**2023 West Coast Fisheries Participation Survey**

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**1.** What year were you born (in yyyy format)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**2.** How many years have you been involved in fishing as a paid crew member, captain and/or vessel owner?

❑ Less than 5      ❑ 5–9

❑ 10 – 14            ❑ 15 – 19

❑ 20 or more

**3.** How much longer do you expect to continue to fish or operate a vessel commercially?

❑ Less than 5 years      ❑ 5–9

❑ 10 – 14                      ❑ 15 – 19

❑ 20 or more                 ❑ As long as I can

❑ No longer fishing (Continue answering questions to the best of your ability)

**4.** Do you captain your own vessel?

❑ Always ❑ Mostly ❑ Sometimes ❑ Never

**5.** What is the zip code where you live for most of the year?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**6.** What is the county where you live for most of the year?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**7.** How many immediate family members also work in the fishing industry? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**8.** How many extended family members also work in the fishing industry? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**9.** Besides your family, what proportion of the people that you interact with regularly (e.g., friends, social acquaintances, colleagues, business associates, etc.)work in the fishing industry?

❑ None  ❑ Few  ❑ Some  ❑ Most  ❑ All

**10.** How many generations of commercial fishermen does your family represent?**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**11.** How would you define the fishing community you feel most a part of?

❑ As a place (e.g., the town you tie up your vessel, land fish, and or the town where you and your family reside)

❑ As a collection of people (e.g., the fishermen who fish in the same area or in your “radio” group,belong to the same industry association as you, oran ethnic group)

❑ Both place and people

❑ I’m not part of a fishing community

**12.** Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Statement | Strongly Disagree | Somewhat Disagree | Neutral | Somewhat Agree | Strongly Agree |
| Being a fisherman is important to me |  |  |  |  |  |
| Continuing a family tradition of fishing is important to me |  |  |  |  |  |
| My fishing community is important to me |  |  |  |  |  |
| Continuing a community tradition of fishing is important to me |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fishing is a respected occupation where I live |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fishing is more respected where I live now than it was 15 years ago |  |  |  |  |  |

**13.** Please indicate your level of job satisfaction associated with each of these potential attributes of commercial fishing in terms of your own experience as a fisherman

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Attribute of Fishing | Very Dissatisfied | Dissatisfied | Neutral | Satisfied | Very Satisfied |
| Adventure of job |  |  |  |  |  |
| Challenge of job |  |  |  |  |  |
| Working outdoors |  |  |  |  |  |
| Camaraderie with crew |  |  |  |  |  |
| Being on the water |  |  |  |  |  |
| Competing with others |  |  |  |  |  |
| Doing something worthwhile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Producing healthy food |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pitting skill against nature |  |  |  |  |  |
| Being my own boss |  |  |  |  |  |
| Working my own schedule |  |  |  |  |  |
| Earnings from fishing |  |  |  |  |  |
| Predictability of earnings |  |  |  |  |  |
| Job safety |  |  |  |  |  |

**14.** Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Statement | Strongly Disagree | Somewhat Disagree | Neutral | Somewhat Agree | Strongly Agree |
| **I** have adequate information about fishing season projections to make decisions about my annual operations |  |  |  |  |  |
| I have adequate opportunity to participate in fisheries management processes |  |  |  |  |  |
| My fishery interests are represented and considered in decision-making |  |  |  |  |  |

**15.** Please **estimate** the distance you travel from your **homeport** to obtain the following services/supplies for your vessel(s).  If you do not use a category listed, please select N/A.  If you do not travel by vehicle or vessel, please write a 0 in the distance column for that mode of transport.  Please select an answer for each category.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Description** | **Distance by vehicle (miles)** | **Distance by vessel (miles)** | **NA** |
| Ice/Bait |  |  |  |
| Gear (Nets/Pots/Traps/Line) |  |  |  |
| Fuel |  |  |  |
| Processors/Buyers |  |  |  |
| Dry Dock/Boatyard |  |  |  |
| Refrigeration/Warehouse Facilities |  |  |  |

**16.** If your fishing operation has been impacted by a fishery closure implemented in the last two years, how did you respond?

If yes, please indicate what fishery closure. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

❑ Was not impacted

❑ Fished in another fishery

❑ Worked in a job or business other than commercial fishing

❑ Both fished in another fishery and worked in a job or business other than commercial fishing

❑ Did not work in either fishery or non-fishery employment during the closure

**17.** Given the choice between fishing and an alternative job for which you are qualified, would you prefer fishing or the alternative job if the expected pay for both was the same (check one)?   
❑ Fishing  ❑ Alternative work

**18.** If you answered “Fishing” in question 16, how much more would the other job have to pay for you to prefer it over fishing?

❑ 1– 10% more

❑ 11 – 25% more

❑ 26 – 50% more

❑ 51 – 100% more

❑ Greater than 100% more

❑ Would never choose another job

**19.** If applicable, what is the maximum number of crew you employ on your fishing boat, not including the captain?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**20.** If applicable, indicate your level of agreement with the statement “I can find the skilled crew I need to run my fishing operation.”

❑ Strongly disagree

❑ Somewhat disagree

❑ Neutral

❑ Somewhat agree

❑ Strongly agree

**21.** Do you ever self-market your catch or otherwise sell your catch through direct seafood marketing channels\*?

❑ Yes -> proceed to question 22

❑ No -> proceed to question 23

\*Direct seafood marketing is selling your catch to someone further up the value chain than a fish buyer or local seafood processing plant

**22.** Provide the following percentages to describe how your commercial fishing operation uses direct marketing channels.

1. The percent of your work time spent self-marketing your catch is *\_\_\_\_\_\_*%
2. The percent of your operation’s total revenue that is generated from selling fish through direct marketing channels is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_%
3. The percent increase in the price you receive from selling your catch through direct marketing channels compared to selling to the local processing plant is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_%

**23.** How likely would you be to increase your use of direct seafood marketing if the following changes occurred?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Statement** | Very Unlikely | Unlikely | Neutral | Likely | Very Likely |
| New cold storage facilities become available near your fish landing port |  |  |  |  |  |
| New seafood processing facilities become available that fishers can rent to process their own catch into marketable seafood products |  |  |  |  |  |
| New alternatives for shipping and delivery of your catch become available |  |  |  |  |  |
| A new cooperative is formed among fishers to assist them with finding buyers, advertising, and setting prices for direct marketing of their catch |  |  |  |  |  |
| The processors you sell to are willing to pay less for your catch while retail market prices remain constant |  |  |  |  |  |

**24.** Have you ever continued fishing in order to provide employment for crew when you thought the profits earned by the vessel might fail to cover expenses?

❑ Yes  ❑ No

**25.** Do you keep some of your commercial catch for your own use and/or sharing with family and friends?

❑ Yes   ❑ No

If yes, roughly how many pounds of catch do you keep each year for personal use? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**26.** In 2022, what percentage of your household income came from commercial fishing? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_%

**27.** In 2022, what percentage of the income you **personally** contributed to your household was from work **other than** commercial fishing? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_%

**28.** If you provided a positive percentage in Q29, what type of non-fishing work did you do in this

period?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**29.** Place an “x” next to the months when you earned non-fishing income in 2022?

❑ January–March     ❑ April–June

❑ July–September    ❑ October–December

**30.** Including yourself, how many people are in your household? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**31.** What was your approximate household income in 2022?

❑ Less than $25,000

❑ $25,000 to $49,999

❑ $50,000 to $74,999

❑ $75,000 to $99,999

❑ $100,000 to $124,999

❑ $125,000 to $149,999

❑ $150,000 or more

**32.** Do you have health insurance and, if so, how is it acquired?

❑ No health insurance

❑ Purchased independently

❑ Provided through fishery related job

❑ Provided through your own employment other than fishing

❑ Provided through another household member’s employer

❑ Provided by Medicare or Medicaid

**33.** Do you identify with any of the following groups that the federal government, in has identified as underserved? Check all that apply

❑ Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and other persons of color

❑ Members of religious minorities

❑ Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons

❑ Persons with disabilities

❑ Persons who live in rural areas

❑ Persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality

❑ Persons who belong to multiple such communities listed above

❑ No, I do not identify with any of these groups