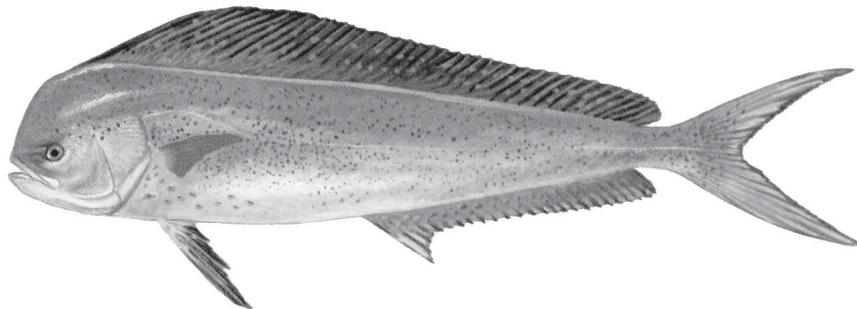
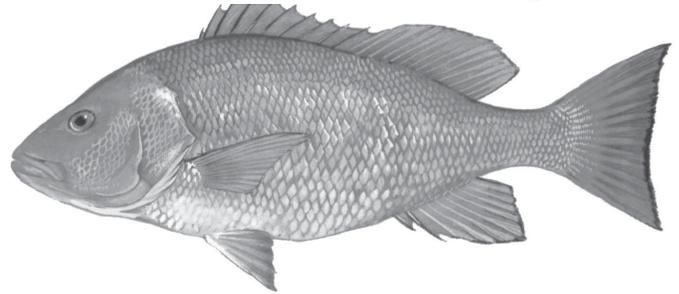
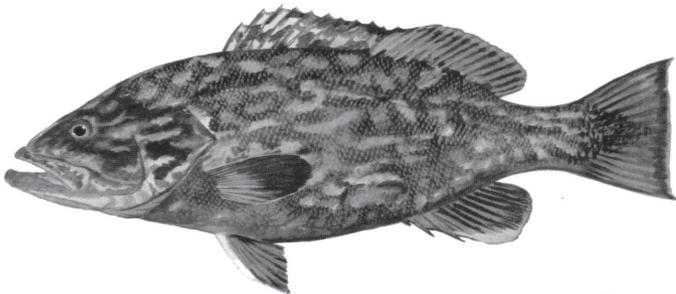
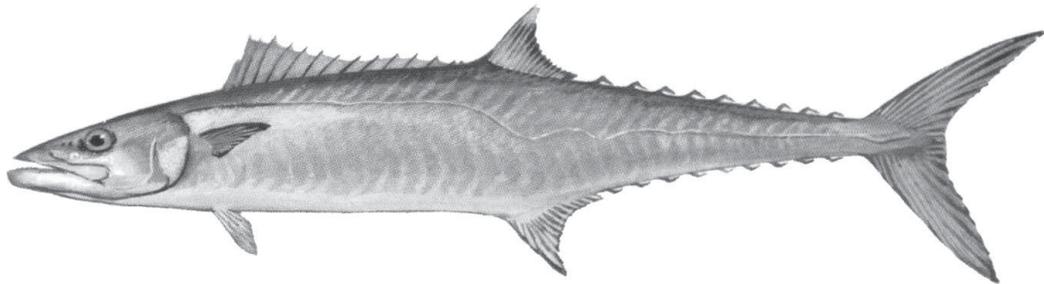


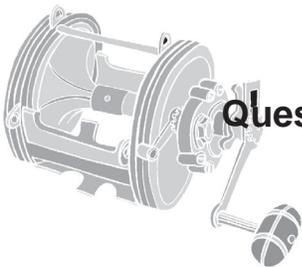
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Section A: Your Recent Sport Fishing Activities

Your opinions are important. The questions in this survey are about YOU and YOUR recreational saltwater fishing activities and preferences. Except when asked, please do not include any information from other household members or other fishing party members. When completing the questionnaire please print clearly.

- A1** Over the past year, how often have you targeted each of the following saltwater species?

Saltwater Species	Never Target	Rarely Target	Frequently Target	Always Target
Grouper	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Red Snapper	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other Snapper (NOT Red Snapper)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tuna (yellowfin, bluefin, blackfin, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dolphin (mahi-mahi)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cobia	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
King mackerel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spanish mackerel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

- A1.a** If you target any other fish not listed above, please write them in the space provided.

- A2** What are your preferences for keeping the following saltwater fish? Please mark only one choice for each species.

Saltwater Species	Have not caught	I keep all that I am legally allowed	I keep some of what I am legally allowed	I keep none of what I am legally allowed
Grouper	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Red Snapper	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other Snapper	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tuna	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dolphin	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cobia	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
King mackerel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spanish mackerel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



A3 On your most recent saltwater fishing trip, how much did you personally spend during that trip? Please do not include any costs paid by others.

Type of Expenditure	Personal Expenditure
Auto/truck fuel	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Airfare or other public transportation	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Auto/RV rental	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Lodging	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Food and drinks from grocery/ convenience stores	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Food and drink from restaurants and bars	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Boat fuel	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Fishing gear or tackle used only on this trip	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Bait	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Ice	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Equipment rental	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Access/boat launching fees	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Party, charter, or guide fees (include tips)	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Other: _____	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>



A4 During the past two months, how many fishing trips have you taken in:

Freshwater
 Saltwater



A5 During the past two months, how many saltwater fishing trips have you taken from:

Beach or bank Privately owned boat
 Pier, bridge, or jetty Charter, party, or head boat



A6 Below are several reasons why you may release fish you could have legally kept. Indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following reasons.

“I release some fish I could have legally kept because...”	Strongly Agree	Agree	Feel Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
...I don't like to eat some types of fish.	<input type="radio"/>				
...even though they are of legal size they are too small to keep.	<input type="radio"/>				
...I already caught what I plan to eat.	<input type="radio"/>				
...I enjoy the sport of catching and releasing fish.	<input type="radio"/>				
...I am interested in fisheries conservation.	<input type="radio"/>				
...I don't want to catch my limit too quickly.	<input type="radio"/>				
...some are too big and don't taste as good.	<input type="radio"/>				
...some look damaged or not in good shape.	<input type="radio"/>				
...of some other reason (please specify). _____					



A7 Please indicate the extent to which you support or oppose the following conservation measures.

Conservation Measure	Support	Somewhat Support	Feel Neutral	Somewhat Oppose	Oppose
Minimum size limits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maximum size limits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Slot limits (combined maximum and minimum size limits)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bag limits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Area closures to protect key habitat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seasonal closures to protect spawning or other seasonal aggregations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restrictions on the type of fishing gear that can be used	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Harvest moratorium/closure for species in trouble	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

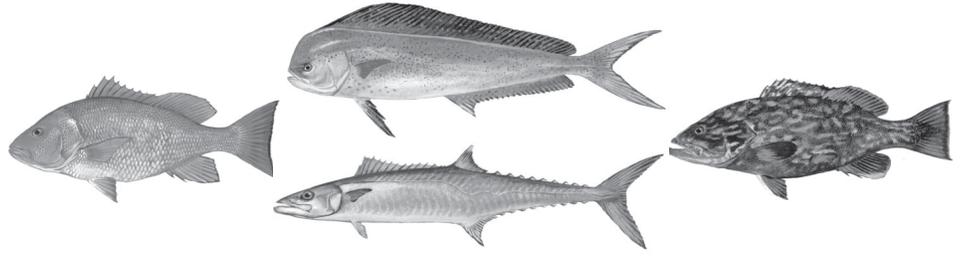
Section B: Your Preferences for Saltwater Fishing Trips

In this section we want to know about your preferences for different types of saltwater fishing trips. Each question will ask you to compare two single day fishing trips that vary in the following ways:

- **Target species:** The species of fish you expect to catch on the trip.
- **Total number of fish caught per trip:** Your expected total catch of the target species. Your total may be restricted by the bag limit and/or the minimum size limit.
- **Bag limit:** The number of fish of the target species that you are legally allowed to keep per fishing trip.
- **Minimum size limit:** The minimum length of the target species that you may keep. You are not legally allowed to keep fish that measure less than this length.
- **Catch at or above minimum size:** Your expected catch of the target species that are equal to or longer than the minimum size limit.
- **Trip cost:** Includes your personal share of the costs associated with gas, wear and tear on your vehicle, tolls, ferries, parking, access fees, food, ice, bait, and fishing equipment used on this trip.
- **Other fish:** Any fish you might expect to catch on a fishing trip for the target species (not including the target species).

These definitions are also provided on each of the following pages for your reference. Please refer to them as needed.

Fishing Trips



B1 Please look at the table, compare all the features of each fishing trip, and then answer the question below.

Definitions

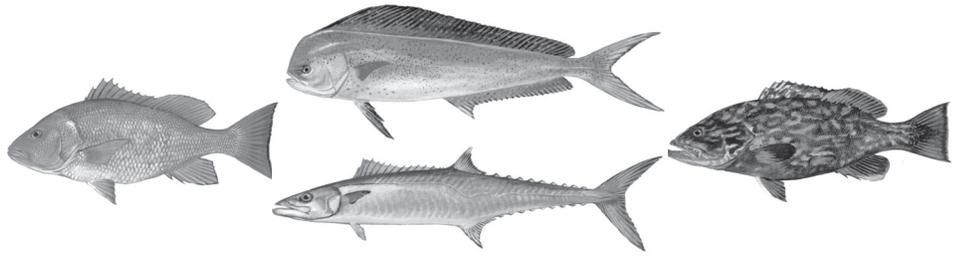
- **Target species:** The species of fish you expect to catch on the trip.
- **Total number of fish caught per trip:** Your expected total catch of the target species. Your total may be restricted by the bag limit and/or the minimum size limit.
- **Bag limit:** The number of the target species that you are legally allowed to keep per fishing trip.
- **Minimum size limit:** The minimum length of the target species that you may keep. You are not legally allowed to keep fish that measure less than this length.
- **Catch at or above minimum size:** Your expected catch of the target species that are equal to or longer than the minimum size limit.
- **Trip cost:** Includes your personal share of the costs associated with gas, wear and tear on your vehicle, tolls, ferries, parking, access fees, food, ice, bait, and fishing equipment used on this trip.
- **Other fish:** Any fish you might expect to catch on a fishing trip for the target species (not including the target species).

Features	Trip A	Trip B	No Trip
Target species	Grouper	King Mackerel	Do something else, but not take a saltwater fishing trip.
Total number caught per trip	6 Grouper	1 King Mackerel	
Bag limit	1 Grouper	3 King Mackerel	
Minimum size limit	18 inches	20 inches	
Catch at or above the minimum size	1 Grouper	1 King Mackerel	
Trip cost	\$45	\$105	
Catch of target species you are legally allowed to keep	1 Grouper	1 King Mackerel	
Catch of other fish you are legally allowed to keep	6 fish	6 fish	

Which trip would you choose? Please select only one.

Trip A
 Trip B
 No Trip

Fishing Trips



B2 Please look at the table, compare all the features of each fishing trip, and then answer the question below.

Definitions

- **Target species:** The species of fish you expect to catch on the trip.
- **Total number of fish caught per trip:** Your expected total catch of the target species. Your total may be restricted by the bag limit and/or the minimum size limit.
- **Bag limit:** The number of the target species that you are legally allowed to keep per fishing trip.
- **Minimum size limit:** The minimum length of the target species that you may keep. You are not legally allowed to keep fish that measure less than this length.
- **Catch at or above minimum size:** Your expected catch of the target species that are equal to or longer than the minimum size limit.
- **Trip cost:** Includes your personal share of the costs associated with gas, wear and tear on your vehicle, tolls, ferries, parking, access fees, food, ice, bait, and fishing equipment used on this trip.
- **Other fish:** Any fish you might expect to catch on a fishing trip for the target species (not including the target species).

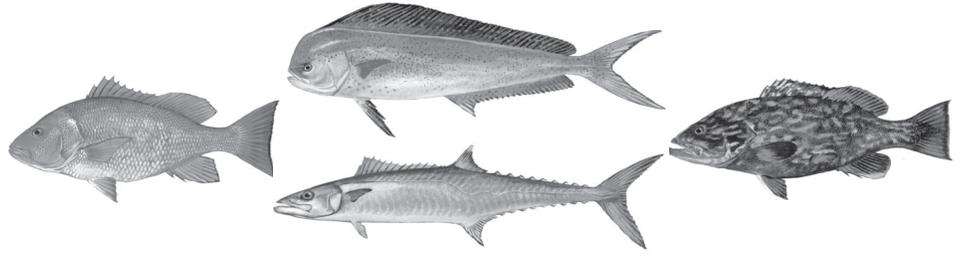
Features	Trip A	Trip B	No Trip
Target species	King Mackerel	Grouper	Do something else, but not take a saltwater fishing trip.
Total number caught per trip	5 King Mackerel	6 Grouper	
Bag limit	2 King Mackerel	6 Grouper	
Minimum size limit	24 inches	24 inches	
Catch at or above the minimum size	3 King Mackerel	1 Grouper	
Trip cost	\$70	\$70	
Catch of target species you are legally allowed to keep	2 King Mackerel	1 Grouper	
Catch of other fish you are legally allowed to keep	6 fish	1 fish	



Which trip would you choose? Please select only one.

- Trip A
- Trip B
- No Trip

Fishing Trips



B3 Please look at the table, compare all the features of each fishing trip, and then answer the question below.

- Definitions**
- **Target species:** The species of fish you expect to catch on the trip.
 - **Total number of fish caught per trip:** Your expected total catch of the target species. Your total may be restricted by the bag limit and/or the minimum size limit.
 - **Bag limit:** The number of the target species that you are legally allowed to keep per fishing trip.
 - **Minimum size limit:** The minimum length of the target species that you may keep. You are not legally allowed to keep fish that measure less than this length.
 - **Catch at or above minimum size:** Your expected catch of the target species that are equal to or longer than the minimum size limit.
 - **Trip cost:** Includes your personal share of the costs associated with gas, wear and tear on your vehicle, tolls, ferries, parking, access fees, food, ice, bait, and fishing equipment used on this trip.
 - **Other fish:** Any fish you might expect to catch on a fishing trip for the target species (not including the target species).

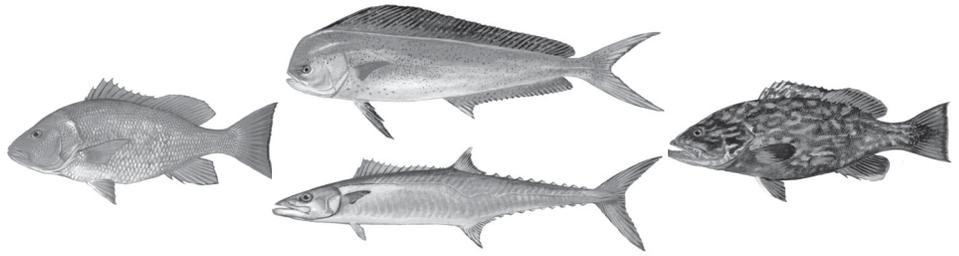
Features	Trip A	Trip B	No Trip
Target species	King Mackerel	Dolphin	Do something else, but not take a saltwater fishing trip.
Total number caught per trip	5 King Mackerel	1 Dolphin	
Bag limit	5 King Mackerel	10 Dolphin	
Minimum size limit	24 inches	20 inches	
Catch at or above the minimum size	1 King Mackerel	1 Dolphin	
Trip cost	\$70	\$70	
Catch of target species you are legally allowed to keep	1 King Mackerel	1 Dolphin	
Catch of other fish you are legally allowed to keep	1 fish	3 fish	



Which trip would you choose? Please select only one.

- Trip A
- Trip B
- No Trip

Fishing Trips



B4 Please look at the table, compare all the features of each fishing trip, and then answer the question below.

Definitions

- **Target species:** The species of fish you expect to catch on the trip.
- **Total number of fish caught per trip:** Your expected total catch of the target species. Your total may be restricted by the bag limit and/or the minimum size limit.
- **Bag limit:** The number of the target species that you are legally allowed to keep per fishing trip.
- **Minimum size limit:** The minimum length of the target species that you may keep. You are not legally allowed to keep fish that measure less than this length.
- **Catch at or above minimum size:** Your expected catch of the target species that are equal to or longer than the minimum size limit.
- **Catch at or above minimum size:** Your expected catch of the target species that are equal to or longer than the minimum size limit.
- **Trip cost:** Includes your personal share of the costs associated with gas, wear and tear on your vehicle, tolls, ferries, parking, access fees, food, ice, bait, and fishing equipment used on this trip.
- **Other fish:** Any fish you might expect to catch on a fishing trip for the target species (not including the target species).

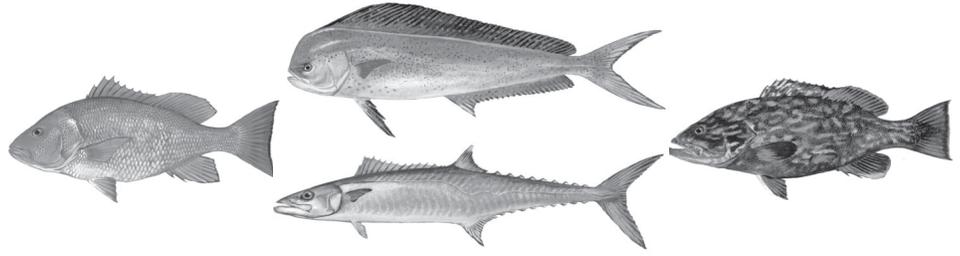
Features	Trip A	Trip B	No Trip
Target species	Grouper	Dolphin	Do something else, but not take a saltwater fishing trip.
Total number caught per trip	5 Grouper	6 Dolphin	
Bag limit	2 Grouper	6 Dolphin	
Minimum size limit	24 inches	18 inches	
Catch at or above the minimum size	5 Grouper	3 Dolphin	
Trip cost	\$45	\$140	
Catch of target species you are legally allowed to keep	2 Grouper	3 Dolphin	
Catch of other fish you are legally allowed to keep	6 fish	6 fish	



Which trip would you choose? Please select only one.

- Trip A
- Trip B
- No Trip

Fishing Trips



B5 Please look at the table, compare all the features of each fishing trip, and then answer the question below.

Definitions

- **Target species:** The species of fish you expect to catch on the trip.
- **Total number of fish caught per trip:** Your expected total catch of the target species. Your total may be restricted by the bag limit and/or the minimum size limit.
- **Bag limit:** The number of the target species that you are legally allowed to keep per fishing trip.
- **Minimum size limit:** The minimum length of the target species that you may keep. You are not legally allowed to keep fish that measure less than this length.
- **Catch at or above minimum size:** Your expected catch of the target species that are equal to or longer than the minimum size limit.
- **Catch at or above minimum size:** Your expected catch of the target species that are equal to or longer than the minimum size limit.
- **Trip cost:** Includes your personal share of the costs associated with gas, wear and tear on your vehicle, tolls, ferries, parking, access fees, food, ice, bait, and fishing equipment used on this trip.
- **Other fish:** Any fish you might expect to catch on a fishing trip for the target species (not including the target species).

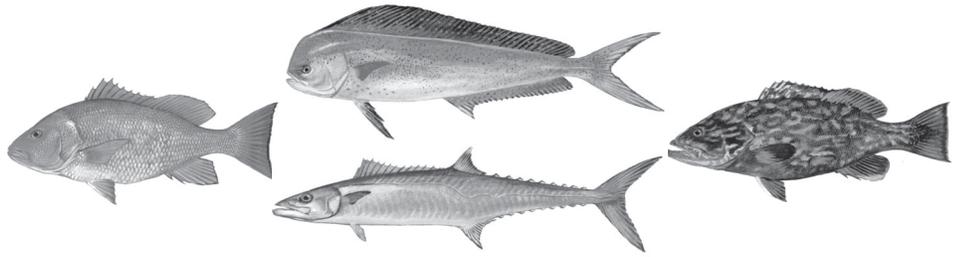
Features	Trip A	Trip B	No Trip
Target species	Dolphin	Red Snapper	Do something else, but not take a saltwater fishing trip.
Total number caught per trip	3 Dolphin	2 Red Snapper	
Bag limit	15 Dolphin	2 Red Snapper	
Minimum size limit	18 inches	18 inches	
Catch at or above the minimum size	3 Dolphin	2 Red Snapper	
Trip cost	\$105	\$45	
Catch of target species you are legally allowed to keep	3 Dolphin	2 Red Snapper	
Catch of other fish you are legally allowed to keep	3 fish	6 fish	



Which trip would you choose? Please select only one.

- Trip A
- Trip B
- No Trip

Fishing Trips



B6 Please look at the table, compare all the features of each fishing trip, and then answer the question below.

Definitions

- **Target species:** The species of fish you expect to catch on the trip.
- **Total number of fish caught per trip:** Your expected total catch of the target species. Your total may be restricted by the bag limit and/or the minimum size limit.
- **Bag limit:** The number of the target species that you are legally allowed to keep per fishing trip.
- **Minimum size limit:** The minimum length of the target species that you may keep. You are not legally allowed to keep fish that measure less than this length.
- **Catch at or above minimum size:** Your expected catch of the target species that are equal to or longer than the minimum size limit.
- **Trip cost:** Includes your personal share of the costs associated with gas, wear and tear on your vehicle, tolls, ferries, parking, access fees, food, ice, bait, and fishing equipment used on this trip.
- **Other fish:** Any fish you might expect to catch on a fishing trip for the target species (not including the target species).

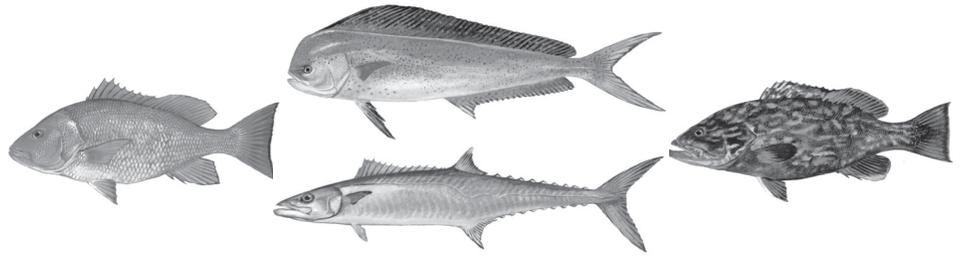
Features	Trip A	Trip B	No Trip
Target species	Dolphin	Dolphin	
Total number caught per trip	10 Dolphin	10 Dolphin	
Bag limit	6 Dolphin	6 Dolphin	
Minimum size limit	24 inches	24 inches	
Catch at or above the minimum size	10 Dolphin	6 Dolphin	
Trip cost	\$105	\$70	
Catch of target species you are legally allowed to keep	6 Dolphin	6 Dolphin	Do something else, but not take a saltwater fishing trip.
Catch of other fish you are legally allowed to keep	1 fish	1 fish	



Which trip would you choose? Please select only one.

- Trip A
- Trip B
- No Trip

Fishing Trips



B7 Please look at the table, compare all the features of each fishing trip, and then answer the question below.

Definitions

- **Target species:** The species of fish you expect to catch on the trip.
- **Total number of fish caught per trip:** Your expected total catch of the target species. Your total may be restricted by the bag limit and/or the minimum size limit.
- **Bag limit:** The number of the target species that you are legally allowed to keep per fishing trip.
- **Minimum size limit:** The minimum length of the target species that you may keep. You are not legally allowed to keep fish that measure less than this length.
- **Catch at or above minimum size:** Your expected catch of the target species that are equal to or longer than the minimum size limit.
- **Trip cost:** Includes your personal share of the costs associated with gas, wear and tear on your vehicle, tolls, ferries, parking, access fees, food, ice, bait, and fishing equipment used on this trip.
- **Other fish:** Any fish you might expect to catch on a fishing trip for the target species (not including the target species).

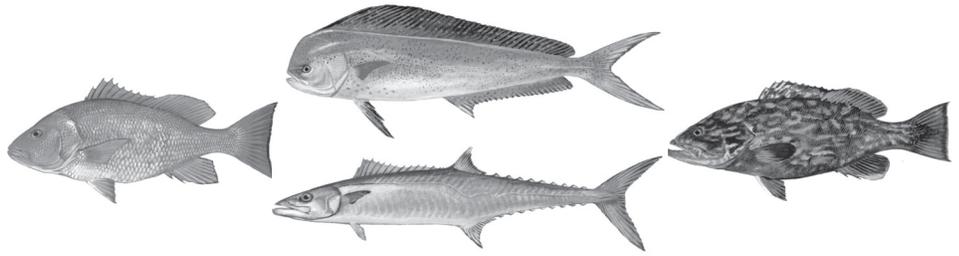
Features	Trip A	Trip B	No Trip
Target species	Red Snapper	King Mackerel	Do something else, but not take a saltwater fishing trip.
Total number caught per trip	1 Red Snapper	5 King Mackerel	
Bag limit	5 Red Snapper	2 King Mackerel	
Minimum size limit	22 inches	24 inches	
Catch at or above the minimum size	1 Red Snapper	5 King Mackerel	
Trip cost	\$140	\$45	
Catch of target species you are legally allowed to keep	1 Red Snapper	2 King Mackerel	
Catch of other fish you are legally allowed to keep	3 fish	3 fish	



Which trip would you choose? Please select only one.

- Trip A
- Trip B
- No Trip

Fishing Trips



B8 Please look at the table, compare all the features of each fishing trip, and then answer the question below.

Definitions

- **Target species:** The species of fish you expect to catch on the trip.
- **Total number of fish caught per trip:** Your expected total catch of the target species. Your total may be restricted by the bag limit and/or the minimum size limit.
- **Bag limit:** The number of the target species that you are legally allowed to keep per fishing trip.
- **Minimum size limit:** The minimum length of the target species that you may keep. You are not legally allowed to keep fish that measure less than this length.
- **Catch at or above minimum size:** Your expected catch of the target species that are equal to or longer than the minimum size limit.
- **Trip cost:** Includes your personal share of the costs associated with gas, wear and tear on your vehicle, tolls, ferries, parking, access fees, food, ice, bait, and fishing equipment used on this trip.
- **Other fish:** Any fish you might expect to catch on a fishing trip for the target species (not including the target species).

Features	Trip A	Trip B	No Trip
Target species	Dolphin	Red Snapper	Do something else, but not take a saltwater fishing trip.
Total number caught per trip	6 Dolphin	3 Red Snapper	
Bag limit	10 Dolphin	5 Red Snapper	
Minimum size limit	24 inches	22 inches	
Catch at or above the minimum size	3 Dolphin	3 Red Snapper	
Trip cost	\$140	\$105	
Catch of target species you are legally allowed to keep	3 Dolphin	3 Red Snapper	
Catch of other fish you are legally allowed to keep	3 fish	3 fish	



Which trip would you choose? Please select only one.

- Trip A
- Trip B
- No Trip

Section C: About You and Your Household

Different types of anglers may have different preferences for fisheries management. The following basic demographic questions will help fishery managers understand the opinions of different types of anglers. The information you provide will remain strictly confidential, and you will not be identified with your answers.

 **C1** Are you.....?

<input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female
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 **C2** What is the highest level of education you have completed?

<input type="radio"/> Some high school
<input type="radio"/> High school graduate
<input type="radio"/> 2-year degree or technical school
<input type="radio"/> Some college
<input type="radio"/> College graduate
<input type="radio"/> Professional or doctoral degree

 **C3** What best describes your employment status? Please check all that apply.

<input type="radio"/> Employed full-time
<input type="radio"/> Employed part-time
<input type="radio"/> Full time homemaker
<input type="radio"/> Retired
<input type="radio"/> Student (part-time)
<input type="radio"/> Student (full-time)
<input type="radio"/> Unemployed
<input type="radio"/> Other (specify)_____

 C4 What year were you born?

Year:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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 C5 What is your ethnic background?

<input type="radio"/>	White
<input type="radio"/>	Black/African American
<input type="radio"/>	Hispanic/Spanish
<input type="radio"/>	Asian/Pacific Islander
<input type="radio"/>	American Indian
<input type="radio"/>	Other: _____

 C6 Which of the following categories best describes your household's total annual income before taxes in 2002?

<input type="radio"/>	Less than \$15,599
<input type="radio"/>	\$15,600 - \$31,199
<input type="radio"/>	\$31,200 - \$46,799
<input type="radio"/>	\$46,800 - \$62,399
<input type="radio"/>	\$62,400 - \$77,999
<input type="radio"/>	\$78,000 - \$93,599
<input type="radio"/>	\$93,600 - \$109,199
<input type="radio"/>	\$109,200 - \$124,799
<input type="radio"/>	\$124,800 - \$139,999
<input type="radio"/>	Greater than \$140,000

 C7 Was this survey completed by the person to whom it was mailed?

<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
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Thank You for Participating!

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