



For-Hire Survey Privacy Act Statement

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Routine Uses: The Department will use this information in developing, implementing and monitoring fishery management programs. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a), to be shared within NMFS offices, in order to coordinate monitoring and management of sustainability of fisheries and protected resources, as well as with the applicable State or Regional Marine Fisheries Commissions and International Organizations. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in the Privacy Act System of Records Notice [COMMERCE/NOAA-19](#), Permits and Registrations for the United States Federally Regulated Fisheries. Any public release of survey data will be without identification as to its source or in aggregate statistical form. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measures and a pre-dissemination review pursuant to [Section 515 of Public Law 106-554](#).

Disclosure: Furnishing this information is voluntary unless the vessel has a valid Highly Migratory Species (HMS) permit, in which case participation is mandatory. Failure to provide complete and accurate information will result in the vessel representative not participating in the survey and not helping to assess the influence of fishing. For HMS permitted vessels, failure to comply will affect permit status.

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