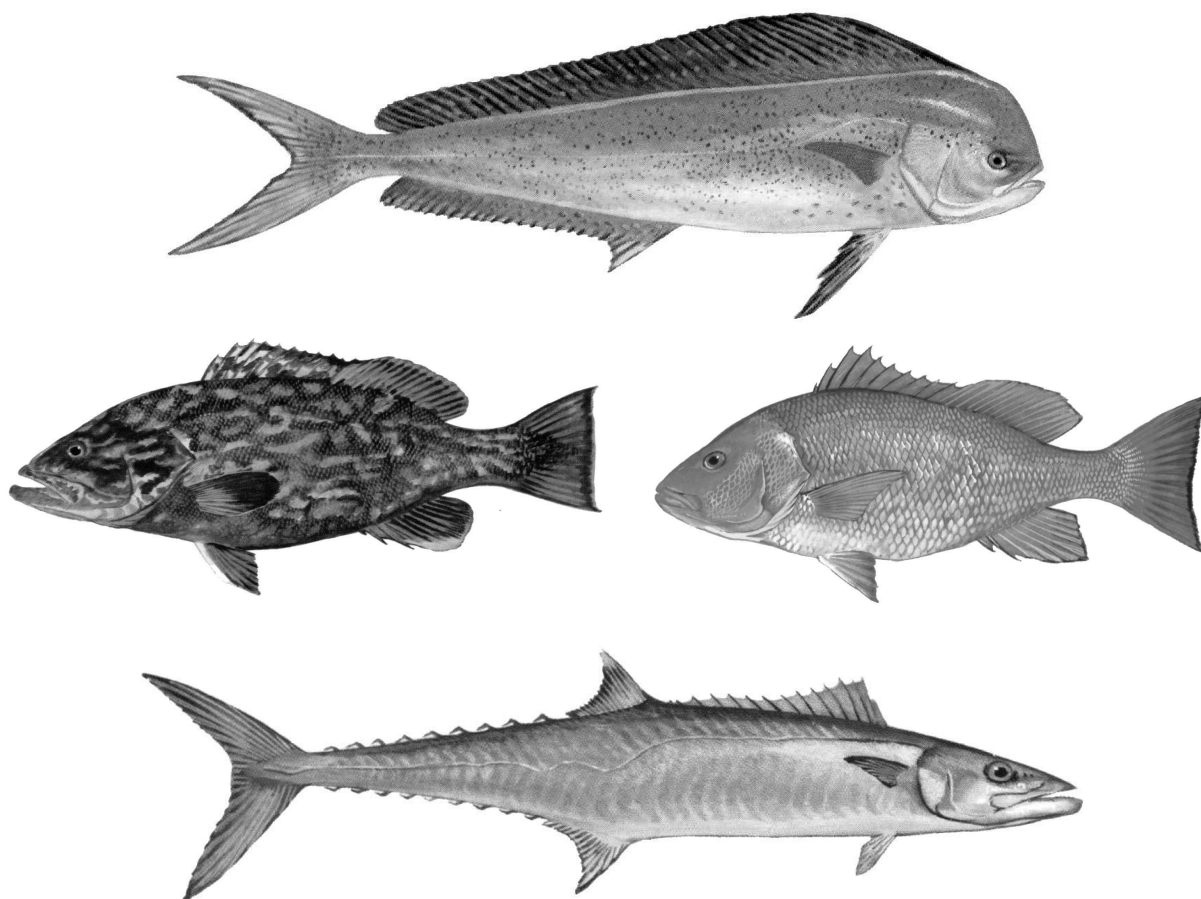

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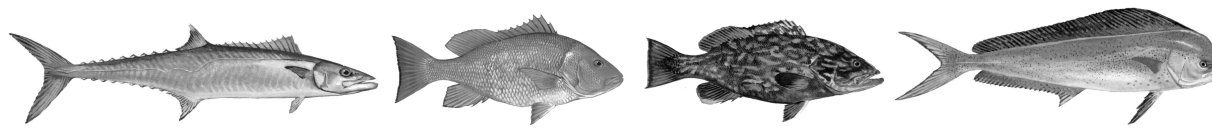
What Do You Think?



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Section A: Your Saltwater Fishing Experiences and Activities

This survey is confidential.



A1 How many years have you been saltwater fishing?

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years



A2 a) Do you, or does anyone in your household, own a motorized boat that is ever used for saltwater recreational fishing?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If **Yes**, please answer the following questions about your boat:

b) What is the year, length, and horsepower of your boat?

_____year _____feet _____horsepower

c) Where do you usually keep your boat?

- ☐ Trailer ☐ Marina ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Rack storage ☐ Behind house with water access



A3 a) Do you have a current saltwater fishing license?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b) **If Yes**, from which State(s)? (check all that apply)

☐ North Carolina

☐ Georgia

☐ Other U.S. State

☐ South Carolina

☐ Florida

☐ Other _____



A4 Are you familiar with the saltwater fishing regulations in the **State** waters where you have a saltwater fishing license or where you fish most often?

☐ Yes ☐ No



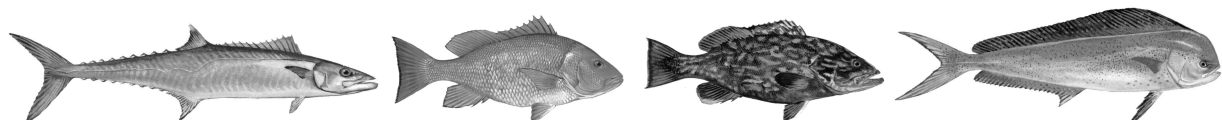
A5 Are you familiar with the saltwater fishing regulations in **Federal** waters in the South Atlantic?

☐ Yes ☐ No



A6 Please fill in the table below with the number of **fishing trips** you took in the **last 2 months** for each type of trip. (blanks will be counted as zero)

Type of fishing trip	# of fishing trips
Saltwater charter (<i>passengers pay as a group for entire boat</i>)	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Saltwater head boat / party boat (<i>pay on a per person basis</i>)	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Saltwater with a privately owned boat or rental boat	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Saltwater from the shore or a pier	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Freshwater (all types)	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>





A7 Please fill in the table below with the number of **saltwater fishing trips you took with a private or rental boat in the last 12 months** departing from each State. (blanks will be counted as zero)

State	# of fishing trips
North Carolina	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
South Carolina	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Georgia	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

State	# of fishing trips
Florida	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Other U.S. State	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Foreign Country	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

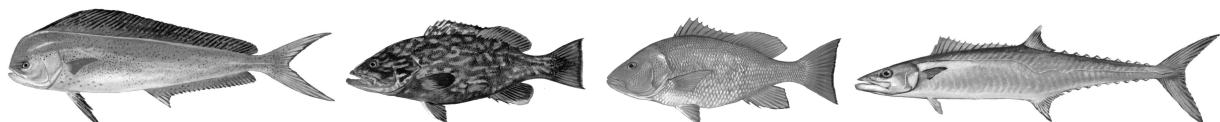


A8 Below are a few reasons why you might take a **saltwater fishing trip**. Please indicate the extent you agree or disagree with each statement.

"A reason I take <i>saltwater fishing trips</i> is to ..."	Strongly Agree	Agree	Feel Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
...experience the outdoors and nature	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...experience the challenge and excitement of catching fish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...relax and escape the day-to-day	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...enjoy time with family and friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...catch a lot of fish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...keep a lot of fish (for food)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...catch a trophy fish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...compete in tournaments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



A9 How many saltwater fishing trips do you plan to take **with a private or rental boat in the next 2 months?**

 trips


Section B: Your Most Recent Saltwater Fishing Trip

Please answer the questions below regarding your most recent **saltwater fishing trip with a private or rental boat**.



B1 What was the month and year of the fishing trip?

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(month) (year)



B2 What county and state did the boat depart from?

(county/state)



B3 From where did the boat depart?

☐ Ramp ☐ Marina ☐ House ☐ Other _____



B4 How many hours were you on the water that day? _____ hours



B5 a) What was the total number of persons on this fishing trip (including yourself)?

persons

b) Who where the other persons (check all that apply)?

☐ Family ☐ Colleagues ☐ Not applicable (I was alone)
☐ Friends ☐ Other _____



B6 a) Whose boat did you take?

☐ Own ☐ Friend's ☐ Relative's ☐ Rental ☐ Other _____

b) **If you did not take your own boat**, then what is the year, length, and horsepower of the boat you took?

_____year _____feet _____horsepower ☐ Don't know



B7 What was the **primary** area/waters fished?

☐ Inshore ☐ State offshore ☐ Federal offshore ☐ Don't know



B8 What was the **primary** method of fishing? (Please check only one)

☐ Trolling ☐ Casting ☐ Drifting ☐ Don't know
☐ Bottom ☐ Fly ☐ Other _____



B9 a) Were you planning to target a specific type of fish **when the trip was planned**?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

b) **If Yes**, which type of fish were you planning to target?

_____ (please write one type of fish)



B10 Please check the boxes for the types of fish targeted, caught, and/or kept while you were fishing on this trip.

Type of Fish	Targeted	Caught	Kept
Dolphin fish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Red snapper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other snappers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gag or black grouper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other groupers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mackerel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuna	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sailfish / swordfish / billfish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drum / flounder / inshore species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any other type of fish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know or don't remember			



B11 a) Did regulations force the **discard** of fish? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

b) If **Yes**, why were fish discarded? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Undersize ☐ Out of season ☐ Restricted species
☐ Over bag limit ☐ Other reason _____



B12 How much did you **personally spend** on boat fuel, ice, and bait on this trip?

\$ _____ , _____ . 0 0 ☐ Don't know



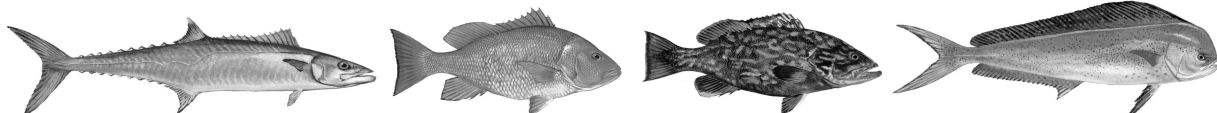
B13 What activity would you have engaged in if your fishing trip had been canceled the week before due to engine troubles and there was no other private or rental boat available?

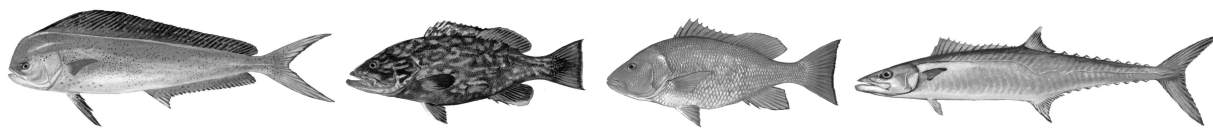
- ☐ Charter fishing ☐ Outdoor recreational activity: _____
☐ Work ☐ Indoor recreational activity: _____
☐ Don't know ☐ Something else: _____



B14 How would you rate your trip?

Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral / Don't know	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>





Section C: Your Preferences for South Atlantic Fishing Trips

We want to know what you think about different types of offshore saltwater fishing trips. Please read these instructions carefully before going to the next page.

On each of the following pages you are asked to compare the features of two hypothetical offshore South Atlantic fishing trips. You can expect to take your own boat, a friend's boat, or a rental (but not a charter). You **might catch** dolphin fish, mackerel, snapper, grouper, sailfish, billfish, shark or many other types of fish. However, **catch is never guaranteed** on any fishing trip.

All of the hypothetical offshore South Atlantic trips presented on each page are **identical** except for the following features:

Hours on the water: Hours spent on the water fishing and traveling to the fishing spot(s).

Time of the week: Weekday or weekend.

Bottom type of area fished: Composition of the sea floor where you will fish.

Trip Cost: Your share of the cost of boat fuel, bait, and ice. *All other costs are the same between the two trips shown on each page.*

Regulations: Policies in effect at the place and time of trip. Two forms of fishing regulations are presented for five types of fish that *might be caught* on each of the trips shown:

- **“Bag”** – The **bag limit** or the number of the given type of fish that each person is legally allowed to keep on a trip.
- **“Closed”** – There is a **closed season** in effect for the given species and no one is legally allowed to keep any of this type of fish.

Regulations for all other species are as in effect in the South Atlantic in 2009 and are *the same for each trip*. Please note that the regulations presented in the following pages are hypothetical and are unrelated to current fishery management decisions.

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C1 Please compare the features of South Atlantic offshore fishing trips A and B and answer the questions below. Please keep in mind that:

- You can use your own boat, a friend's boat, or a rental, but **not a charter**
- **You might catch** various types of fish, but **catch is not guaranteed**
- Trips A and B are **exactly the same** except for differences shown

Trip Features		Trip A	Trip B
Hours on the water		8 hours	8 hours
Time of the week		Weekend	Weekday
Bottom type of area fished		Natural	Artificial
Trip cost (boat fuel, bait, and ice)		\$70	\$85
Regulations in effect at the place and time of trip	Dolphin fish	10 bag	5 bag
	Snappers / Red Snapper	10 bag / 2 bag	5 bag / 1 bag
	Groupers	6 bag	closed
	King Mackerel	closed	3 bag
	Other regulations	As in 2009	As in 2009



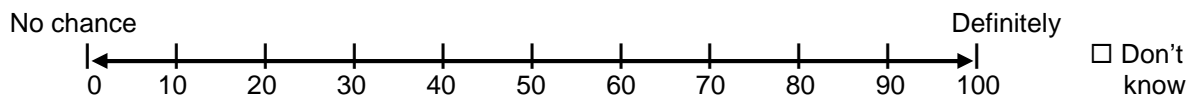
C1 a) Which of these two trips do you **prefer**? ☐ Trip A ☐ Trip B
☐ I don't know



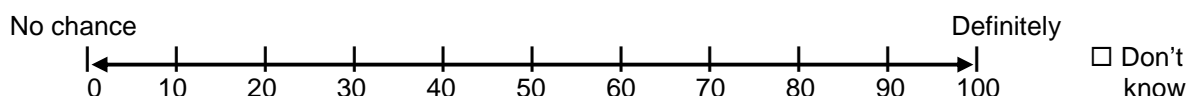
C1 b) Please circle one trip feature in the table above which most influenced your choice between Trip A and Trip B.



C1 c) On a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 means no chance and 100 means definitely, please mark the chance of you taking **Trip A** in the next two months?



C1 d) On a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 means no chance and 100 means definitely, please mark the chance of you taking **Trip B** in the next two months?





C2 Please compare the features of South Atlantic offshore fishing trips A and B and answer the questions below. Please keep in mind that:

- You can use your own boat, a friend's boat, or a rental, but **not a charter**
- **You might catch** various types of fish, but **catch is not guaranteed**
- Trips A and B are **exactly the same** except for differences shown

Trip Features		Trip A	Trip B
Hours on the water		8 hours	4 hours
Time of the week		Weekend	Weekday
Bottom type of area fished		Artificial	Natural
Trip cost (boat fuel, bait, and ice)		\$85	\$25
Regulations in effect at the place and time of trip	Dolphin fish	10 bag	5 bag
	Snappers / Red Snapper	5 bag / closed	10 bag / 1 bag
	Groupers	2 bag	closed
	King Mackerel	closed	1 bag
	Other regulations	As in 2009	As in 2009



C2 a) Which of these two trips do you **prefer**? ☐ Trip A ☐ Trip B

☐ I don't know

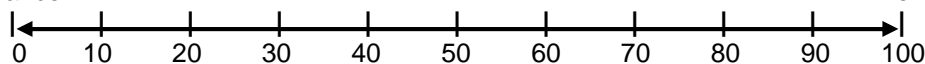


C2 b) Please circle one trip feature in the table above which most influenced your choice between Trip A and Trip B.



C2 c) On a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 means no chance and 100 means definitely, please mark the chance of you taking **Trip A** in the next two months?

No chance



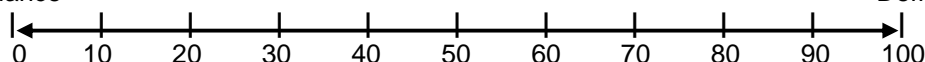
Definitely

☐ Don't know



C2 d) On a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 means no chance and 100 means definitely, please mark the chance of you taking **Trip B** in the next two months?

No chance



Definitely

☐ Don't know



C3 Please compare the features of South Atlantic offshore fishing trips A and B and answer the questions below. Please keep in mind that:

- You can use your own boat, a friend's boat, or a rental, but **not a charter**
- **You might catch** various types of fish, but **catch is not guaranteed**
- Trips A and B are **exactly the same** except for differences shown

Trip Features		Trip A	Trip B
Hours on the water		8 hours	8 hours
Time of the week		Weekend	Weekday
Bottom type of area fished		Artificial	Natural
Trip cost (boat fuel, bait, and ice)		\$100	\$70
Regulations in effect at the place and time of trip	Dolphin fish	5 bag	10 bag
	Snappers / Red Snapper	10 bag / 2 bag	5 bag / closed
	Groupers	closed	6 bag
	King Mackerel	closed	2 bag
	Other regulations	As in 2009	As in 2009



C3 a) Which of these two trips do you **prefer**? ☐ Trip A ☐ Trip B

☐ I don't know

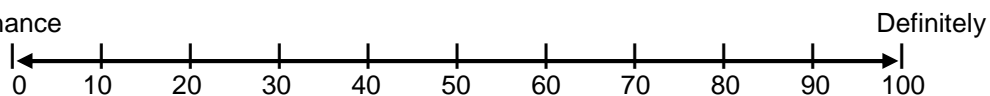


C3 b) Please circle one trip feature in the table above which most influenced your choice between Trip A and Trip B.



C3 c) On a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 means no chance and 100 means definitely, please mark the chance of you taking **Trip A** in the next two months?

No chance

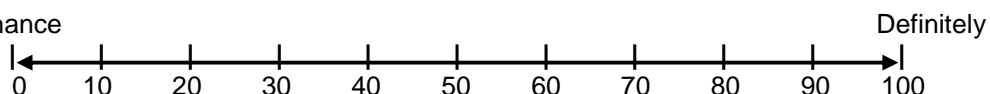


☐ Don't know



C3 d) On a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 means no chance and 100 means definitely, please mark the chance of you taking **Trip B** in the next two months?

No chance



☐ Don't know



C4 Please compare the features of South Atlantic offshore fishing trips A and B and answer the questions below. Please keep in mind that:

- You can use your own boat, a friend's boat, or a rental, but **not a charter**
- **You might catch** various types of fish, but **catch is not guaranteed**
- Trips A and B are **exactly the same** except for differences shown

Trip Features		Trip A	Trip B
Hours on the water		8 hours	8 hours
Time of the week		Weekday	Weekend
Bottom type of area fished		Natural	Artificial
Trip cost (boat fuel, bait, and ice)		\$70	\$100
Regulations in effect at the place and time of trip	Dolphin fish	5 bag	10 bag
	Snappers / Red Snapper	5 bag / 1 bag	10 bag / 3 bag
	Groupers	6 bag	closed
	King Mackerel	1 bag	2 bag
	Other regulations	As in 2009	As in 2009



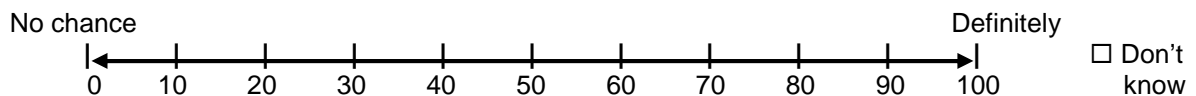
C4 a) Which of these two trips do you **prefer**? ☐ Trip A ☐ Trip B
☐ I don't know



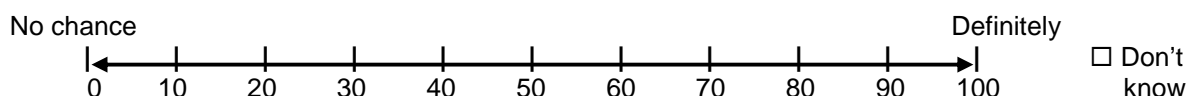
C4 b) Please circle one trip feature in the table above which most influenced your choice between Trip A and Trip B.



C4 c) On a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 means no chance and 100 means definitely, please mark the chance of you taking **Trip A** in the next two months?



C4 d) On a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 means no chance and 100 means definitely, please mark the chance of you taking **Trip B** in the next two months?





C5 Please compare the features of South Atlantic offshore fishing trips A and B and answer the questions below. Please keep in mind that:

- You can use your own boat, a friend's boat, or a rental, but **not a charter**
- **You might catch** various types of fish, but **catch is not guaranteed**
- Trips A and B are **exactly the same** except for differences shown

Trip Features		Trip A	Trip B
Hours on the water		4 hours	4 hours
Time of the week		Weekday	Weekend
Bottom type of area fished		Artificial	Natural
Trip cost (boat fuel, bait, and ice)		\$55	\$55
Regulations in effect at the place and time of trip	Dolphin fish	10 bag	5 bag
	Snappers / Red Snapper	5 bag / 3 bag	10 bag / closed
	Groupers	closed	4 bag
	King Mackerel	3 bag	closed
	Other regulations	As in 2009	As in 2009



C5 a) Which of these two trips do you **prefer**? ☐ Trip A ☐ Trip B

☐ I don't know

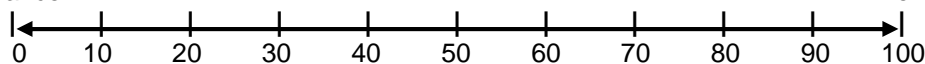


C5 b) Please circle one trip feature in the table above which most influenced your choice between Trip A and Trip B.



C5 c) On a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 means no chance and 100 means definitely, please mark the chance of you taking **Trip A** in the next two months?

No chance

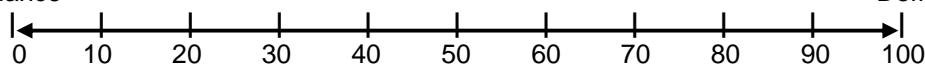


☐ Don't know



C5 d) On a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 means no chance and 100 means definitely, please mark the chance of you taking **Trip B** in the next two months?

No chance



☐ Don't know



C6 Please compare the features of South Atlantic offshore fishing trips A and B and answer the questions below. Please keep in mind that:

- You can use your own boat, a friend's boat, or a rental, but **not a charter**
- **You might catch** various types of fish, but **catch is not guaranteed**
- Trips A and B are **exactly the same** except for differences shown

Trip Features		Trip A	Trip B
Hours on the water		4 hours	4 hours
Time of the week		Weekend	Weekday
Bottom type of area fished		Natural	Artificial
Trip cost (boat fuel, bait, and ice)		\$25	\$40
Regulations in effect at the place and time of trip	Dolphin fish	5 bag	10 bag
	Snappers / Red Snapper	10 bag / closed	5 bag / 2 bag
	Groupers	2 bag	4 bag
	King Mackerel	2 bag	closed
	Other regulations	As in 2009	As in 2009



C6 a) Which of these two trips do you **prefer**? ☐ Trip A ☐ Trip B

☐ I don't know

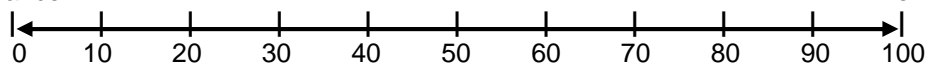


C6 b) Please circle one trip feature in the table above which most influenced your choice between Trip A and Trip B.



C6 c) On a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 means no chance and 100 means definitely, please mark the chance of you taking **Trip A** in the next two months?

No chance



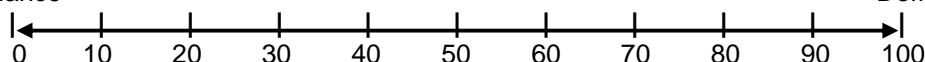
Definitely

☐ Don't know



C6 d) On a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 means no chance and 100 means definitely, please mark the chance of you taking **Trip B** in the next two months?

No chance



Definitely

☐ Don't know



Section D: About You and Your Household



D1 What is the Zip Code of your current home residence?



D2 What is your gender? ☐ Male ☐ Female



D3 What year were you born?

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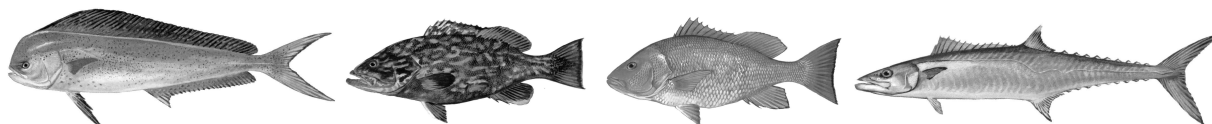
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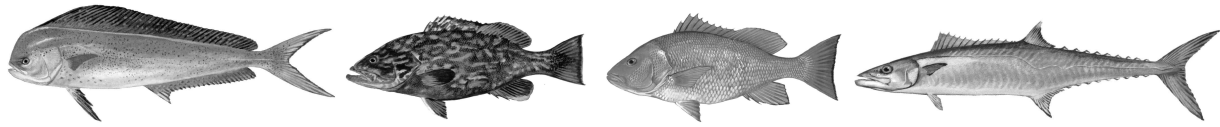
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 - \$124,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 - \$224,999 | |



D5 Was this survey completed by the person to whom it was mailed?

☐ Yes ☐ No





Thank You for Participating!

Your contribution to this study is greatly appreciated. We welcome any additional comments you would like to share with us. Please use the space provided below. Please return the completed questionnaire in the attached postage paid envelope as soon as possible.

Questions? Dr. David Carter at david.w.carter@noaa.gov or (305) 361-4263

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