

2023 LPIS Screener and Introduction

Hello, my name is _____ and I represent the Fisheries Research Group of QuanTech, Inc. We are interviewing boat captains and owners for a study sponsored by the National Marine Fisheries Service of the U.S. Department of Commerce. I'd like to ask you a few questions about your fishing.

a. On this vessel, are you the captain, owner, or mate or passenger (proxy designated by the captain to participate in this survey)?

☐ Yes *CONTINUE* ☐ No *TERMINATE AND TALLY*

b. Did your boat just return from an offshore rod and reel or handline fishing trip in which you targeted large fish such as tunas, billfish, sharks, swordfish, dolphinfish, wahoo, amberjack, or other large pelagic fish?

☐ Yes *CONTINUE* ☐ No *TERMINATE AND TALLY*

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Collection of information through the Large Pelagics Fishing Survey provides essential information for the conservation and management of Atlantic highly migratory species. Information on fish distribution and catch rates will be used for stock assessment and in developing management programs to enhance fishing opportunities. Reporting of fishing effort and catch of highly migratory species is required under the authority of the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act. Consistent with the Privacy Act, it is NOAA policy to preserve the confidentiality of information submitted under this reporting requirement, except that NMFS may release such information in aggregate or summary form, such that individual identifiers are not disclosed (NOAA 216-100).

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