

North Atlantic Recreational Fishing Survey III 2023



Improve your fishing experiences!



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SECTION A: YOUR RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING EXPERIENCES

These questions are about you and your recreational saltwater fishing experiences.

Please do not include any information about other people you go fishing with.

1. **Within the last five years**, which of the following species have you gone fishing for, even if you didn't catch or keep any? Please select all that apply.



Haddock



Pollock



Cod

None of these species → Go to Section D on Page 11

2. **During 2022**, which of the following species did you go fishing for, even if you didn't catch or keep any? Please select all that apply.



Haddock



Pollock



Cod

3. **During 2022**, on how many trips did you go fishing for **cod, haddock, or pollock** even if you didn't catch or keep any? Please fill in the number of trips by fishing mode.

Party or head boat (usually 25 or more anglers per boat)..... # 2022 trips

Charter or guide boat (usually 1-6 anglers per boat)..... # 2022 trips

From shore..... # 2022 trips

Private boat (owned or rented by you, a friend, or a relative)..... # 2022 trips

4. Do you own, or have regular access to a boat used for recreational fishing?

Yes

No

5. How likely or unlikely are you to go recreational fishing for **cod, haddock, or pollock** in the next twelve months?

Very Likely

Somewhat likely

Somewhat unlikely

Very unlikely

SECTION B: YOUR SALTWATER FISHING TRIP PREFERENCES

Your answers to the next six questions are extremely important to the success of the survey because they will be directly incorporated into the policy making process. Please make your voice heard by answering each of these questions.

Each question will present you with three alternative trips like in the example below. Trips A and B are hypothetical fishing trips with different catch levels and trip costs. Trip C is doing something other than saltwater fishing.

After comparing the three TRIPS, indicate which one would be your first choice.

Please do the following things to make sure we represent your thinking accurately.

1. Answer each question as if you were presented with the three options in the real world.
2. If you would not pay the amount listed for either fishing trip option, choose Trip C.
3. There are no right or wrong answers, we simply want to understand the tradeoffs that anglers like you are willing to make.

EXAMPLE

Regulations			
You are legally allowed to keep: X Cod, 24" or longer X Haddock, 17" or longer			
Trip Features	Trip A	Trip B	Trip C
TOTAL NUMBER OF FISH YOU CATCH <small>This number includes both undersized and legal size fish.</small>	X Cod	X Cod	Do something other than saltwater fishing
NUMBER OF LEGAL-SIZE FISH YOU CAN KEEP <small>These fish are <u>at least legal minimum size fish</u>.</small>	X Cod	X Cod	
TOTAL NUMBER OF OTHER FISH YOU CATCH <small>Other fish you catch.</small>	X Haddock	X Haddock	
NUMBER OF OTHER LEGAL-SIZE FISH YOU CAN KEEP <small>Other fish you catch on this trip that <u>can be legally kept</u>.</small>	X Haddock	X Haddock	
TOTAL TRIP COST <small>Your share of the fishing-related, transportation, and other expenses. This cost would not cover anyone else on the trip</small>	\$X	\$X	
If you were presented with these three options, which one would you choose? → (Choose only one option.)	Trip A	Trip B	Trip C
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SECTION B: SALTWATER FISHING TRIPS

Suppose that you have the choice between two recreational saltwater fishing trips (**Trip A** or **Trip B**) and not going recreational saltwater fishing (**Trip C**). Below the table, indicate which of these three options would be your first choice.

REGULATIONS
You are legally allowed to keep: 3 Cod, 24" or longer 12 Haddock, 17" or longer

TRIP FEATURES		Trip A	Trip B	Trip C
CATCH	TOTAL NUMBER OF FISH YOU CATCH This number includes both undersized and legal size fish.	6 Cod	4 Cod	Do something other than saltwater fishing.
	NUMBER OF LEGAL-SIZE FISH YOU CAN KEEP These fish are <u>at least legal minimum size</u> .	3 Cod	1 Cod	
	TOTAL NUMBER OF OTHER FISH YOU CATCH Other fish you catch.	10 Haddock	7 Haddock	
	NUMBER OF OTHER LEGAL-SIZE FISH YOU CAN KEEP Other fish you catch on this trip that <u>can</u> be <u>legally kept</u> .	8 Haddock	3 Haddock	
TRIP DETAILS	TOTAL TRIP COST Your share of the fishing-related, transportation, and other expenses. This cost would not cover anyone else on the trip.	\$160	\$75	

If you were presented with these three options, which one would you choose? →

(Choose only one option.)

Trip A
<input type="radio"/>

Trip B
<input type="radio"/>

Trip C
<input type="radio"/>

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REGULATIONS
You are legally allowed to keep: 2 Cod, 24" or longer 9 Haddock, 17" or longer

	TRIP FEATURES	Trip A	Trip B	Trip C
CATCH	TOTAL NUMBER OF FISH YOU CATCH This number includes both undersized and legal size fish.	3 Cod	5 Cod	Do something other than saltwater fishing.
	NUMBER OF LEGAL-SIZE FISH YOU CAN KEEP These fish are <u>at least legal minimum size</u> .	2 Cod	0 Cod	
	TOTAL NUMBER OF OTHER FISH YOU CATCH Other fish you catch.	7 Haddock	9 Haddock	
	NUMBER OF OTHER LEGAL-SIZE FISH YOU CAN KEEP Other fish you catch on this trip that <u>can be legally kept</u> .	5 Haddock	4 Haddock	
TRIP DETAILS	TOTAL TRIP COST Your share of the fishing-related, transportation, and other expenses. This cost would not cover anyone else on the trip.	\$160	\$45	

If you were presented with these three options, which one would you choose? →

(Choose only one option.)

Trip A
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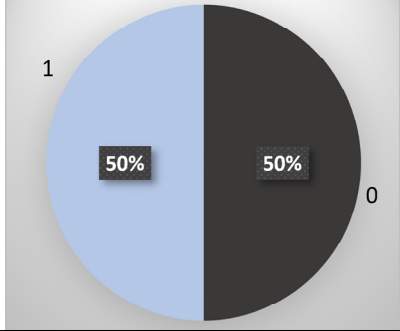
Trip B
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Trip C
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REGULATIONS
You are legally allowed to keep: 1 Cod, 24" or longer 20 Haddock 17" or longer

TRIP FEATURES	Trip A	Trip B	Trip C
TOTAL NUMBER OF FISH YOU CATCH This number includes both undersized and legal size fish.	1 Cod	1 Cod	Do something other than saltwater fishing.
NUMBER OF LEGAL-SIZE FISH YOU CAN KEEP These fish are <u>at least legal minimum size</u> .	1 Cod	50% chance of 0 Cod 50% chance of 1 Cod No chance of more than 1 Cod 	
TOTAL NUMBER OF OTHER FISH YOU CATCH Other fish you catch.	20 Haddock	15 Haddock	
NUMBER OF OTHER LEGAL-SIZE FISH YOU CAN KEEP Other fish you catch on this trip that <u>can be legally kept</u> .	15 Haddock	10 Haddock	
TRIP DETAILS TOTAL TRIP COST Your share of the fishing-related, transportation, and other expenses. This cost would not cover anyone else on the trip.	\$340	\$160	

If you were presented with these three options, which one would you choose? →
(Choose only one option.)

Trip A
<input type="radio"/>

Trip B
<input type="radio"/>

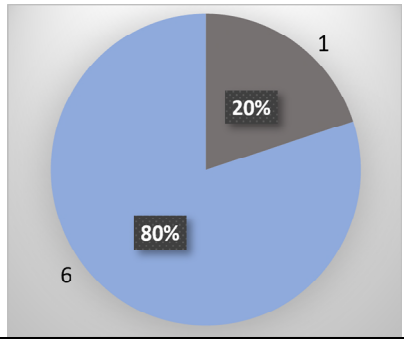
Trip C
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REGULATIONS

You are legally allowed to keep:
 6 Cod, 24" or longer
 18 Haddock, 17" or longer

TRIP FEATURES		Trip A	Trip B	Trip C
CATCH	TOTAL NUMBER OF FISH YOU CATCH This number includes both undersized and legal size fish.	1 Cod	8 Cod	Do something other than saltwater fishing.
	NUMBER OF LEGAL-SIZE FISH YOU CAN KEEP These fish are <u>at least legal minimum size</u> .	1 Cod	20% chance of 1 Cod 80% chance of 6 Cod No chance of more than 6 Cod 	
TOTAL NUMBER OF OTHER FISH YOU CATCH Other fish you catch.	10 Haddock	0 Haddock		
TRIP DETAILS	NUMBER OF OTHER LEGAL-SIZE FISH YOU CAN KEEP Other fish you catch on this trip that <u>can be legally kept</u> .	3 Haddock	0 Haddock	
	TOTAL TRIP COST Your share of the fishing-related, transportation, and other expenses. This cost would not cover anyone else on the trip.	\$30	\$420	

If you were presented with these three options, which one would you choose? →
(Choose only one option.)

Trip A



Trip B



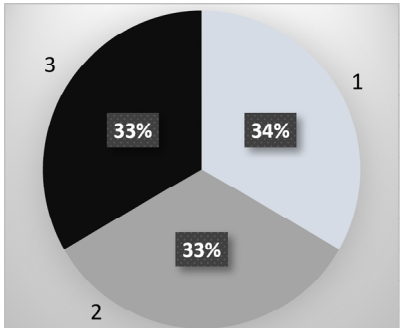
Trip C



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Suppose that you have the choice between two recreational saltwater fishing trips (**Trip A** or **Trip B**) and not going recreational saltwater fishing (**Trip C**). Below the table, indicate which of these three options would be your first choice.

REGULATIONS
You are legally allowed to keep: 3 Cod, 24" or longer 22 Haddock, 17" or longer

TRIP FEATURES	Trip A	Trip B	Trip C
TOTAL NUMBER OF FISH YOU CATCH This number includes both undersized and legal size fish.	3 Cod	4 Cod	Do something other than saltwater fishing.
NUMBER OF LEGAL-SIZE FISH YOU CAN KEEP These fish are <u>at least legal minimum size</u> .	0 to 3 Cod	34% chance of 1 Cod 33% chance of 2 Cod 33% chance of 3 Cod No chance of more than 3 Cod 	
TOTAL NUMBER OF OTHER FISH YOU CATCH Other fish you catch.	25 Haddock	10 Haddock	
NUMBER OF OTHER LEGAL-SIZE FISH YOU CAN KEEP Other fish you catch on this trip that <u>can be legally kept</u> .	10 Haddock	5 Haddock	
TOTAL TRIP COST Your share of the fishing-related, transportation, and other expenses. This cost would not cover anyone else on the trip.	\$160	\$340	

If you were presented with these three options, which one would you choose? →
(Choose only one option.)

Trip A
<input type="radio"/>

Trip B
<input type="radio"/>

Trip C
<input type="radio"/>

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REGULATIONS
You are legally allowed to keep: 2 Cod, 24" or longer 20 Haddock, 17" or longer

	Trip A	Trip B	Trip C
CATCH			
TOTAL NUMBER OF FISH YOU CATCH This number includes both undersized and legal size fish.	0 to 5 Cod	3 Cod	Do something other than saltwater fishing.
NUMBER OF LEGAL-SIZE FISH YOU CAN KEEP These fish are <u>at least legal minimum size</u> .	0 to 2 Cod	1 Cod	
TOTAL NUMBER OF OTHER FISH YOU CATCH Other fish you catch.	13 Haddock	20 Haddock	
NUMBER OF OTHER LEGAL-SIZE FISH YOU CAN KEEP Other fish you catch on this trip that <u>can be legally kept</u> .	10 Haddock	7 Haddock	
TRIP DETAILS			
TOTAL TRIP COST Your share of the fishing-related, transportation, and other expenses. This cost would not cover anyone else on the trip.	\$130	\$60	

If you were presented with these three options, which one would you choose? →
(Choose only one option.)

Trip A
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Trip B
○

Trip C
○

SECTION C: SALTWATER FISHING TRIP FEATURES

This question will help us understand which features of the saltwater fishing trip options in Section B did not factor into the choices you made.

When you made your choices in Section B, were there any fishing trip features that you did **not** consider? Please select the trip features that you did **not** consider when you made those choices. If all the trip features factored into your choices, just skip this question.

Trip features from Section B questions that I did **not** consider. Select all that apply.

Number of fluke you catch ← I did **not** consider this feature

Trip Cost per person ← I did **not** consider this feature

Number of scup or black sea bass you keep ← I did **not** consider this feature

Number of scup or black sea bass you catch ← I did **not** consider this feature

Number of fluke you can keep ← I did **not** consider this feature

SECTION D: ABOUT YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD

These questions will help us understand whether our sample is representative of the angler population.

6. Are you male or female?

- Male Female

7. In what year were you born?

Year born (YYYY)

8. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Some high school 4-year degree
 High school graduate or GED Some graduate school
 2-year degree or trade school graduate Master's degree (ex: MA, MS, MBA)
 Some college Professional or doctoral degree

9. Which of the following categories best describes your household's total annual income before taxes in 2021?

- Less than \$20,000 \$80,000 to \$99,999
 \$20,000 to \$39,999 \$100,000 to \$149,999
 \$40,000 to \$59,999 \$150,000 to \$199,999
 \$60,000 to \$79,999 \$200,000 or more

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please call 800-229-5220 Option 3 or email Scott.Steinback@noaa.gov

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