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Aloha {FIRST NAME}{LAST NAME},

A few weeks ago, you should have received the enclosed survey. If you have not had the chance to complete the survey, please take a few moments to participate in this important research. **If you have already submitted a survey, please disregard this letter and accept our sincere appreciation for your time and contribution.**

The enclosed survey asks for details about your small-boat fishing related expenditures and activity during 2019. This information is important for estimating the economic and cultural contribution of small-boat fishing to Hawaii and for providing feedback to fishery agencies on the costs of fishing and fishing trip characteristics. Fishery management decisions are based, in part, on minimizing adverse economic impacts on fishing communities, and so this research is vital to the assessment of future ocean management plans and actions.

Your participation is needed so that we can provide estimates that accurately represent Hawaii's small-boat fishery. **It is important for us to hear the voice of every fisherman within the Hawaii small-boat fishery.**

Please take a few moments to answer the enclosed survey. When you complete the survey, just return it in the postage-paid envelope included in this packet. Alternatively, you can fill out the survey online. The website is www.hawaiismallboat.com and your password is: {xxxx}.

Please be assured that your responses will be kept strictly confidential according to Federal confidentiality laws. All results will be presented in summary form. If you would like to receive a copy of the final report for this study, please fill in the information at the end of the survey.

If you have any questions or concerns about this survey, please contact Justin Hospital at the toll-free number [1-844-234-7444] or by email to Justin.Hospital@noaa.gov

Your kokua is greatly appreciated. Mahalo!

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