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**USVI Small-Scale Fisheries Economic Survey**

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**Please complete this brief survey. Enter “0” in categories where you had no such expenses in 202X.**

1. What percentage of your household income was from commercial fishing in 202X?

\_\_\_\_\_ %

2. If not 100%, what non-commercial fishing activities did you engage in for income?

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**Vessels:**

3. Did you own **AND** operate a fishing vessel in 202X? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**If No**, which best described you in 202X?

\_\_\_\_ Captain on someone else’s boat \_\_\_\_ Vessel owner, not operator

4. How many fishing vessels did you own? In 202X \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Number	Length (ft.)	Current Market (sale) Value of Vessel and Engines (\$)	Repair and Maintenance Costs in 202X (\$)
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**Diving Gear:** *In 202X, did you own...*

Gear and associated fishing equipment	Today's market (sale) value of fishing gear and associated equipment (\$)	Repair and maintenance costs incurred in 202X
SCUBA (tanks, BC, spear, etc.)		
Free diving (fins, masks, spear, etc.)		

**Traps:** *In 202X, did you own...*

Type of trap	Number of traps owned at the end of 202X	Number lost or retired in 202X	Number purchased or made in 202X	Cost per trap (w/ buoys, rope, etc.)	Average life span of trap not lost or retired (in months)
Fish traps					
Lobster traps					

**Hook and line:** *In 202X, did you own...*

Gear and associated fishing equipment	Today's market (sale) value of fishing gear and associated equipment (\$)	Repair and maintenance costs incurred in 202X
Fishing Rods & reels		

Longlines		
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**Trip Expenses in 202X:**

**On a regular fishing trip, how much did you spend on each of the following?**

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

**In 202X, how much did you spend on each of the following?**

	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 in 202X?

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14. What are the main reasons you made those changes in 202X?

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15. Did you substantially change your fishing activities in 202X?    No    Yes

If YES, please answer the following questions.

15a. How did you change your fishing activities in 202X?

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15b. What were the main reasons you made those changes?

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15c. By how much did each of the following increase or decrease for your vessel(s) in 202X due to those changes? (Please enter "0" if there was no change)

Landings decreased by \_\_\_\_\_% OR increased by \_\_\_\_\_%

Fishing revenues decreased by \_\_\_\_\_% OR increased by \_\_\_\_\_%

Total operating costs decreased by \_\_\_\_\_% OR increased by \_\_\_\_\_%

Number of crew members decreased by # \_\_ crew OR increased by # \_\_ crew

16. Did you substantially change your **non-fishing activities** in 202X?    No    Yes

If YES, please answer the following questions.

16a. How did you change your **non-fishing activities** in 202X?\_

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16b. What were the main reasons you made those changes?

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NOAA's Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) 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. The SEFSC and the Caribbean Fishery Management Council will use this information to monitor, explain and predict changes in the economic performance and impacts of the USVI 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 these important fisheries.

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