

## FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ECONOMIC SURVEYS

NOAA Fisheries Economics Website:  
<http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st5/>

Some Reports and Publications:

- (2008) Fisheries Economics of the U.S., 2006
- (2008) The Economic Contribution of Marine Angler Expenditures in the U.S., 2006
- (2008) Saltwater Sport Fishing for Food or Income in the Northeastern U.S.: Statistical Estimates and Policy Implications
- (2005) The Effects of Water Quality on Coastal Recreation Flounder Fishing
- (2004) Economic Impacts of Marine Recreational Angling in the U.S.
- (2002) Evaluating Marine Sport Fisheries in the U.S.A.

These and many other reports and publications are available at the website listed above.



## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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# NORTHEAST MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING SURVEY (2009)



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## WHAT IS THIS SURVEY ABOUT?

Since 1994, NOAA Fisheries has collected economic and human dimensions information from anglers using the marine recreational data collection program. Paired with catch and biomass data, this information forms the core components of most regulatory and allocation decisions. We are occasionally asked to conduct additional studies to supplement existing data.

This year, NOAA Fisheries is gathering more information about your fishing experiences in the Northeast to help us better understand how management policies affect saltwater anglers.

## HOW WILL THIS SURVEY BE CONDUCTED?

This survey will be mailed to every saltwater angler that agrees to participate. The survey asks questions about the number of trips they have taken, target species, and the effect of potential management and biological situations on their fishing choices.



## HOW WILL THE DATA BE USED?

The results from the survey will be used to assess models of potential effects of various management options on fishing effort and economic impacts.

Additionally, this data will help us assess the value of access, natural resource damages, and measure the benefits of improving fishing quality.

## WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?

Your input is important to us. This survey is an opportunity for you to register your opinions about fisheries management and help us improve your recreational fishing experience.

## IS THIS SURVEY CONFIDENTIAL?

Participation in this survey is voluntary. All of the information collected is confidential and will be released only as summaries in which no individual's answers can be identified. When you return your completed questionnaire, your name will be deleted from the mailing list and never connected to your answers in any way. Your information will not be sold to any marketing companies and will not be released to other Federal Agencies.

## WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Our surveys rely on voluntary cooperation by all saltwater anglers. You can help improve this survey and the results by:

- 1) Agreeing to be part of the survey and providing an accurate and current mailing address;
- 2) Answering all questions honestly;
- 3) Mailing the completed survey back in the enclosed stamped envelope.

## THANK YOU!

NOAA Fisheries and our state agency and Commission partners would like to thank the millions of anglers who have participated in our surveys over the last 25 years. We appreciate the valuable contributions you make to support marine fisheries management.