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May 5, 2022

John Smith  
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Dear Permit Owner:

The NOAA Fisheries Service is working to improve its ability to determine the economic effects of regulations and other factors that impact South Atlantic fisheries. Therefore, we are conducting an **Economic Expenditure Survey of Golden Crab Fishermen in the U.S. South Atlantic Region**.

Enclosed is a form asking about expenditures you made in **202X** for your vessel "ANON" with the registration number **555555**. Please look at the enclosed materials for more details on this survey effort and why we need to collect this data.

Please complete the enclosed survey form and return it to us by **xxxxx**. A pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope is enclosed. All information you supply is confidential and will be combined with information from other fishermen to present an overall view of the economic status of the fishery.

By accurately completing this survey, you will ensure that management decisions are based on the best possible information about the economic effects of regulations on fishermen. Please print all requested information clearly. A form with incomplete or unclear information cannot be entered into the database and will be returned for clarification. If you have any questions or require help filling out the survey, please contact me at (305) 361-4468.

Thank you very much for your cooperation with this data collection and good luck this crabbing season. I am also enclosing a copy of the survey results from when I surveyed you in 2011 on the costs of crabbing in 2010.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Crosson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Scott Crosson  
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**Thanks You Letter**



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Dear <recipient>:

We want to thank you for your participation in the Economic Expenditure Survey of Golden Crab Fishermen in the U.S. South Atlantic Region. The information will help our researchers conduct economic and statistical analyses on the golden crab fishery.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (305) 361-4468.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Crosson".

Scott Crosson  
Resource Economist



# Golden Crab Economic Survey

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Last week a questionnaire seeking information on your business expenditures was mailed to you. If you have already completed and returned the questionnaire to us, please accept our sincere thanks. If not, please do so today. The number of golden crab fishermen is very small so it is extremely important that we hear from you. Your response ensures that the study accurately results reflect the economics of the fishery and will aid NOAA and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council in the policy-making process.

If by some chance you did not receive the questionnaire, or it got misplaced, please call

**1-866-xxx-xxx**