employment during the closure

16. Given the choice between fishing and an alternative job for which you are qualified, would you prefer fishing or the alternative job if the expected pay for both was the same (check one)?

- Fishing
- Alternative Work

17. If you answered “fishing” in question 22, how much more would the other job have to pay for you to prefer it over fishing?

- 1-10% more
- 11-25% more
- 26-50 % more
- 51-100 % more
- Greater than 100% more
- Would never choose another job

18. If applicable, what is the maximum number of crew you employ on your fishing boat, not including the captain?

19. If applicable, I can find the skilled crew I need to run my fishing operation:

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

20. I have adapted my fishing strategies in response to an environmental change:

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

21. How far are you willing to travel to catch fish (nautical miles)?

22. I have adequate opportunity to participate in fisheries management processes:

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

23. My fishery interests are represented and considered in decision-making:

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

24. I belong to an industry association or organization that represents my interest in management decision-making:

24b – If you answered Yes to Question 24, what fishing association(s) or organization(s) do you belong to? _____

25. I have adequate information about fishing season projections to make decisions about my annual operations:

YES NO

26. The percentage of time I spend in self-marketing my catch is:

- None
- 1-10%
- 11-25%
- 26-50 %
- 51-100 %

27. I have adequate access to processors or first receivers in order to sell my catch:

- YES NO

28. Have you ever continued fishing in order to provide employment for crew when you thought the profits earned by the vessel might fail to cover expenses? YES NO

29. Do you keep some of your commercial catch for your own use and/or sharing with family and friends?
 YES NO [If NO, skip to Question 30]

30. Roughly how many pounds of catch do you keep each year for personal use? _____

31. In 2018: what percentage of your household income came from commercial fishing? _____%

32. In 2018: what percentage of the income you personally contributed to your household was from work other than commercial fishing? _____%

33. If you provided a positive percentage in Q32, what type of non-fishing work did you do in this period?

34. In 2018, did you personally earn non-fishing income during this quarter?

- January-March
- April-June
- July-September
- October-December

35. What was your approximate household income in 2018?

- Less than \$25,000
- \$25,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$124,999
- \$125,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 or more

36. How many people are in your household? _____

37. Do you have health insurance and, if so, how is it acquired?

- No health insurance
- Purchased independently
- Provided through your fishery related job
- Provided through your own employment other than fishing

- Provided through another household member's employer
- Provided through Medicare or Medicaid