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**Please complete this brief survey. Enter “0” in categories where you had no such expenses.**



1. What percentage of your household income is from commercial fishing? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_%
2. If not 100%, what non-commercial fishing activities do you engage in for income? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Vessels:**

1. Do you own **AND** operate a fishing vessel? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

**If No**, how would you describe yourself?

\_\_\_\_Captain on someone else’s boat \_\_\_\_Vessel owner, not operator

1. How many fishing vessels do you own? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Boat Number | Length (ft.) | Current Market (sale) Value of Vessel and Engines ($) | Repair and Maintenance Costs in last 12 Months ($) |
| 1 |  |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |

**Diving Gear:**  *Do you own…*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Gear and associated fishing equipment | Today’s market (sale) value of fishing gear and associated equipment ($) | Repair and maintenance costs incurred in last 12 months |
| SCUBA (tanks, BC, spear, etc.) |  |  |
| Free diving (fins, masks, spear, etc.) |  |  |

**Traps:** *Do you own…*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Type of trap | Number of traps owned at the end of the year | Number lost or retired last year | Number purchased or made last year | Cost per trap  (w/ buoys, rope, etc.) | Average life span of trap not lost or retired |
| Fish traps |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lobster traps |  |  |  |  |  |

**Hook and line:**  *Do you own…*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Gear and associated fishing equipment | Today’s market (sale) value of fishing gear and associated equipment ($) | Repair and maintenance costs incurred in last 12 months |
| Fishing Rods & reels |  |  |
| Longlines |  |  |

**Trip Expenses:**

**On a regular fishing trip how much do you spend on:**

1. Fuel and oil cost: $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gallons used per trip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Truck fuel: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Ice: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Bait: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Food and beverage: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Air supply: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Captain and crew: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number of crew: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (if you use a share system, convert it to dollars)
8. Other expenses: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What were they:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Last year, how much did you spend on:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Annual ($) |
| Mooring/dockage fees |  |
| Fishing, boat, and trailer licenses |  |
| Office expenses (rent, cellular, utilities) |  |
| Professional services (lawyer or accountant) |  |
| Loan Payments |  |

13. How have you changed your fishing activities due to COVID-19?

1. What are the main reasons you made those changes?

NOAA’s National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is collecting this economic information to improve its ability to conduct the analyses required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) and other applicable law. NMFS and the Regional Fishery Management Councils will use this information to monitor, explain and predict changes in the economic performance and impacts of commercial fisheries. Among other things, this will enable fisheries managers and the public to more fully consider the economic effects of proposed and existing regulations for federally managed fisheries.

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