Massachusetts Saltwater Angler Permit Survey

2012

Section A: Your Recreational Saltwater Fishing Activity

In this section, we ask questions about how often you recreationally fish in saltwater and whether you typically fish from shore, a private boat, or a charter boat.

1. Approximately how many days did you recreationally fish in Massachusetts marine waters during 2011?

☐☐☐ Number of days (*count partial days as full days*)

2. How many days have you recreationally fished in Massachusetts marine waters so far in 2012?

☐☐☐ Number of days (*count partial days as full days*)

3. Approximately how many days do you think you will actually recreationally fish in Massachusetts marine waters during all of 2012?

☐☐☐ Number of days (*count partial days as full days*)

4. Will you most often be recreational fishing from shore, a private boat, or a charter boat in Massachusetts marine waters in 2012?

☐ Shore ☐ Private boat ☐ Charter boat

5. Do you currently own a boat that you will use to fish recreationally in Massachusetts marine waters in 2012?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Will anyone in your household purchase a Massachusetts permit to operate a for-hire recreational fishing boat or purchase a Massachusetts commercial fishing permit this year?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Section B: Your 2012 Massachusetts Saltwater Recreational Fishing Permit

In this section, we ask you a hypothetical question about your willingness to sell us your 2012 Massachusetts Saltwater Recreational Fishing Permit.

7. Imagine that a check payable to you for $[ ]was included along with this survey as a cash offer for your 2012 Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit. Knowing that the fishing permit is required for anyone that fishes recreationally in Massachusetts marine waters during 2012, would you be willing to send us your permit, and in doing so, give up your right to fish recreationally in Massachusetts marine waters for the rest of this year in return for $[ ]?

Although the question is hypothetical, before you provide your answer please keep in mind your household budget. Try to answer the question as if this was an actual cash offer to you for your 2012 Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit, and then check the indicated box below.

☐ Yes ☐ No

For questions on this survey, please call Daemian Schreiber at 800-229-5220 ext 7831 or email mavs@quantech.com

If answered Yes to Question 7

8. Are you "probably sure" or "definitely sure" that you would give up your right to fish in Massachusetts marine waters for the rest of 2012 in return for $[ ]?

- ☐ Probably sure
- ☐ Definitely sure

If answered No to Question 7

8. Are you "probably sure" or "definitely sure" that you would **not** give up your right to fish in Massachusetts marine waters for the rest of 2012 in return for $[ ]?

- ☐ Probably sure
- ☐ Definitely sure

Section C: About You and Your Household

Different types of anglers may value fishing in different ways. These questions will help us understand the relationship between demographic characteristics and the value that anglers place on being able to go recreational saltwater fishing.

9. How many people live in your household (including yourself)? _____

10. What is your marital status? ☐ Married ☐ Not married

11. What best describes your employment status ? (Please check all that apply)

- ☐ Employed full-time
- ☐ Employed part-time
- ☐ Unemployed
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Full-time homemaker
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Other(specify)

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

- ☐ Some high school
- ☐ High school graduate
- ☐ Some college
- ☐ Two-year college degree (AA, AS) or technical school
- ☐ Four-year college degree (BA, BS)
- ☐ Some graduate work but not a graduate degree
- ☐ Graduate degree (MA, MS, MBA, PhD, JD, MD, etc)

13. Which of the following best describes your household's 2011 total annual income before taxes?

- ☐ Less than $15,000
- ☐ $15,000 - $34,999
- ☐ $35,000 - $49,999
- ☐ $50,000 - $74,999
- ☐ $75,000 - $99,999
- ☐ $100,000 - $149,999
- ☐ $150,000 - $199,999
- ☐ $200,000 and over

Thank You For Completing This Survey!

We appreciate your participation in this survey. Please add any additional comments below.

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