NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 12/13/2011

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Simon Szykman
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Diana Hynek

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 09/12/2011

ACTION REQUESTED: New collection (Request for a new OMB Control Number)
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201108-0648-018
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:
TITLE: Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing Economic Survey
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0639
The agency is required to display the OMB Control Number and inform respondents of its legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

EXPIRATION DATE: 12/31/2014 DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	0	0	0
New	2,427	1,154	0
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	2,427	1,154	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	0	0	0
Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official: Kevin F. Neyland
Deputy Administrator,
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

List of ICs			
IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing Economic Survey	NA, NA, NA	Non-Resident Alaska Fishing Survey, South East Alaskan Resident Survey, South Central Alaskan Resident Survey	
Non-response and follow-up telephone survey	NA	Telephone follow-up survey	

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Agency/Subagency originating request
DOC/NOAA/NMFS

2. OMB control number b. [✔] None
a. 0648 -

3. Type of information collection (*check one*)
a. [✔] New Collection
b. [ ] Revision of a currently approved collection
c. [ ] Extension of a currently approved collection
d. [ ] Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired
e. [ ] Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired
f. [ ] Existing collection in use without an OMB control number
For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions

4. Type of review requested (*check one*)
a. [✔] Regular submission
b. [ ] Emergency - Approval requested by ____/____/____
c. [ ] Delegated

5. Small entities
Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? [ ] Yes [✔] No

6. Requested expiration date
a. [✔] Three years from approval date b. [ ] Other Specify:____/____

7. Title Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing Economic Survey

8. Agency form number(s) (*if applicable*) Not Applicable

9. Keywords Fish, Fishing, Fisheries, Fishery

10. Abstract

The objective of this project is collect data necessary for estimating the demand for saltwater fishing trips by Alaska saltwater anglers and for understanding the factors affecting this demand. This information is needed to improve federal management decisions affecting Alaska saltwater recreational fisheries, principally the federal halibut fishery. The data collection consists of conducting a mail survey using a random sample of United States (U.S.) residents who have purchased a license to fish in Alaska.

11. Affected public (*Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"*)
a. P Individuals or households d. ___ Farms
b. ___ Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government
c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government

12. Obligation to respond (*check one*)
a. [✔] Voluntary
b. [ ] Required to obtain or retain benefits
c. [ ] Mandatory

13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden
a. Number of respondents 2,397
b. Total annual responses 2,427
1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically 0 %
c. Total annual hours requested 1,154
d. Current OMB inventory 0
e. Difference 1,154
f. Explanation of difference
1. Program change 1,154
2. Adjustment

14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (*in thousands of dollars*)
a. Total annualized capital/startup costs 0
b. Total annual costs (O&M) 0
c. Total annualized cost requested 0
d. Current OMB inventory 0
e. Difference 0
f. Explanation of difference
1. Program change
2. Adjustment

15. Purpose of information collection (*Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"*)
a. ___ Application for benefits e. X Program planning or management
b. ___ Program evaluation f. P Research
c. ___ General purpose statistics g. ___ Regulatory or compliance
d. ___ Audit

16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (*check all that apply*)
a. [ ] Recordkeeping b. [ ] Third party disclosure
c. [ ] Reporting
1. [ ] On occasion 2. [ ] Weekly 3. [ ] Monthly
4. [ ] Quarterly 5. [ ] Semi-annually 6. [ ] Annually
7. [ ] Biennially 8. [✔] Other (describe) One-time

17. Statistical methods
Does this information collection employ statistical methods
[✔] Yes [ ] No

18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission)
Name: Dr. Dan Lew
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19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

(a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;

(b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;

(c) It reduces burden on small entities;

(d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;

(e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;

(f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;

(g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):

- (i) Why the information is being collected;
- (ii) Use of information;
- (iii) Burden estimate;
- (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
- (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
- (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;

(h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);

(i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and

(j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee	Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)	
Signature signed by Dr. Ned Cyr	Date 08/23/2011
Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer	
Signature signed by Sarah Brabson	Date 08/25/2011

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
ALASKA SALTWATER SPORT FISHING ECONOMIC SURVEY
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-XXXX

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

This request is for a new information collection.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is the agency responsible for collecting and analyzing scientific data on the nation's living marine resources, including Alaska halibut. Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (see Section 303), Executive Order 12962 (Marine Recreational Fishery Statistics, Section 1(h)) and Executive Order 12866 (Section 1(b)(6)), NMFS is required to provide economic analyses of Federal management actions and policies to improve the nation's fisheries. This data collection project will meet these statutory and administrative requirements by providing resource managers with the information necessary to understand the likely future impacts of management actions on the Alaska halibut sport fishery.

The halibut sport fishery in Alaska is quite large. During 2009, for instance, over 440,000 halibut were harvested by sport anglers in the state.[1] In recent years, several regulatory changes have occurred and more have been proposed that could significantly impact the sport fishery. In February 2011, a program was implemented to limit entry into the saltwater charter boat recreational fishery in Alaska (75 FR 554). This policy sets a limit on the number of charter vessels that may participate in the guided sport halibut fishery in United States (U.S.) waters off Alaska. The limited entry program is separate from other policies intended to regulate harvest of halibut by the guided fishing sector, such as the guideline harvest limit (GHL) policy established in 2003 that sets an acceptable limit on the amount of halibut that can be harvested by the recreational charter fishery during a year and establishes a process for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to initiate harvest restrictions in the event that the limit is met or exceeded. At present, numerous harvest restrictions have been adopted by the Council to address exceedances of the GHL that have occurred in recent years. These restrictions have primarily been aimed at fishing in the charter boat industry, such as restrictions on client or crew fishing behavior (e.g., bag and size limits). This year, maximum size limits for halibut caught on charter boat fishing trips were adopted. Moreover, NMFS and the Council are currently assessing a plan to implement a catch sharing plan to allocate halibut between the recreational and commercial sectors that would replace the GHL system (76 FR 14300). To assess the impacts of pending and potential regulatory changes on sport angler behavior, it is necessary to have estimates of the baseline demand for halibut fishing trips and an understanding of the factors that affect it.

[1] From Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Statewide Harvest Survey website: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/sportfishingsurvey/index.cfm?ADFG=region.home. Accessed June 28, 2011.

2. <u>Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines</u>.

Information from this collection will be used by NMFS economists in the Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC) and Alaska Regional Office, and by staff at the NPFMC, to address issues discussed in Question 1, and others that may arise. Using these data, econometric and statistical models will be estimated to describe the demand for, and value of, halibut and other saltwater fishing trips by sport anglers in Alaska, and assess the effects of regulatory changes in support of efforts to develop, implement, and monitor fishery management plans.

The information collection consists of conducting a mail survey using a sample of individuals who hold a sport fishing license in Alaska. For this implementation, we will mail questionnaires to members of the sample, followed by follow-ups to encourage response. Among the follow-up efforts will be a postcard reminder, a telephone contact with non-responding license holders for whom we have telephone numbers to encourage response and gather data for assessing non-response behavior, and a full second mailing. Since an earlier survey with similar survey instruments and implementation protocols was successfully completed ("Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing Economic Survey" conducted under OMB Control No. 0648-0535 and described in Lew, Lee, and Larson [2010]) in 2007, we do not anticipate needing to conduct a formal pretest to test the mail survey instrument.[2]

There are three survey instruments, one for non-residents, one for Southeast Alaska residents, and another for all other Alaska residents. Since the majority of non-Southeast Alaska residents live in South Central Alaska, we refer to the non-Southeast Alaska resident survey version as the South Central (SC) Alaska resident version. Every respondent will receive a map insert showing two regions in Alaska where the vast majority of Alaska saltwater sport fishing occurs. The survey versions and the follow-up telephone interview script are described below.

All three mail questionnaires collect information about respondents' behavior and preferences for saltwater fishing in Alaska, which include fishing for halibut[3]. The questionnaire is divided into five sections. The following is a discussion of how particular questions in the questionnaire will be used.

<u>Mail Questionnaires for Non-Residents and Residents</u>

The non-resident (NR) mail survey will be sent to sport anglers who do not live in Alaska, while the resident versions of the survey will be sent to anglers who are residents of Southeast Alaska (SE) and other areas of Alaska (SC).[4] A separate survey instrument is needed for non-residents due to key differences in recreational travel behavior and constraints faced by non-resident

[2] In addition, the timing of collecting data from Alaska saltwater anglers is critical and the window for the collection is small given recall issues and when the sampling frame is complete and available. Conducting a full formal pretest would push the full implementation back a season and issues currently in front of the Council and NMFS require understanding the information this data collection intends to provide.

[3] Saltwater sport anglers who catch halibut sometimes catch or target other species on the same trip, such as salmon, lingcod, and rockfish. Since these species potentially act as substitute target fish species for halibut, it is important to collect information about the demand for these species as well.

[4] As discussed in Part B, Alaska residents are divided into two groups, Southeast Alaska residents and all other (non-Southeast) Alaska residents.

anglers compared to resident anglers, as well as possible differences in preferences for saltwater fishing. This requires asking several questions in the NR version that are different from the resident (SE and SC) versions. However, all survey versions are similar in structure and most questions are identical. The following will discuss the features common to the surveys and point out the differences where appropriate.

Section A

In all versions, Section A collects general participation information about the respondent's sport fishing activities in Alaska. Both provide instructions and definitions for freshwater and saltwater fishing to be used in the survey. The SE and SC versions include instructions to exclude subsistence fishing activities, which apply only to residents, in the survey. Questions in this section are used to determine basic experience and participation in fishing activities in Alaska. Question A1 asks whether the individual has fished in Alaska before 2011 (under the maintained assumption that the survey is implemented in 2012). This will be used to determine whether respondents have previous experience fishing in Alaska. Basic information about overall fishing effort, both in freshwater and saltwater, for the previous season is collected in A2 in the SE and SC versions and A3 in the NR version. Responses to this question will be used to determine participation rates for freshwater and saltwater fishing and as covariates in statistical models. In addition, a question is asked to determine in what areas of Alaska the individual fished (A3 in the resident versions, A4 in the NR version). This question is principally used to familiarize individuals with the regions in Alaska that will be used throughout the survey. The final question in the section (A4 in the resident versions, A5 in the NR version) is used to identify individuals who have fished in saltwater in Alaska during the previous season. Individuals who have not fished in saltwater for halibut and other saltwater species are directed to skip to Section D. The remaining respondents will fill out Sections B and C, which request information about their saltwater fishing activities in the recent past. Question A2 in the NR version asks respondents how many different visits were taken to Alaska during 2011. This information provides the context for fishing trip behavior by non-resident anglers provided in later sections.

Section B

Only individuals who have saltwater-fished during the past season for halibut and other saltwater species will fill out Sections B and C. For non-residents who must travel to Alaska to fish, and who generally visit the state for a long vacation and participate in more than fishing activities, Section B gathers basic information about their most recent visit to Alaska that included saltwater sport fishing. For these respondents, information in Section B provides the building blocks for calculating travel costs that are the basis for the recreation demand modeling of these types of anglers. In the SE and SC survey versions, Section B collects detailed information about the respondent's saltwater fishing activities during the past season. Responses from this section form the basic data needed to estimate the seasonal demand models for fishing trips to sites in Alaska and assess changes to demand resulting from potential regulatory changes.

Non-resident version:

Non-residents must travel to Alaska before they can fish in Alaska. While visiting Alaska, they may take more than one fishing trip. If they are visiting the state for non-fishing reasons, not all

of the travel costs they accrue are appropriate for inclusion in the fishing trip cost used in the recreation demand modeling. As a result, this version asks respondents for details of their most recent visit to Alaska during 2011 that can be used to calculate the appropriate portion of their costs associated with saltwater fishing activities on that visit.

- B1 provides information on how important saltwater sport fishing is to the most recent visit to Alaska. In combination with B2, which asks whether the visit to Alaska would have been taken if saltwater fishing was not part of the visit, B1 is used to evaluate how essential saltwater fishing was for the visit to Alaska. If saltwater fishing is not an important reason for visiting Alaska, the costs of traveling to Alaska would not influence the respondent's fishing activities decisions.
- B3 and B4 provide information on when and how long the respondent's most recent visit to Alaska was, while B5 collects information on the total number of days the respondent spent saltwater fishing in Alaska on this visit. This information provides basic information about the time period and length of the overall trip, which can be used to characterize the fishing done on the Alaska visit.
- B6 collects information on the number of people that traveled with the respondent to Alaska.
- B7 and B8 collect information about transportation used by the respondent to travel to Alaska. There are two primary ways of entering Alaska—by air and water. In B7, for respondents who took an airplane into the state, the arrival city is asked for, which is necessary to calculate in-state travel costs. B8 is specific to individuals who traveled to Alaska on a cruise ship.
- B9 asks if the respondent stayed at a fishing lodge, which provide (usually) all-inclusive experiences. If they say yes, they are asked how much time it took them to travel to the fishing lodge from their point of entry into the state, which is critical information for calculating fishing-related transportation costs for these individuals.
- B10 collects detailed information on the expenses accrued on fishing and non-fishing activities, as well as on transportation, for this visit to Alaska. This information can be used in economic impact models to evaluate the impact of angler expenditures on the regional economy.
- B11 identifies the number of persons for which the expenses reported in B10 apply.

SE and SC versions:

The SE and SC versions ask nearly identical questions in Section B that only differ in terms of the fishing locations asked about. Lew, Lee, and Larson (2010) found that very little saltwater sport fishing occurs outside of a resident's home region. That is, Southeast Alaska resident anglers generally do not fish in South Central Alaska, and non-Southeast Alaska resident anglers do not generally fish in Southeast Alaska. Thus, the fishing locations listed in the SE version are only those in Southeast Alaska, while the SC version only lists fishing locations in South Central Alaska.

- B1 collects information about the number of within-Alaska fishing trips taken to each of several different fishing sites and the number of days spent fishing by mode.
- B2 asks for the total number of fish that were caught at each site during the past season, and B3 collects information about the frequency with which respondents released fish they caught.
- B4 collects information about the type of transportation the respondent used on fishing trips

and will be used to help determine the respondent's travel costs to fishing sites.

- B5 is used to determine access to private boat fishing. Responses will be used to assess differential private boat fishing opportunities for residents in different regions in Alaska.

Section C

In all versions, Section C collects basic behavioral information necessary to model recent saltwater fishing behavior.

Non-resident version:

As noted above, calculating travel costs associated with fishing for non-resident anglers is a challenge that requires getting details about their Alaska visit (Section B), as well as information about the fishing activities engaged in and travel taken within the state to fishing locations. To further refine cost calculations, C1 in the NR version asks a question to help identify the type of fishing trip the respondent took, C6 asks for the location in Alaska the non-resident respondent considered their starting point for saltwater fishing while in Alaska, and C7 collects information on the time spent traveling from this starting point to the location where fishing occurred. Other questions in the section collect information about the fishing that was done including the locations in Alaska and number of days spent saltwater fishing (C2), the number of days fished by mode (C3), the number of fish by species that were targeted, caught, and kept (C4) on this fishing trip, and the amount of actual time spent fishing (with a fishing pole in the water) (C5).

Resident version:

For resident anglers, Section C elicits information about the most recent Alaska saltwater fishing, including the expenditures the respondent made related to the trip. This trip-specific approach is necessary to gather detailed trip information that respondents generally cannot reliably recall for an entire season, especially avid anglers who fish frequently. Asking for detailed expenditure information for the whole season, for instance, is cognitively too difficult. Information about the most recent trip will allow separate estimation of a recreation demand model that focuses on the most recent trip in addition to a seasonal demand model using information from Section B. In addition, detailed trip expenditure information can be used to evaluate the economic impact of recreational fishing activity within regional economic impact models.

Both the SE and SC versions ask respondents to describe their most recent saltwater fishing trip in Alaska. This includes questions to elicit information about where fishing occurred, how many days of fishing occurred, and what fishing modes were employed (C1); when the trip occurred and its length (C2 and C3), how many people went on the trip (C4), what types of transportation were used (C5), the total fish targeted, caught, and kept by species (C6), how much time was spent actively fishing (with a fishing pole in the water) (C7), and whether the trip was principally to saltwater fish (C8). C9 and C10 collect information on trip expenses and the number of people the expenses were spent on.

Section D

Section D collects stated preference response information needed to understand respondents' preferences for saltwater fishing trips in Alaska. The section begins with a set of questions to get

the respondent thinking about the types of Alaska fishing trips they prefer and the factors affecting these trips. These questions introduce the respondent to factors that are used to describe different types of fishing trips in subsequent stated preference questions. Differences in this section between the SE, SC, and NR versions are minor, with the major difference being an additional question in the SE and SC versions that ask about the respondent's preference for private versus charter boat saltwater fishing (D2 in those versions). In the NR version, D2 asks whether the respondent has a preference for fishing in a particular region of Alaska, a question not asked in the resident angler versions.

Following these introductory questions are directions for the stated preference questions and a budget reminder. Responses to the stated preference questions will be used to identify respondent preferences for characteristics of fishing trips that affect saltwater fishing trip experiences. This information will be used to understand how changes to fishing trip characteristics will affect participation in saltwater fishing. The stated preference questions (D4, D5, D6, and D7) are in a choice experiment, or stated choice, framework (Hanley, Wright, and Adamowicz, 1998; Alpizar, Carlsson, and Martinsson, 2001; Hanley, Mourato, and Wright, 2001).[5]

In each stated preference question, respondents are confronted with three choices. The first two choices, Choice A and Choice B, are fishing trips that differ in how much they cost, where they are taken (NR version only), whether fishing is by private boat or by charter boat, how long the trips are, and regulations applicable on the trips, among other attributes. The third choice, Choice C, is an opt-out alternative that can be chosen by the individual if other activities are preferred to Choices A and B. Responses to these questions will be analyzed within a random utility-based discrete choice econometric model.

The last question in the section (D8) identifies how confident respondents are about their answers to the stated preference questions. Respondents stating they are "not at all confident" in their answers may be excluded from the estimation since these individuals, for whatever reason, are uncertain that their answers reflect how they feel.

Section E: About You and Your Household

The final section is identical across versions and consists of questions about the respondent and the respondent's household to be used as explanatory variables in the stated preference and demand models, for comparing respondents to non-respondents (non-response bias), and for informing resource managers of the characteristics of the population.

Socioeconomic and demographic information collected includes gender, age, household size, number of workers in the household, education, ethnicity, race, employment status, hours worked per week, wage, and income. Respondents are also asked to indicate the number of years they have been fishing. This provides a measure of fishing experience that can be incorporated into the recreation demand models. Additionally, respondents are asked to provide more detailed information about their work time constraints, specifically whether they would

[5] The first application of the choice experiment method in non-market valuation was a study by Adamowicz, Louviere, and Williams (1994) of recreational opportunities in Canada. The approach has since been used in a number of studies to estimate use values and participation for activities like hunting (Adamowicz, et al., 1997; Bullock, Elston, and Chalmers, 1998) and climbing (Hanley, Wright, and Koop, 2002).

prefer to work fewer, the same, or more hours than they currently are. This information is needed to better understand their time constraints and opportunities for participating in sport fishing and other leisure activities and will be incorporated into the recreation demand model.

Telephone Follow-Up

Following the initial mailing and postcard reminder, we will contact non-respondents by telephone to encourage them to complete the mail survey and to collect limited information from those who decide not to participate in the mail survey at all.[6] The information provided by these non-respondents can be compared with that from respondents to address issues concerning non-response bias. Selected socioeconomic and demographic questions, along with a few key behavioral questions, are asked to statistically test whether non-respondents differ from respondents with respect to these characteristics. The behavioral questions include versions of questions from Section A of the mail questionnaire to identify basic fishing behavior and an additional question to identify respondents who have fished for halibut during the year of interest. This information can be used to evaluate and adjust the results for potential non-response bias among sample members.

It is anticipated that the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information. As explained above, the information gathered has utility. NOAA Fisheries will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response to Question 10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measures and a pre-dissemination review pursuant to Section 515 of Public Law 106-554.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.

The survey data collection does not utilize any specialized information technology.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

The information collected in this survey is not collected by other Federal, state, or local agencies. To date, the NMFS Marine Recreational Fishery Statistics Survey (now called the Marine Recreational Information Program, or MRIP) and its add-ons have not been conducted in Alaska. We have informed the Council, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission about this project. None of these entities have conducted or are conducting similar economic data collections. Although there is no economic content, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game regularly conducts a survey that collects effort and catch data of Alaska sport fisheries, including saltwater recreational fisheries.

[6] In the telephone follow-up, a limited amount of information may also be collected from those agreeing to return the mail survey.

Studies conducted in 1997 and 2003 provide an incomplete picture of the demand for halibut sport fishing trips. The 1997 study concentrated on trips taken to the Kenai Peninsula in South Central Alaska, which accounts for about half of the fishery's harvest (Lee, et al., 1999). Since halibut fishing opportunities in other areas of Alaska are different from those offered in this area, it is difficult to rely on these results to make inferences about halibut fishing behavior elsewhere in Alaska. A 2003 NMFS study collected information about halibut sport fishing from all Alaska sport anglers. This study was the first effort to characterize the demand for the entire Alaskan sport halibut fishery, and consequently, it was recognized that a follow-up survey would be necessary to update the estimates. Moreover, the study did not collect detailed information about actual fishing behavior, focusing instead on understanding angler preferences for trip attributes that affect the demand for halibut fishing. As a result, demand models based on observed fishing behavior in Alaska could not be estimated from that data.

The proposed data collection described herein is an update of a NMFS survey conducted in 2007 that collected information on angler behavior during the 2006 season (Lew, Lee, and Larson, 2010). That data collection updated the 2003 NMFS survey and addressed changes in the variables that affect the economic value of marine recreational fishing trips (particularly halibut fishing trips), utilized improved methodologies, and improved welfare estimates of trip value. The current updated survey will assist NMFS in understanding trends in preferences and behavior that cannot be discerned with a single, cross-sectional study, as well as provide information on preferences for recent and proposed fishing regulations that were not on the table when the 2007 survey was conducted.

5. <u>If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden</u>.

The collection does not involve small businesses or other small entities.

6. <u>Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently</u>.

If the data collection is not conducted, the Council and NMFS will not have information on angler preferences and values associated with recent and proposed changes in fishing regulations. In addition, no information will be available about changes to fishing values under current conditions and regulations, which the 2007 survey data alone cannot inform. As a result, it will not be possible to monitor the impact of existing or proposed regulatory programs on demand for Alaska halibut sport fishing.

7. <u>Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines</u>.

The collection is consistent with OMB guidelines.

8. Provide information on the PRA Federal Register Notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

A Federal Register Notice published on June 3, 2011 (76 FR 32142) solicited comments on the information collection.

Several comments were received by e-mail. One expressed some general opinions about government spending on economic surveys during these trying economic times. No action was taken in response to this comment. A few comments were received requesting more information about the purpose and type of data collected, as well as copies of the survey instruments. Answers to these questions and pdf files of the survey instruments were provided in e-mail responses. The remaining comments were from charter boat operators from the Alaska sport charter boat fishery who expressed a variety concerns about the current policies and the state of the charter boat industry, while also requesting materials. Requested materials were provided by e-mail.

Several individuals outside NMFS were consulted about elements of the survey, availability of existing data, data to collect, and other aspects of the project. These included staff at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game with experience conducting recreational angler surveys in Alaska.

9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

To encourage participation in the mail survey, a token honorarium of $1 will be given to participants in the initial mailing. Inclusion of an incentive acts as a sign of goodwill on the part of the study sponsors and encourages reciprocity of that goodwill by the respondent. Singer (2002) provides a comprehensive review of the use of incentives in surveys. She notes that giving respondents a small financial incentive (even a token amount) in the first mailing increases response rates in mail-based surveys and are cost-effective. Such prepaid incentives are more effective than larger promised incentives that are contingent on completion of the questionnaire. In tests conducted by Lesser, et al. (1999), including a $2 incentive in a mailing with four contact points was shown to increase response rates by an additional 19 to 31 percentage points. Thus, even a small upfront incentive typically is more cost effective than additional follow-up steps that are often considered.

There are several reasons why we believe inclusion of both a financial incentive and follow-up contacts will be needed to reach desired response rates. A principal reason is because a $1 incentive was provided in the 2007 survey, which achieved an overall response rate of 57% (Lew, et al. 2010). Given the similarity of survey protocols and survey materials, we anticipate a similar response rate for this data collection. Second, the 2003 NMFS survey achieved an overall response rate of 49.6% without an incentive, which is lower than what was achieved in the 2007 survey that included a $1 token incentive. Third, although every attempt is being made to ensure the survey is easy to read, understand, and complete, the amount of information it

needs to present and the number of questions it needs to ask contribute to a 16 page survey requiring more respondent attention than some surveys. For these reasons, we expect both incentives and follow-up contacts will be required to obtain a suitable response rate and to evaluate potential non-response biases.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

In the cover letter accompanying each mailing, respondents will be told that their responses are voluntary and will be kept strictly confidential under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1996 and in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100. The initial mailing letter and the follow-up mailing cover letter will also include the following statement:

> "Your name and address will be kept separate from your responses, and only responses will be delivered to researchers for analysis."

Following completion of the data collection, the survey firm (ICF Macro) will delete any information identifying individuals (i.e., name and addresses) before any data file is delivered to NMFS or any other participating researchers and agencies.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

There are no questions of a sensitive nature asked in the survey.

12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.

The survey will be sent to a random sample of approximately 4,600 Alaska sport fishing license holders drawn from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Fish License Data file, which contains the names and addresses of all individuals who have purchased a license to sport fish in Alaska. Based on previous experience, up to 10% of addresses in these samples can be expected to be bad or unusable, which means the number of license holders receiving the survey will be approximately 4,140. We expect a final response rate of 55 percent (of the valid sample), leading to 2,277 responding license holders returning completed surveys. For the purpose of computing burden hours, 2,004 completed from the initial mailing and postcard reminder[7] and 273 completed following contact via phone and the second full mailing. The cover letter will solicit the participation of the individual license holder to complete the survey. While our experience has been that respondents typically complete the survey in 25 minutes, we assume 30 minutes to conservatively compute the potential burden hours. As a result, those ultimately completing the mail survey are expected to contribute up to 1,139 hours to the overall hour burden.

[7] The number of returns here are based on the 2007 survey's response rates for the corresponding stage of approximately 38% of the total completes from the first mailing and 50% of total completes being returned following the postcard reminder.

We expect 2,004 respondents to have returned a completed survey following the initial mailing and postcard reminder. Of the *remaining* valid sample (those who had not returned a completed survey) (4,140 – 2,004 = 2,136), we expect approximately 28% or 598 license holders to have telephone numbers available, based on the 2007 survey's telephone matching rate. These 598 license holders that have not responded after the initial mailing and postcard reminder will be contacted by telephone and encouraged to complete and return the survey or asked to answer a few questions if they indicate they will not be returning the survey. Thus, the telephone follow-up serves the dual purpose of increasing the number of mail responses and gathering information by telephone needed to estimate the impact of non-response. The phone interview is expected to take 6 minutes on average to complete, and assuming 25% of the 598 individuals for which there is a phone number are reached and complete interviews, the contribution of the phone interview to the total time burden totals approximately 15 hours.[8] Following the phone interviews, the second full mailing will be sent out to all individuals who have not returned a completed survey to date. As noted above, we expect a total of 273 individuals to have returned completed surveys following the phone interviews and second full mailing. Thus, totaling the time contribution of the 2,277 completed mail surveys (1,139 hours) with the time from the phone interviews (15 hours) yields a total of 1,154 hours.

The total number of unique respondents to all contacts in the survey implementation will be 2,277 (mail survey respondents) + 150 (phone respondents) – 30 (phone respondents who also returned the mail survey based on ~20% rate from 2007 survey) = 2,397. This number consists of respondents who return the questionnaire (2,277 respondents) and respondents who do not return the questionnaire but do provide some survey information during the telephone contact (120 respondents).

Survey instrument	**Estimated number of respondents**	**Estimated time per respondent (minutes)**	**Estimated total annual burden hours (hours)**
Mail survey (from initial mailing, postcard reminder)	2,004	30	1,002
Follow-up phone survey	150[a]	6	15
Mail survey (second full mailing)	273	30	137
Totals	**2,397**[b]		**1,154**

[a] Number of successful phone contacts of license holders that have not returned completed surveys following initial mailing and postcard reminder.
[b] Total unique respondents reflect the total license holders who complete the mail survey or phone interview only (accounts for individuals who completed both).

13. <u>Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in Question 12 above)</u>.

No additional cost burden will be imposed on respondents aside from the burden hours indicated above.

[8] The actual success rate for completing the telephone interview in the 2007 survey was ~25%.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.

Annual cost to the Federal government is approximately $70,000 divided as follows: $55,000 in contract award money and $15,000 in staff time and resources. Contractor services include conducting the cognitive interviews (completed) and final survey implementation, entering and cleaning the data, and preparing a report that documents the survey procedures and response rates.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments.

This is a new collection.

16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

A report describing the sampling methods, experimental design, response rates, and descriptive statistics of data collected will be prepared similar to Lew, et al. (2010). A separate paper describing economic models used to analyze the data and the results from estimating these models will be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal (e.g., see Lew and Seung [2010]). Statistical data summaries in tabular form will be made available at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center web site.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.

Not Applicable.

18. Explain each exception to the certification.

Not Applicable.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

1. Describe (including a numerical estimate) the potential respondent universe and any sampling or other respondent selection method to be used. Data on the number of entities (e.g., establishments, State and local governmental units, households, or persons) in the universe and the corresponding sample are to be provided in tabular form. The tabulation must also include expected response rates for the collection as a whole. If the collection has been conducted before, provide the actual response rate achieved.

The potential respondent universe is all U.S. residents who purchased an Alaska sport fishing license during 2011. The sport fishing license program is administered by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). In 2009, approximately 447,000 U.S. residents purchased Alaska fishing licenses. Thus, the population consists of all U.S. residents who could legally sport fish in the saltwater off Alaska during the year.

A stratified random sample of approximately 2,200 non-Alaska U.S. resident license holders and 2,400 Alaska resident license holders will be used in the full survey, with the Alaska resident license holders split evenly between residents of Southeast Alaska and the rest of Alaska. In 2003, about 54% of the licenses sold to U.S. residents were to non-Alaskans (232,259 licenses), and approximately 11% of the Alaska license holders were residents of Southeast Alaska (20,627 licenses).[9] The oversampling of Southeast Alaska residents will ensure a sample sufficient to estimate statistically significant results for Southeast Alaska separate from the rest of Alaska.

For the collection as a whole, an overall response rate of 55% is anticipated. This estimate is based on the 2007 survey described in Lew, Lee, and Larson (2010) that used similar survey protocols and materials. This study achieved response rates of 61.9%, 53.8%, and 52.2% for non-residents, Southeast Alaska residents, and other Alaska residents, respectively.

2. Describe the procedures for the collection, including: the statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection; the estimation procedure; the degree of accuracy needed for the purpose described in the justification; any unusual problems requiring specialized sampling procedures; and any use of periodic (less frequent than annual) data collection cycles to reduce burden.

The full implementation will use a stratified random sample of approximately 4,600 U.S. residents who purchased an Alaska sport fishing license in 2011. For purposes of sampling, the population is divided into three strata: non-Alaska U.S. residents (NR), Southeast Alaska (SE) residents, and non-Southeast (SC) Alaska residents (i.e., all other Alaska residents, the vast majority of which live in South Central Alaska). Alaskans and non-Alaskans use the fishery resource and participate in the fishery in substantively different ways. Non-Alaskans are more likely to fly or take a cruise ship to Alaska, fish less frequently than residents, and use charter boat services more often. Among Alaskans, SE residents are more likely to have access to a private boat they can use to fish for halibut and other saltwater fish and fish more frequently in saltwater compared to anglers living in other areas of state (Lew, Lee, and Larson, 2010). These behavioral differences lead to differing spending behavior and may be indicative of differences in preferences for, and expectations of, fishing trips in Alaska. As a result, fishery regulations,

[9] From 1991 and 2000, the annual percentage of Southeast Alaskan license holders averaged 13.7% (Walker, et al., 2003).

which often differ in SE Alaska from the rest of Alaska, may affect each stratum differently. Consequently, a stratified sampling method is employed to ensure that separate, statistically significant, estimates for each of the three strata can be obtained and differences between the strata can be detected.

The Southeast Alaska and non-Southeast Alaska sample strata will consist of 1,200 license holders each, while the non-Alaska sample stratum will consist of 2,200 license holders. The samples will be drawn from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Fish License Data file, which contains the names and addresses of all individuals who have purchased a license to sport fish in the state. Address information will be used to construct the three sampling frames representing SE resident license holders, non-SE (SC) Alaska resident license holders, and non-resident U.S. license holders. A random sample of license holders will be selected from each of the Alaska resident and the non-Alaska resident sampling frames. From previous experience, up to 10% of the addresses in the license file may be invalid, leading to valid stratified samples of 1,080, 1,080, and 1,980, respectively (see table below).

Sample Stratification Breakdown: Full Survey Implementation

Sample Stratum	**2003 Licenses[a]**	**Sample size (total mailed)**	**Valid sample size (assuming 10% bad addresses)**	**Expected returns (assuming 55% response rate)**
Residents – Southeast Alaska	20,627	1,200	1,080	594
Residents – Rest of Alaska	174,565	1,200	1,080	594
Non-residents	232,259	2,200	1,980	1,089
Total	**427,451**	**4,600**	**4,140**	**2,277**

[a] Source: Alaska Department of Fish and Game, License Data File

Sample Size Considerations

Sample sizes for the full implementation were chosen primarily so the expected number of returns by strata, under the assumption of a uniform 55% response rate across samples, was sufficiently large to allow estimation of separate, statistically significant recreation demand and stated preference models for the different strata. Based on previous experience and other studies in the recreation demand and stated preference valuation literature, the sample sizes proposed above for each subpopulation are sufficient for estimating model parameters with acceptable precision in the random utility-based models that will be employed. Moreover, in both models, the Alaska data will be pooled in the unexpected event that statistical tests reject significant differences between the SE and non-SE Alaska data. Given the expected response rate of 55%, the valid sample sizes of 1,080 for SE, 1,080 for SC, and 1,980 for NR are anticipated to yield 594, 594, and 1,089 returned surveys, respectively.

3. Describe the methods used to maximize response rates and to deal with nonresponse. The accuracy and reliability of the information collected must be shown to be adequate for the intended uses. For collections based on sampling, a special justification must be provided if they will not yield "reliable" data that can be generalized to the universe studied.

Numerous steps have been, and will be, taken to maximize response rates and deal with non-response behavior. These efforts are described below.

Maximizing Response Rates

The first step in achieving a high response rate is to develop an appealing questionnaire that is easy for respondents to complete. Significant effort has been spent on developing a good survey instrument, which was modified from the survey instrument used in the 2007 survey (Lew, et al. 2010). The survey instrument for the current study has improved layout and question wording, as well as added or modified questions that address information gaps realized from analysis of the 2007 survey data. An expert on economic survey design and stated preference techniques was hired to assist in the design and testing of the updated survey. The current survey instrument has also benefited from input on earlier versions from one-on-one interviews (verbal protocols and cognitive interviews), and peer review by experts in survey design, recreational fishing issues, and non-market valuation. In the interviews, the information presented was tested to ensure key concepts and terms were understood, figures and graphics (color and black and white) were tested for proper comprehension and appearance, and key economic and design issues were evaluated and to ensure the survey instrument used words and fishing terms people could understand, and was a comfortable length and easy to complete. The result is a high-quality and professional-looking survey instrument.

The implementation techniques that will be employed are consistent with methods that maximize response rates. Implementation of the mail survey will follow the Tailored Design Method (Dillman, Smyth, and Christian, 2009), which consists of multiple contacts. The specific set of contacts that will be employed is the following:

1. An **advance letter** notifying respondents a few days prior to the questionnaire arriving. This will be the first contact with the sample.
2. An **initial mailing** sent a few days after the advance letter. Each mailing will contain a personalized cover letter, questionnaire, and a pre-addressed stamped return envelope. The initial mailing will also include a small incentive.
3. A **postcard follow-up reminder** to be mailed 5-7 days following the initial mailing.
4. A **follow-up phone call** to encourage response.
5. A **second full mailing** will be mailed concurrently with the follow-up phone calls for individuals for whom no telephone number information is available. For individuals contacted via phone, the second full mailing will occur following the conclusion of the telephone reminder calls.

An honorarium of $1 will be provided to respondents for participating in the mail survey. This honorarium is the same amount used in the previously-fielded 2007 survey.

Non-respondents

To better understand why non-respondents did not return the survey and to determine if there are systematic differences between respondents and non-respondents, those contacted in the follow-up phone call and identified as non-respondents will be asked a few questions to gauge their reasons for not responding to the mail survey. These include select socioeconomic and demographic classification questions and a few behavioral questions. Information collected from non-respondents will aid in improving the survey implementation and to correct for non-response bias where necessary (e.g., using the Heckman method).

Additionally, and as necessary, respondent socio-demographic characteristics will be compared to previous samples drawn from the same population (Alaska sport fishing license holders).

4. Describe any tests of procedures or methods to be undertaken. Tests are encouraged as effective means to refine collections, but if ten or more test respondents are involved OMB must give prior approval.

Several cognitive interview sessions with fewer than ten members of the general public were conducted during the survey design phase to test the revised survey instruments. These interviews were conducted in Seattle, Berkeley, Sacramento, Anchorage, and Juneau. Both verbal protocol (talk aloud) and self-administered interviews were conducted with follow-up debriefing by team members. Moreover, the survey design and implementation plan have benefited from review by individuals with expertise in fishing economic survey design and implementation.

Note that since this survey is an updated version of a previously-fielded survey, we do not anticipate the need for a formal pretest implementation, as the survey protocols and instruments are similar to those fielded before, and the same survey firm that conducted the previous implementation (ICF Macro) is once again implementing the survey.

5. Provide the name and telephone number of individuals consulted on the statistical aspects of the design, and the name of the agency unit, contractor(s), grantee(s), or other person(s) who will actually collect and/or analyze the information for the agency.

The following individuals were consulted on the statistical aspects of the design:

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Mailing Letters and Postcard Reminder

Advance letter

<DATE>

John Smith
123 Main Street
Anywhere, USA 12345

Dear <Name>

NOAA Fisheries (the National Marine Fisheries Service) is conducting a study to learn more about saltwater recreational fishing for halibut, salmon, and other fish off Alaska. We are interested in the activities and preferences of anglers like you. With your help, we can provide better information to fishery managers to improve your sport fishing experience and enhance fishery management practices.

You were selected at random from anglers with a 2011 Alaska sport fishing license. Very few anglers were chosen for the study, so your help is critical to its success. In the next few days, you will receive a questionnaire in the mail from ICF Macro, a survey research firm that is assisting us in conducting the survey.

The survey asks about your experiences and opinions on saltwater fishing in Alaska.

Even if you have not fished in saltwater off Alaska, your opinion matters. You are one of a small number of anglers across the country selected to help. To keep costs low and to make sure we hear from a true cross-section of households, we need to hear from you.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

Dan Lew
Project Director
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Initial mailing letter

<DATE>

John Smith
123 Main Street
Anywhere, USA 12345

Dear <Name>

Enclosed is the questionnaire I wrote to you about last week.

We need your help to learn more about saltwater recreational fishing in Alaska. With your help, we can provide better information to fishery managers and improve your fishing experience.

Even if you have not fished in saltwater in Alaska, your opinion matters. Although your participation is voluntary, you are one of only a select few from across the country scientifically selected to participate in this study. To keep costs low and to make sure we hear from a true cross-section of all Alaska anglers, we need to hear from you.

The survey takes most people about 25 minutes to complete, sometimes more, sometimes less. Your answers will be kept confidential and your name will never be revealed. Your name and address will be kept separate from your responses, and only responses will be delivered to researchers for analysis. The identification number on the survey is there so that ICF Macro, a survey firm hired to assist us, can check your name off when the questionnaire is returned. If you have any questions, please call ICF Macro toll-free at 1-800-XXX-XXXX.

We realize your time is valuable, so we have included $1 as a small token of our appreciation for your participation.

Thank you for your help, and please remember to complete all the questions.

Sincerely,

Dan Lew
Project Director
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Postcard reminder

Last week a questionnaire was mailed to you seeking information about your experiences and opinions toward saltwater recreational fishing in Alaska.

If you have already completed and returned the questionnaire, please accept our sincere thanks. If you have not completed and returned the survey, we ask that you do so today.

It is very important that we hear from you. You are one of a small number of anglers across the country selected to participate in this study. Your response will help shape decisions about federal government actions on this topic. However, a high rate of participation is required to include the results from the questionnaire in these decisions.

If you need another copy of the questionnaire, please call ICF Macro, a survey firm hired to assist us, at **1-800-XXX-XXXX** and a questionnaire will be mailed to you today.

Thank you for your help.

Dan Lew
Project Director
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Second full mailing letter

<DATE>

John Smith
123 Main Street
Anywhere, USA 12345

Dear <Name>

A few weeks ago, a questionnaire was mailed to you seeking input about your recreational fishing experiences in Alaska and your preferences for Alaska saltwater fishing trips. If you have already completed and returned the questionnaire, please accept our sincere thanks. If you have not completed and returned the survey, we ask that you do so today. We have enclosed another copy of the survey in case you have misplaced the original one we sent.

It is very important that we hear from you. Although your participation is voluntary, you are one of only a select few from across the country scientifically selected to participate in this study. The information you provide will help improve decisions by fishery managers. However, a high participation rate is required to include results from these questionnaires in these decisions.

Even if you have not fished in saltwater in Alaska, your opinion matters. To keep costs low and to make sure we hear from a true cross-section of all Alaska anglers, we need to hear from you.

The survey takes most people about 25 minutes to complete, sometimes more, sometimes less. Your answers will be kept confidential and your name will never be revealed. Information from the survey will only be reported in statistical terms. Your name and address will be kept separate from your responses, and only responses will be delivered to researchers for analysis. The identification number on the survey is there so that ICF Macro, a survey firm hired to assist us, can check your name off when the questionnaire is returned. If you have any questions, please call ICF Macro toll-free at 1-800-XXX-XXXX.

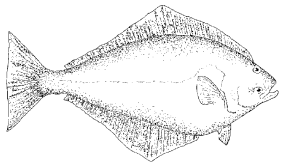
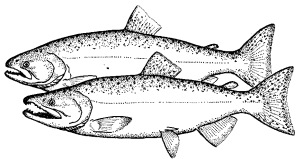
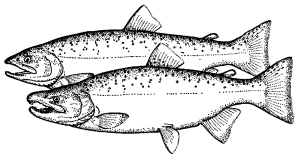
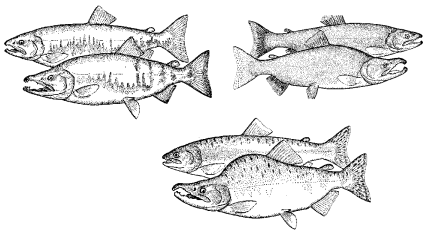
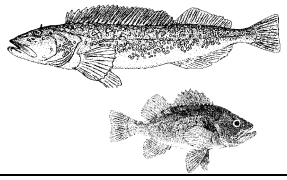
Thank you for your help, and please remember to complete all the questions.

Sincerely,

Dan Lew
Project Director
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing Survey

Popular Alaska Saltwater Sport Fish

Pacific Halibut	
	• Available throughout the season • Average weight is about 25 pounds (range from 10 to over 100 pounds) • 2011 daily bag (take) limit was 1 or 2 per day when charter fishing; 2 per day otherwise • In 2011, there is a maximum size limit on halibut caught when charter fishing in Southeast Alaska
King Salmon (Chinook)	
	• Available throughout the season • Average weight is about 25 pounds (range of 15 to over 50 pounds) • 2011 daily bag (take) limit was 1 to 2; in some areas, the daily limit was 2 for Alaska residents and 1 for non-residents • Minimum size limits and annual bag (take) limits apply in some areas
Silver Salmon (Coho)	
	• Available from June through September • Average weight is about 11 pounds (range of 7 to over 15 pounds) • 2011 daily bag (take) limit for non-king salmon varied from 5 to 10; in some areas only 2 may be silver salmon • Minimum size limits apply in some areas
Other Salmon	
	• Red (sockeye), pink (humpy), and chum (dog) salmon are available at different times throughout the summer months • Sometimes caught but rarely fished for by sport anglers in SALTWATER • 2011 daily bag (take) limit for all non-king salmon was a combined total of 5 to 10 in most areas • Minimum size limits apply in some areas
Other Species	
	• Includes lingcod and rockfish • For lingcod, 2011 daily bag (take) limit was 1 to 2 in most areas; minimum size limits apply in some areas • For rockfish, 2011 daily bag (take) limit was 5 to 10 in most areas; no size limits in 2011

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Your participation in this survey is voluntary. All responses are confidential.

OMB Control No. 0648-XXXX
Expiration Date: mm/dd/yyyy

Your 2011 Sport Fishing Activities in Alaska

The questions in this survey are about you and your fishing activities and opinions. Except when asked, please do not include any information about others who fish or travel with you. Please use the included maps, Map A (Southeast Alaska) and Map B (Southcentral Alaska), when needed.

In this survey:

- **Freshwater fishing** is any sport (recreational) fishing in rivers, lakes, and streams.
- **Saltwater fishing** is any sport (recreational) fishing in the ocean or bays but does not include salmon caught in rivers or in tidal saltwater at the mouth of a river.
- A **fishing trip** is any trip that includes recreational fishing. This includes travel to the location where you fished. Many anglers fish for more than one day on fishing trips.
- **Do not include** any subsistence or personal use fishing (e.g., dipnetting) you may have done.

A1 **Did you take any sport (recreational) fishing trips in Alaska before 2011?**
Check the box of your response.

- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No

A2 **During 2011, how many total freshwater and saltwater fishing days did you sport fish in Alaska?** *Count partial days as full days.*

_____ freshwater fishing days

_____ saltwater fishing days

A3 **During 2011, in which areas of Alaska (Southeast Alaska, Southcentral Alaska, or other areas in Alaska) did you fish on your freshwater or saltwater fishing trips?**
Check all that apply.

- ❑ Southeast Alaska – *see **Map A***
- ❑ Southcentral Alaska – *see **Map B***
- ❑ Other areas in Alaska – *any area in Alaska **not shown in Map A or Map B** (e.g., Fairbanks)*

A4 **In 2011, did you take any saltwater fishing trips for halibut, salmon, lingcod, or rockfish in Southeast Alaska (see Map A)?** *Check your response and follow the directions.*

- ❑ Yes → ***CONTINUE TO NEXT PAGE***
- ❑ No → ***SKIP TO PAGE 8***

Your Southeast Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing in 2011

The questions in this section are only about your <u>Southeast Alaska saltwater sport fishing trips</u> during 2011.

B1 **During 2011, how many total trips and fishing days did you spend saltwater fishing using a <u>charter</u> (or fishing lodge) service, on a <u>private boat</u> (yours, a friend's, or one you rented), or from <u>shore</u> at each of the following Southeast Alaska locations (see Map A)?** *Count partial days as full days.*

Location you boarded fishing boat or fished from shore	Total fishing TRIPS taken	Number of days fished: DAYS on charter boat	DAYS on private boat	DAYS from shore
Glacier Bay……	_____	_____	_____	_____
Haines-Skagway……	_____	_____	_____	_____
Juneau……	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kake……...	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ketchikan……...	_____	_____	_____	_____
Petersburg……..	_____	_____	_____	_____
Prince of Wales……..	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sitka……...	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wrangell……	_____	_____	_____	_____
Yakutat……..	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other location (specify): _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

B2 **What is your best estimate of how many total fish you caught and <u>kept</u> at each Southeast Alaska location while saltwater fishing during 2011 (see Map A)?**

Location you boarded fishing boat or fished from shore	Total number of fish you *caught and kept* in saltwater during 2011					
	Halibut	King salmon	Silver salmon	Other salmon	Lingcod	Rockfish
Glacier Bay……	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Haines-Skagway……	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Juneau……	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kake……...	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ketchikan……...	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Petersburg……..	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Prince of Wales……..	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sitka……...	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wrangell……	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Yakutat……..	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other location (specify):						
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

B3 **Please choose the response that best describes your Alaska saltwater fishing for, and catch of, each species in Southeast Alaska during 2011.** *Check one box for each species.*

Saltwater species	I did not fish for ▼	I fished for but did not catch ▼	I kept all of my catch ▼	I kept some of my catch ▼	I keep none of my catch ▼
Halibut……..	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
King salmon…….	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Silver salmon……...	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Other salmon (red, pink, chum)…..	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Lingcod……	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Rockfish……...	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑

B4 **During 2011, what types of transportation did you take to get to where you boarded a fishing boat or fished from shore in Southeast Alaska?**
Check all boxes that apply.

- ❑ Private or rental vehicle
- ❑ Bus/Taxi
- ❑ Ferry
- ❑ Private boat
- ❑ Commercial airline
- ❑ Train
- ❑ Bus
- ❑ Float plane/charter plane
- ❑ Helicopter
- ❑ Cruise ship
- ❑ Other (please specify): _____

B5 **In 2011, did you own or have access to (example: through a friend or family) a boat you could use when you fished in saltwater in Southeast Alaska?** *Check one box.*

- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No

Your Most Recent Saltwater Sport Fishing Trip in Southeast Alaska

The questions in this section are <u>only</u> about your <u>most recent</u> Southeast Alaska saltwater sport fishing trip.

C1 **Where did you fish from on this saltwater fishing trip in Southeast Alaska?** *For only the site(s) you visited on this trip, indicate the <u>number of days</u> you saltwater fished from a charter boat, a private boat, or from shore. Count partial days fishing as full days.*

Location you boarded fishing boat or fished from shore	Number of days fished		
	DAYS on charter boat	DAYS on private boat	DAYS from shore
Glacier Bay……	_____	_____	_____
Haines-Skagway……	_____	_____	_____
Juneau……	_____	_____	_____
Kake……...	_____	_____	_____
Ketchikan……...	_____	_____	_____
Petersburg……..	_____	_____	_____
Prince of Wales……..	_____	_____	_____
Sitka……...	_____	_____	_____
Wrangell……	_____	_____	_____
Yakutat……..	_____	_____	_____
Other location (specify):			
_____	_____	_____	_____

C2 **During what month and year did your most recent Southeast Alaska saltwater fishing trip begin?**

Month _____ Year _____

C3 **How many total days were you away from your home on this trip (include fishing and non-fishing days)?** *Count partial days as full days.*

_____ Days

C4 **How many people, <u>including yourself</u>, traveled on this trip?** *Include all adults and children, even if they did not fish.*

_____ Adults _____ Children under 18

C5 **On this trip, what types of transportation did you use to get to where you boarded a fishing boat or fished from shore?** *Check all that apply.*

- ❑ Private or rental vehicle
- ❑ Bus/Taxi
- ❑ Ferry
- ❑ Private boat
- ❑ Commercial airline
- ❑ Train
- ❑ Bus
- ❑ Float plane/charter plane
- ❑ Helicopter
- ❑ Cruise ship
- ❑ Other (please specify): _____

C6 **For each saltwater species below, indicate whether you <u>fished in saltwater for</u> this species, the <u>total number of fish you caught (including any you released)</u>, and the number of fish you <u>caught and kept</u> on this trip.**

Saltwater fish species	Fished for? ☑	Total number of fish caught	Number of fish caught and kept
Halibut…….	❑	_____	_____
King salmon…….	❑	_____	_____
Silver salmon……	❑	_____	_____
Other salmon (red, pink, or chum)…	❑	_____	_____
Lingcod…….	❑	_____	_____
Rockfish……	❑	_____	_____

C7 **About how much total time (in hours and minutes) did you personally have a fishing pole in the water during this trip?**

Hours _____ **Minutes** _____

C8 **Was saltwater fishing the primary purpose of this trip?** *Check one box.*

- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No

C9 **Approximately how much money did you <u>personally</u> spend for yourself and others during this trip?** *Do not include any costs paid by others. If you didn't spend money on an item, please write "0".*

Fishing-related costs	**<u>Your costs</u> for this trip** ***(round to nearest dollar)***
Transportation to and from saltwater fishing	
Automobile/truck/RV fuel……..	**$ _____**
Automobile/truck/RV rental……..	**$ _____**
Bus/taxi fares..…….	**$ _____**
Train fare…….	**$ _____**
Float/charter plane……..	**$ _____**
Airline airfare……..	**$ _____**
Ferry…….	**$ _____**
Fishing-related food and lodging	
Fishing lodge/package costs……	**$ _____**
Lodging (trailer parks, campgrounds, hotels, etc.)……..	**$ _____**
Food and drink (restaurant)…….	**$ _____**
Food and drink (non-restaurant)……..	**$ _____**
Other fishing-related costs	
Fish/combination license fees (only if bought on trip)……	**$ _____**
Guides or charter fees (including tips)…….	**$ _____**
Fishing boat rental……..	**$ _____**
Fishing gear, bait (bought or rented for this trip)……	**$ _____**
Fish processing, freezing, packing, or shipping fees……..	**$ _____**
Ice…….	**$ _____**
Fishing derby entry fees……..	**$ _____**
Boat fuel, lubricants, and repairs…….	**$ _____**
Moorage or launch fees for this trip……	**$ _____**
Gifts/souvenirs…….	**$ _____**
Other: _____	**$ _____**

C10 **How many people, <u>including yourself</u>, were the trip expenses in C9 for?**

_____ Adults **_____ Children under 18**

Your Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing Trip Preferences

This section asks about your preferences for Alaska saltwater fishing trips. <u>Even if you have not saltwater fished in Alaska</u>, your responses are needed to understand how people choose fishing trips.

D1 **In Alaska, do you prefer saltwater or freshwater fishing?** *Check the box of the best answer.*

- ❑ I prefer saltwater fishing
- ❑ I prefer freshwater fishing
- ❑ I do not have a preference
- ❑ I don't know

D2 **In Alaska, do you prefer to saltwater fish from a <u>charter boat</u> (or fishing lodge service) or a <u>private boat</u> (yours, a friend's, or one you rented)?** *Check the box of the best answer.*

- ❑ I prefer fishing from a charter boat
- ❑ I prefer fishing from a private boat
- ❑ I do not have a preference
- ❑ I don't know

D3 **Many things may influence the type of <u>Alaska saltwater fishing trip</u> you choose to take. How important are each of the following to you?** *Mark the box of your response.*

	Not important at all	A little important	Somewhat important	Very important	Extremely important
Type of fishing (charter boat fishing, private boat fishing, or from shore)….....	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Number of days fishing ……	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Type of fish targeted.....	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Daily bag or take limit: number of fish you can keep……...	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Size limit: limits on the size of fish you can keep (maximum or minimum size limits)….	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Fishing trip cost.....	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑

The next four questions ask you to choose which you like best between 3 things: two different types of <u>Southeast Alaska saltwater boat fishing experiences</u> (Choice A and Choice B) or doing something else instead of saltwater boat fishing (Choice C).

Choice A and Choice B may differ from fishing experiences you have had, <u>particularly in how much they cost and in the bag and size limits</u>, but we would still like to know your opinions about them.

- In each question, the saltwater fishing experiences (Choices A and B) are the same except for the differences you see in the table.
- **Assume you have access to a private boat** when answering these questions.
- Some trips may have a **maximum** size limit on the halibut that can be caught and kept, or a **minimum** size limit on the salmon that can be caught and kept. These are conservation measures to help maintain healthy fish stocks.
- Remember that money you spend on Choice A or Choice B is money that could instead be spent on other items and activities if you didn't go saltwater private boat fishing in Southeast Alaska.

D4 **Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C are described in the <u>columns</u> below. Below the columns, indicate which of these three choices you like best and which you like second best.**

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Type of boat…….....	**Private boat**	**Private boat**	Do something else in Southeast Alaska **other than saltwater boat fishing**
Number of fishing days……..	**2 days**	**2 days**	
Fish targeted……	**Halibut**	**Halibut**	
***Bag (take) limit*……....** *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*	1 per day (2 total)	2 per day (4 total)	
***Size limit*…..……....** *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds)*	No size limit	No size limit	
Fish targeted……	**King salmon**	**Silver salmon**	
***Bag (take) limit*……....** *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*	2 per day (4 total)	6 per day (12 total)	
***Size limit*…..……....** *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds)*	No fish **smaller** than 12 lbs	No size limit	
Cost per person……. *Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs*	**$150**	**$150**	

	<u>Choice A</u>	<u>Choice B</u>	<u>Choice C</u>
Which do you like <u>best</u>? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑
Which do you like <u>second best</u>? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑

D5 **Consider Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C in the columns below. Below the columns, indicate which of these you like best and which you like second best.**

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Type of boat…….....	**Private boat**	**Private boat**	Do something else in Southeast Alaska **other than saltwater boat fishing**
Number of fishing days……..	**1 day**	**1 day**	
Fish targeted……	**Halibut**	**Silver salmon**	
Bag (take) limit…….... *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*	2 per day (2 total)	6 per day (6 total)	
Size limit…..…….... *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds)*	No size limit	No size limit	
Fish targeted……	**None**	**Halibut**	
Bag (take) limit…….... *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*		3 per day (3 total)	
Size limit…..…….... *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds)*		No size limit	
Cost per person……. *Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs*	**$80**	**$100**	

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Which do you like best? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑
Which do you like second best? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑

D6 **Again, consider the three options below and indicate below the columns which of them you like best and which you like second best.**

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Type of boat…….....	**Private boat**	**Private boat**	Do something else in Southeast Alaska **other than saltwater boat fishing**
Number of fishing days……..	**2 days**	**3 days**	
Fish targeted……	**King salmon**	**Halibut**	
***Bag (take) limit*……....** *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*	3 per day (6 total)	2 per day (6 total)	
***Size limit*…..……....** *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds)*	No fish **smaller** than 10 lbs	No size limit	
Fish targeted……	**None**	**Silver salmon**	
***Bag (take) limit*……....** *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*		5 per day (15 total)	
***Size limit*…..……....** *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds)*		No size limit	
Cost per person……. *Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs*	**$150**	**$300**	

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Which do you like best? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑
Which do you like second best? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑

D7 **Consider Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C below and indicate which you like best and which you like second best.**

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Type of boat…….....	**Private boat**	**Private boat**	Do something else in Southeast Alaska **other than saltwater boat fishing**
Number of fishing days……..	**1 day**	**3 days**	
Fish targeted……	**Halibut**	**King salmon**	
***Bag (take) limit*……....** *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*	3 per day (3 total)	2 per day (6 total)	
***Size limit*…..……....** *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds)*	No size limit	No fish **smaller** than 12 lbs	
Fish targeted……	**None**	**Silver salmon**	
***Bag (take) limit*……....** *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*		6 per day (18 total)	
***Size limit*…..……....** *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds)*		No size limit	
Cost per person……. *Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs*	**$100**	**$350**	

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Which do you like best? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑
Which do you like second best? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑

D8 **How confident are you in your answers in D4, D5, D6, and D7?** *Check the best answer.*

Not at all confident	Slightly confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Extremely confident
❑	❑	❑	❑	❑

About You and Your Household

This information helps us understand how your fishing experiences compare to those of other anglers. Your responses will be kept confidential.

E1 **Are you male or female?** ❑ Male ❑ Female

E2 **In what year were you born?** 19_____

E3 **How many years of fishing experience do you have fishing for any species anywhere?**

_____ years

E4 **How many people, <u>including yourself</u>, do you live with in each of the following age groups?**
If none for a category please write "0".

_____ Under 18 _____ 18 to 35 _____ 36 to 60 _____ Over 60

E5 **How many people, <u>including yourself</u>, do you live with who work outside the home?**
If none for a category, write "0".

____ Full-time worker ____ Part-time worker

E6 **What is the highest grade or level of school you completed?** *Check the box of the best answer.*

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

E7 **Are you Hispanic or Latino?** *Check the box of the best answer.*

- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No

E8 **Which of the following best describes you?** *Check one or more.*

- ❑ Asian
- ❑ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ❑ Black or African American
- ❑ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ❑ White

E9 **What was your household income (before taxes) in 2011?** *Check one box.*

- ❑ Less than $10,000
- ❑ $10,000 to $19,999
- ❑ $20,000 to $29,999
- ❑ $30,000 to $39,999
- ❑ $40,000 to $49,999
- ❑ $50,000 to $59,999
- ❑ $60,000 to $79,999
- ❑ $80,000 to $99,999
- ❑ $100,000 to $124,999
- ❑ $125,000 to $149,999
- ❑ $150,000 to $200,000
- ❑ $200,000 or more

To better understand your opportunities for sport fishing, please answer these questions.

E10 **Which one of the following best describes your employment status?** *Check the box of the best answer.*

- ❑ Salaried worker
- ❑ Wage worker
- ❑ Self-employed
- ❑ Student
- ❑ Homemaker → ***SKIP TO NEXT PAGE***
- ❑ Retired → ***SKIP TO NEXT PAGE***
- ❑ Currently unemployed → ***SKIP TO NEXT PAGE***
- ❑ Disabled and unable to work → ***SKIP TO NEXT PAGE***
- ❑ Other (*please specify*) _____

E11 **In a typical week, about how many hours do you work?** *If you do not work for pay or profit, write "0" and skip to next page.*

____ Hours per week

E12 **Approximately what is your hourly wage rate?** *Check one box.*

- ❑ Under $5.00 per hour
- ❑ $5.00 to $9.99
- ❑ $10.00 to $14.99
- ❑ $15.00 to $19.99
- ❑ $20.00 to $29.99
- ❑ $30.00 to $39.99
- ❑ $40.00 to $49.99
- ❑ $50.00 to $59.99
- ❑ $60 or more per hour

E13 **Would you prefer to work more hours or fewer hours per week at your current hourly wage rate?** *You'd have less income if you worked less, and more income if you worked more.*

- ❑ I would prefer to work **more** hours per week at my current hourly wage rate
- ❑ I would prefer to work **fewer** hours per week at my current hourly wage rate
- ❑ Neither. I am happy with the number of hours I currently work.

Is there anything we overlooked?
Please use the space below to provide us with any other comments you would like to make.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

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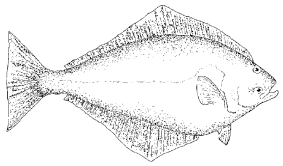
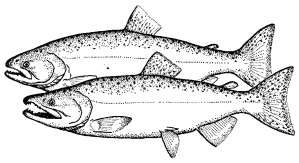
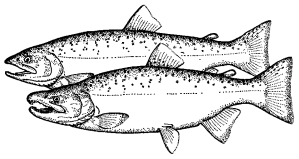
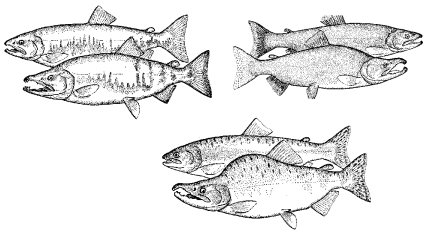
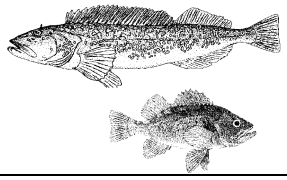
Popular Alaska Saltwater Sport Fish

Pacific Halibut	
	• Available throughout the season • Average weight is about 25 pounds (range from 10 to over 100 pounds) • 2011 daily bag (take) limit was 1 or 2 per day when charter fishing; 2 per day otherwise • In 2011, there is a maximum size limit on halibut caught when charter fishing in Southeast Alaska
King Salmon (Chinook)	
	• Available throughout the season • Average weight is about 25 pounds (range of 15 to over 50 pounds) • 2011 daily bag (take) limit was 1 to 2; in some areas, the daily limit was 2 for Alaska residents and 1 for non-residents • Minimum size limits and annual bag (take) limits apply in some areas
Silver Salmon (Coho)	
	• Available from June through September • Average weight is about 11 pounds (range of 7 to over 15 pounds) • 2011 daily bag (take) limit for non-king salmon varied from 5 to 10; in some areas only 2 may be silver salmon • Minimum size limits apply in some areas
Other Salmon	
	• Red (sockeye), pink (humpy), and chum (dog) salmon are available at different times throughout the summer months • Sometimes caught, but rarely fished for by sport anglers in SALTWATER • 2011 daily bag (take) limit for all non-king salmon was a combined total of 5 to 10 in most areas • Minimum size limits apply in some areas
Other Species	
	• Includes lingcod and rockfish • For lingcod, 2011 daily bag (take) limit was 1 to 2 in most areas; minimum size limits apply in some areas • For rockfish, 2011 daily bag (take) limit was 5 to 10 in most areas; no size limits in 2011

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Your 2011 Sport Fishing Activities in Alaska

The questions in this survey are about you and your fishing activities and opinions. Except when asked, please do not include any information about others who fish or travel with you. Please use the included maps, Map A (Southeast Alaska) and Map B (Southcentral Alaska), when needed.

In this survey:

- **Freshwater fishing** is any sport (recreational) fishing in rivers, lakes, and streams.
- **Saltwater fishing** is any sport (recreational) fishing in the ocean or bays but does not include salmon caught in rivers or in tidal saltwater at the mouth of a river.
- A **fishing trip** is any trip that includes recreational fishing. This includes travel to the location where you fished. Many anglers fish for more than one day on fishing trips.
- **Do not include** any subsistence or personal use fishing (e.g., dipnetting) you may have done.

A1 **Did you take any sport (recreational) fishing trips in Alaska before 2011?**
Check the box of your response.

- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No

A2 **During 2011, how many total freshwater and saltwater fishing days did you sport fish in Alaska?** *Count partial days as full days.*

_____ freshwater fishing days

_____ saltwater fishing days

A3 **During 2011, in which areas of Alaska (Southeast Alaska, Southcentral Alaska, or other areas in Alaska) did you fish on your freshwater or saltwater fishing trips?**
Check all that apply.

- ❑ Southeast Alaska – *see **Map A***
- ❑ Southcentral Alaska – *see **Map B***
- ❑ Other areas in Alaska – *any area in Alaska **not shown in Map A or Map B** (e.g., Fairbanks)*

A4 **In 2011, did you take any saltwater fishing trips for halibut, salmon, lingcod, or rockfish in Southcentral Alaska (see Map B)?** *Check your response and follow the directions.*

- ❑ Yes → ***CONTINUE TO NEXT PAGE***
- ❑ No → ***SKIP TO PAGE 8***

Your Southcentral Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing in 2011

The questions in this section are only about your <u>Southcentral Alaska saltwater sport fishing trips</u> during 2011.

B1 **During 2011, how many total trips and fishing days did you spend saltwater fishing using a <u>charter</u> (or fishing lodge) service, on a <u>private boat</u> (yours, a friend's, or one you rented), or from <u>shore</u> at each of the following Southcentral Alaska locations (see Map B)?** *Count partial days as full days.*

Location you boarded fishing boat or fished from shore	Total fishing TRIPS taken	Number of days fished: DAYS on charter boat	DAYS on private boat	DAYS from shore
Anchor Point…..……	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alaska Peninsula/Bristol Bay…	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cordova…….	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ninilchik/ Deep Creek……...	_____	_____	_____	_____
Homer……	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kenai (city)……	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kodiak Island……	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seldovia…….	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seward……...	_____	_____	_____	_____
Valdez……	_____	_____	_____	_____
Whittier……..	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other location (specify): _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

B2 **What is your best estimate of how many total fish you caught and <u>kept</u> at each Southcentral Alaska location while saltwater fishing during 2011 (see Map B)?**

Location you boarded fishing boat or fished from shore	Total number of fish you *caught and kept* in saltwater during 2011					
	Halibut	King salmon	Silver salmon	Other salmon	Lingcod	Rockfish
Anchor Point…..……	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alaska Peninsula/Bristol Bay…	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cordova…….	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ninilchik/ Deep Creek……...	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Homer……	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kenai (city)……	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kodiak Island……	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seldovia…….	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seward……...	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Valdez……	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Whittier……..	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other location (specify):						
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

B3 **Please choose the response that best describes your Alaska saltwater fishing for, and catch of, each species in Southcentral Alaska during 2011.** *Check one box for each species.*

Saltwater species	I did not fish for ▼	I fished for but did not catch ▼	I kept all of my catch ▼	I kept some of my catch ▼	I keep none of my catch ▼
Halibut……..	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
King salmon…….	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Silver salmon……...	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Other salmon (red, pink, chum)…..	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Lingcod……	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Rockfish……...	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑

B4 **During 2011, what types of transportation did you take to get to <u>where you boarded a fishing boat or fished from shore</u> in Southcentral Alaska?**
Check all boxes that apply.

- ❑ Private or rental vehicle
- ❑ Bus/Taxi
- ❑ Ferry
- ❑ Private boat
- ❑ Commercial airline
- ❑ Train
- ❑ Bus
- ❑ Float plane/charter plane
- ❑ Helicopter
- ❑ Cruise ship
- ❑ Other (please specify): _____

B5 **In 2011, did you own or have access to (example: through a friend or family) a boat you could use when you fished in saltwater in Southcentral Alaska?** *Check one box.*

- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No

Your Most Recent Saltwater Sport Fishing Trip in Southcentral Alaska

The questions in this section are only about your most recent Southcentral Alaska saltwater sport fishing trip.

C1 **Where did you fish from on this saltwater fishing trip in Southcentral Alaska?** *For only the site(s) you visited on this trip, indicate the number of days you saltwater fished from a charter boat, a private boat, or from shore. Count partial days fishing as full days.*

Location you boarded fishing boat or fished from shore	Number of days fished		
	DAYS on charter boat	DAYS on private boat	DAYS from shore
Anchor Point…..……	_____	_____	_____
Alaska Peninsula/Bristol Bay…	_____	_____	_____
Cordova…….	_____	_____	_____
Ninilchik/ Deep Creek……...	_____	_____	_____
Homer……	_____	_____	_____
Kenai (city)……	_____	_____	_____
Kodiak Island……	_____	_____	_____
Seldovia…….	_____	_____	_____
Seward……...	_____	_____	_____
Valdez……	_____	_____	_____
Whittier……..	_____	_____	_____
Other location (specify): _____	_____	_____	_____

C2 **During what month and year did your most recent Southcentral Alaska saltwater fishing trip begin?**

Month _____ **Year** _____

C3 **How many total days were you away from your home on this trip (include fishing and non-fishing days)?** *Count partial days as full days.*

_____ **Days**

C4 **How many people, including yourself, traveled on this trip?** *Include all adults and children, even if they did not fish.*

_____ **Adults** _____ **Children under 18**

C5 **On this trip, what types of transportation did you use to get to where you boarded a fishing boat or fished from shore?** *Check all that apply.*

- ❑ Private or rental vehicle
- ❑ Bus/Taxi
- ❑ Ferry
- ❑ Private boat
- ❑ Commercial airline
- ❑ Train
- ❑ Bus
- ❑ Float plane/charter plane
- ❑ Helicopter
- ❑ Cruise ship
- ❑ Other (please specify): _____

C6 **For each saltwater species below, indicate whether you <u>fished in saltwater for</u> this species, the <u>total number of fish you caught (including any you released)</u>, and the number of fish you <u>caught and kept</u> on this trip.**

Saltwater fish species	Fished for? ☑	Total number of fish caught	Number of fish caught and kept
Halibut…….	❑	_____	_____
King salmon…….	❑	_____	_____
Silver salmon……	❑	_____	_____
Other salmon (red, pink, or chum)…	❑	_____	_____
Lingcod…….	❑	_____	_____
Rockfish……	❑	_____	_____

C7 **About how much total time (in hours and minutes) did you personally have a fishing pole in the water during this trip?**

Hours _____ **Minutes** _____

C8 **Was saltwater fishing the primary purpose of this trip?** *Check one box.*

- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No

C9 **Approximately how much money did you personally spend for yourself and others during this trip?** *Do not include any costs paid by others. If you didn't spend money on an item, please write "0".*

Fishing-related costs	Your costs for this trip *(round to nearest dollar)*
Transportation to and from saltwater fishing	
Automobile/truck/RV fuel……..	$ _____
Automobile/truck/RV rental……..	$ _____
Bus/taxi fares..…….	$ _____
Train fare…….	$ _____
Float/charter plane……..	$ _____
Airline airfare……..	$ _____
Ferry…….	$ _____
Fishing-related food and lodging	
Fishing lodge/package costs……	$ _____
Lodging (trailer parks, campgrounds, hotels, etc.)……..	$ _____
Food and drink (restaurant)…….	$ _____
Food and drink (non-restaurant)……..	$ _____
Other fishing-related costs	
Fish/combination license fees (only if bought on trip)……	$ _____
Guides or charter fees (including tips)…….	$ _____
Fishing boat rental……..	$ _____
Fishing gear, bait (bought or rented for this trip)……	$ _____
Fish processing, freezing, packing, or shipping fees……..	$ _____
Ice…….	$ _____
Fishing derby entry fees……..	$ _____
Boat fuel, lubricants, and repairs…….	$ _____
Moorage or launch fees for this trip……	$ _____
Gifts/souvenirs…….	$ _____
Other: _____	$ _____

C10 **How many people, including yourself, were the trip expenses in C9 for?**

_____ Adults **_____ Children under 18**

Your Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing Trip Preferences

This section asks about your preferences for Alaska saltwater fishing trips. <u>Even if you have not saltwater fished in Alaska</u>, your responses are needed to understand how people choose fishing trips.

D1 **In Alaska, do you prefer saltwater or freshwater fishing?** *Check the box of the best answer.*

- ❑ I prefer saltwater fishing
- ❑ I prefer freshwater fishing
- ❑ I do not have a preference
- ❑ I don't know

D2 **In Alaska, do you prefer to saltwater fish from a <u>charter boat</u> (or fishing lodge service) or a <u>private boat</u> (yours, a friend's, or one you rented)?** *Check the box of the best answer.*

- ❑ I prefer fishing from a charter boat
- ❑ I prefer fishing from a private boat
- ❑ I do not have a preference
- ❑ I don't know

D3 **Many things may influence the type of <u>Alaska saltwater fishing trip</u> you choose to take. How important are each of the following to you?** *Mark the box of your response.*

	Not important at all	A little important	Somewhat important	Very important	Extremely important
Type of fishing (charter boat fishing, private boat fishing, or from shore)….....	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Number of days fishing ……	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Type of fish targeted.....	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Daily bag or take limit: number of fish you can keep……...	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Size limit: limits on the size of fish you can keep (maximum or minimum size limits)….	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Fishing trip cost.....	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑

The next four questions ask you to choose which you like best between 3 things: two different types of <u>Southcentral Alaska saltwater boat fishing experiences</u> (Choice A and Choice B) or doing something else instead of saltwater boat fishing (Choice C).

Choice A and Choice B may differ from fishing experiences you have had, <u>particularly in how much they cost and in the bag and size limits</u>, but we would still like to know your opinions about them.

- In each question, the saltwater fishing experiences (Choices A and B) are the same except for the differences you see in the table.
- **Assume you have access to a private boat** when considering private boat fishing trips.
- Some trips may have a **maximum** size limit on the halibut that can be caught and kept, or a **minimum** size limit on the salmon that can be caught and kept. These are conservation measures to help maintain healthy fish stocks.
- Remember that money you spend on Choice A or Choice B is money that could instead be spent on other items and activities if you didn't go saltwater boat fishing in Alaska.

D4 **Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C are described in the <u>columns</u> below. Below the columns, indicate which of these three choices you like best and which you like second best.**

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Type of boat…….....	**Charter boat**	**Private boat**	Do something else in Southcentral Alaska **other than saltwater boat fishing**
Number of fishing days……..	**2 days**	**2 days**	
Fish targeted……	**Halibut**	**Halibut**	
***Bag (take) limit*……....** *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*	1 per day (2 total)	3 per day (6 total)	
***Size limit*…..……....** *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds)*	No fish **larger** than 20 lbs	No size limit	
Fish targeted……	**King salmon**	**Silver salmon**	
***Bag (take) limit*……....** *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*	2 per day (4 total)	6 per day (12 total)	
***Size limit*…..……....** *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds)*	No fish **smaller** than 12 lbs	No size limit	
Cost per person……. *Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs*	**$450**	**$150**	

	<u>Choice A</u>	<u>Choice B</u>	<u>Choice C</u>
Which do you like <u>best</u>? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑
Which do you like <u>second best</u>? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑

D5 **Consider Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C in the columns below. Below the columns, indicate which of these you like best and which you like second best.**

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Type of boat…….....	**Private boat**	**Private boat**	Do something else in Southcentral Alaska **other than saltwater boat fishing**
Number of fishing days……..	**1 day**	**1 day**	
Fish targeted……	**Halibut**	**Silver salmon**	
Bag (take) limit…….... *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*	2 per day (2 total)	6 per day (6 total)	
Size limit…..…….... *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds)*	No size limit	No size limit	
Fish targeted……	**None**	**Halibut**	
Bag (take) limit…….... *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*		2 per day (2 total)	
Size limit…..…….... *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds)*		No size limit	
Cost per person……. *Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs*	**$80**	**$100**	

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Which do you like best? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑
Which do you like second best? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑

D6 **Again, consider the three options below and indicate below the columns which of them you like best and which you like second best.**

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Type of boat…….....	**Charter boat**	**Charter boat**	Do something else in Southcentral Alaska **other than saltwater boat fishing**
Number of fishing days……..	**2 days**	**3 days**	
Fish targeted……	**King salmon**	**Halibut**	
***Bag (take) limit*……....** *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*	3 per day (6 total)	2 per day (6 total)	
***Size limit*…..……....** *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds)*	No fish **smaller** than 10 lbs	1 fish any size; 1 fish no **larger** than 20 lbs	
Fish targeted……	**None**	**Silver salmon**	
***Bag (take) limit*……....** *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*		5 per day (15 total)	
***Size limit*…..……....** *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds)*		No size limit	
Cost per person……. *Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs*	**$600**	**$900**	

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Which do you like best? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑
Which do you like second best? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑

D7 **Consider Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C below and indicate which you like best and which you like second best.**

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Type of boat…….....	**Charter boat**	**Private boat**	Do something else in Southcentral Alaska **other than saltwater boat fishing**
Number of fishing days……..	**1 day**	**4 days**	
Fish targeted……	**Halibut**	**King salmon**	
Bag (take) limit…….... *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*	3 per day (3 total)	2 per day (8 total)	
Size limit…..…….... *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds)*	1 fish any size; 2 fish no **larger** than 20 lbs	No fish **smaller** than 12 lbs	
Fish targeted……	**None**	**Silver salmon**	
Bag (take) limit…….... *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*		6 per day (24 total)	
Size limit…..…….... *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds)*		No size limit	
Cost per person……. *Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs*	**$300**	**$300**	

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Which do you like best? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑
Which do you like second best? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑

D8 **How confident are you in your answers in D4, D5, D6, and D7?** *Check the best answer.*

Not at all confident	Slightly confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Extremely confident
❑	❑	❑	❑	❑

About You and Your Household

This information helps us understand how your fishing experiences compare to those of other anglers. Your responses will be kept confidential.

E1 **Are you male or female?** ❑ Male ❑ Female

E2 **In what year were you born?** 19_____

E3 **How many years of fishing experience do you have fishing for any species anywhere?**

_____ years

E4 **How many people, <u>including yourself</u>, do you live with in each of the following age groups?**
If none for a category please write "0".

_____ Under 18 _____ 18 to 35 _____ 36 to 60 _____ Over 60

E5 **How many people, <u>including yourself</u>, do you live with who work outside the home?**
If none for a category, write "0".

____ Full-time worker ____ Part-time worker

E6 **What is the highest grade or level of school you completed?** *Check the box of the best answer.*

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

E7 **Are you Hispanic or Latino?** *Check the box of the best answer.*

- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No

E8 **Which of the following best describes you?** *Check one or more.*

- ❑ Asian
- ❑ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ❑ Black or African American
- ❑ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ❑ White

E9 **What was your household income (before taxes) in 2011?** *Check one box.*

- ❑ Less than $10,000
- ❑ $10,000 to $19,999
- ❑ $20,000 to $29,999
- ❑ $30,000 to $39,999
- ❑ $40,000 to $49,999
- ❑ $50,000 to $59,999
- ❑ $60,000 to $79,999
- ❑ $80,000 to $99,999
- ❑ $100,000 to $124,999
- ❑ $125,000 to $149,999
- ❑ $150,000 to $200,000
- ❑ $200,000 or more

To better understand your opportunities for sport fishing, please answer these questions.

E10 **Which one of the following best describes your employment status?** *Check the box of the best answer.*

- ❑ Salaried worker
- ❑ Wage worker
- ❑ Self-employed
- ❑ Student
- ❑ Homemaker → ***SKIP TO NEXT PAGE***
- ❑ Retired → ***SKIP TO NEXT PAGE***
- ❑ Currently unemployed → ***SKIP TO NEXT PAGE***
- ❑ Disabled and unable to work → ***SKIP TO NEXT PAGE***
- ❑ Other (*please specify*) _____

E11 **In a typical week, about how many hours do you work?** *If you do not work for pay or profit, write "0" and skip to next page.*

____ Hours per week

E12 **Approximately what is your hourly wage rate?** *Check one box.*

- ❑ Under $5.00 per hour
- ❑ $5.00 to $9.99
- ❑ $10.00 to $14.99
- ❑ $15.00 to $19.99
- ❑ $20.00 to $29.99
- ❑ $30.00 to $39.99
- ❑ $40.00 to $49.99
- ❑ $50.00 to $59.99
- ❑ $60 or more per hour

E13 **Would you prefer to work more hours or fewer hours per week, at your current hourly wage rate?** *You'd have less income if you worked less, and more income if you worked more.*

- ❑ I would prefer to work **more** hours per week at my current hourly wage rate
- ❑ I would prefer to work **fewer** hours per week at my current hourly wage rate
- ❑ Neither. I am happy with the number of hours I currently work.

Is there anything we overlooked?
Please use the space below to provide us with any other comments you would like to make.

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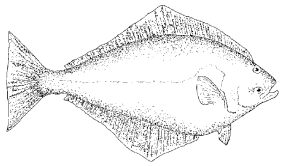
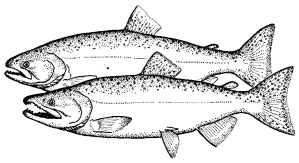
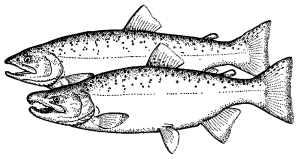
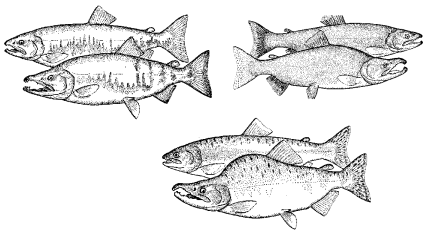
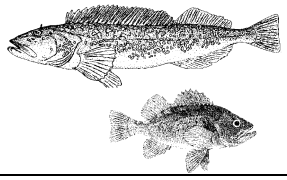
Popular Alaska Saltwater Sport Fish

Pacific Halibut	
	• Available throughout the season • Average weight is about 25 pounds (range from 10 to over 100 pounds) • 2011 daily bag (take) limit was 1 or 2 per day when charter fishing; 2 per day otherwise • In 2011, there is a maximum size limit on halibut caught when charter fishing in Southeast Alaska
King Salmon (Chinook)	
	• Available throughout the season • Average weight is about 25 pounds (range of 15 to over 50 pounds) • 2011 daily bag (take) limit was 1 to 2; in some areas, the daily limit was 2 for Alaska residents and 1 for non-residents • Minimum size limits and annual bag (take) limits apply in some areas
Silver Salmon (Coho)	
	• Available from June through September • Average weight is about 11 pounds (range of 7 to over 15 pounds) • 2011 daily bag (take) limit for non-king salmon varied from 5 to 10; in some areas only 2 may be silver salmon • Minimum size limits apply in some areas
Other Salmon	
	• Red (sockeye), pink (humpy), and chum (dog) salmon are available at different times throughout the summer months • Sometimes caught, but rarely fished for by sport anglers in SALTWATER • 2011 daily bag (take) limit for all non-king salmon was a combined total of 5 to 10 in most areas • Minimum size limits apply in some areas
Other Species	
	• Includes lingcod and rockfish • For lingcod, 2011 daily bag (take) limit was 1 to 2 in most areas; minimum size limits apply in some areas • For rockfish, 2011 daily bag (take) limit was 5 to 10 in most areas; no size limits in 2011

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Your 2011 Sport Fishing Activities in Alaska

The questions in this survey are about you and your fishing activities and opinions. Except when specifically asked, please do not include any information about others who fish or travel with you. Please use the included maps, Map A (Southeast Alaska) and Map B (Southcentral Alaska), when needed.

In this survey:

- **Freshwater fishing** is any sport (recreational) fishing in rivers, lakes, and streams.
- **Saltwater fishing** is any sport (recreational) fishing in the ocean or bays but does not include salmon caught in rivers or in tidal saltwater at the mouth of a river.
- A **fishing trip** is any trip that includes recreational fishing. This includes travel to the location where you fished. Many anglers fish for more than one day on fishing trips.

A1 **Did you take any sport (recreational) fishing trips to Alaska before 2011?**
Check one box.

- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No

A2 **During 2011, how many different visits to Alaska that included saltwater fishing did you make from your home (outside Alaska)?** *Please write the number of visits in the space below.*

_____ Alaska visits that included saltwater fishing

A3 **During 2011, how many total days did you spend freshwater fishing and saltwater fishing in Alaska?** *Count partial days as full days.*

_____ freshwater fishing days

_____ saltwater fishing days

A4 **During 2011, in which areas of Alaska (Southeast Alaska, Southcentral Alaska, or other areas in Alaska) did you fish on your freshwater or saltwater fishing trips?**
Check all that apply.

- ❑ Southeast Alaska – *see **Map A***
- ❑ Southcentral Alaska – *see **Map B***
- ❑ Other areas in Alaska – *any area in Alaska **not shown in Map A or Map B***
  (e.g., Fairbanks)

A5 **In 2011, did you take any saltwater fishing trips for halibut, salmon, lingcod, or rockfish in Alaska?** *Check your response and follow the directions.*

- ❑ Yes → ***CONTINUE TO NEXT PAGE***
- ❑ No → ***SKIP TO PAGE 8***

Your Most Recent Visit to Alaska That Included Saltwater Fishing

The questions in this section are <u>only</u> about your <u>most recent visit to Alaska</u> that included saltwater sport fishing.

B1 **Visitors who fish in Alaska may visit Alaska for a variety of reasons besides saltwater fishing (including freshwater fishing, work-related activities, visiting family or friends, or non-fishing outdoor activities).**

On your <u>most recent visit to Alaska</u>, on a scale from 1 (not at all important) to 10 (extremely important) how important was <u>saltwater sport fishing</u> for why you were visiting Alaska? *Please check one box.*

	Not at all important									Extremely important
	1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**
Saltwater sport fishing as a reason for visiting Alaska…….	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑

B2 **Would you have made this <u>most recent visit to Alaska</u> if you were unable to go saltwater sport fishing?** *Check one box.*

❑ Yes
❑ No

B3 **During what month and year did this visit to Alaska begin?**

Month: _____ Year: 20____

B4 **How many total days were you away from your home (where you live outside Alaska) on this visit to Alaska?** *Include travel, fishing, and non-fishing days and count partial days as full days.*

_____ Days

B5 **How many total days did you spend saltwater fishing on this visit to Alaska?** *Count partial days as full days.*

_____ Days saltwater fishing

B6 **How many people, <u>including yourself</u>, traveled on this visit to Alaska?** *Include all adults and children, even if they did not fish.*

_____ **Adults** _____ **Children under 18**

B7 **On this visit, did you travel by plane to the State of Alaska?**

❑ Yes → I flew into: ❑ Juneau ❑ Petersburg ❑ Ketchikan ❑ Sitka
❑ Kodiak ❑ Anchorage ❑ Cordova ❑ Other: _____
❑ No

B8 **On this visit, did you take a cruise ship <u>into</u> the State of Alaska from a non-Alaska port? (e.g., Seattle, Vancouver)**

❑ Yes → I took a ___ day cruise to Alaska departing from _____ (departure port)
❑ No

B9 **On this visit, did you stay at a fishing lodge for all or part of your saltwater fishing?**

❑ Yes → How much time did you spend traveling from the airport you flew into (or other point of entry into Alaska) and the lodge you stayed at? *Please write the one-way travel time.*

____ ***hours*** ____ ***minutes***

❑ No

B10 **Approximately how much money did you personally spend for yourself and others during this visit to Alaska?** *Do not include any costs paid by others. If you didn't spend money on an item, please write "0".*

Type of cost	Your costs for this trip *(round to nearest dollar)*
Travel expenses to and from Alaska	
Transportation, food, and lodging costs while traveling to and from Alaska……..	$ _____
Non-fishing expenses while in Alaska	
Transportation, food, and lodging costs not related to fishing while in Alaska……..	$ _____
Fishing-related expenses while in Alaska	
Fishing lodge/package costs…….	$ _____
Transportation to and from saltwater fishing	
Automobile/truck/RV fuel……...	$ _____
Automobile/truck/RV rental……...	$ _____
Bus/taxi fares..…….	$ _____
Train fare…….	$ _____
Float/charter plane……...	$ _____
Airline airfare……...	$ _____
Ferry…….	$ _____
Fishing-related food and lodging	
Lodging (trailer parks, campgrounds, hotels, etc.)……..	$ _____
Food and drink (restaurant)…….	$ _____
Food and drink (non-restaurant)……..	$ _____
Other fishing-related costs	
Fish/combination license fees (only if bought on trip)……	$ _____
Guides or charter fees (including tips)…….	$ _____
Fishing boat rental……...	$ _____
Fishing gear, bait (bought or rented for this trip)……	$ _____
Fish processing, freezing, packing, or shipping fees……..	$ _____
Ice…….	$ _____
Fishing derby entry fees……...	$ _____
Boat fuel, lubricants, and repairs…….	$ _____
Moorage or launch fees for this trip……	$ _____
Gifts/souvenirs…….	$ _____
Other: _____	$ _____

B11 **How many people, including yourself, were the fishing-related expenses you paid in B10 for?**

_____ Adults _____ Children under 18

Your Most Recent Saltwater Fishing in Alaska

The questions in this section are only about the saltwater fishing you did on your <u>most recent visit to Alaska</u>. As a reminder, a <u>saltwater fishing trip</u> is any trip that <u>includes</u> saltwater recreational fishing. This includes travel to the location where you fished. Some people fish for more than one day on fishing trips.

C1 **Which of the following descriptions most closely describes the saltwater fishing you did on your most recent visit to Alaska?** *Please check the box of the best answer.*

- ❑ **Avid fishing.** You had planned to saltwater fish for most, or all, of your time in Alaska.
- ❑ **Purposeful fishing**. You had planned to saltwater fish in Alaska and made arrangements for one or more days of fishing while in Alaska, but there were other activities important to you in Alaska.
- ❑ **Incidental fishing**. You did not make specific plans to saltwater fish in Alaska, but did a day or more of fishing while there as the opportunities arose. It was not a major reason for your visit to Alaska.

C2 **At which fishing locations did you saltwater fish during your visit to Alaska and how many days did you fish at each location?** *Please check the box of the locations you fished at during your Alaska visit and write in the number of days you fished. Count partial days as full days.*

☑	**Fishing locations in Southeast Alaska** *(see Map A)*	**Number of days fished**
❑	Glacier Bay……..	_____
❑	Haines or Skagway……..	_____
❑	Juneau or Auke Bay…….	_____
❑	Kake…….....	_____
❑	Ketchikan……..…	_____
❑	Petersburg…….....	_____
❑	Prince of Wales……	_____
❑	Sitka…….	_____
❑	Wrangell……...	_____
❑	Yakutat……	_____
❑	Other location in Southeast Alaska: _____	_____

☑	**Fishing locations in Southcentral Alaska** *(see Map B)*	**Number of days fished**
❑	Anchor Point……..	_____
❑	Alaska Peninsula/Bristol Bay……	_____
❑	Cordova…….	_____
❑	Clam Gulch……	_____
❑	Deep Creek or Ninilchik……	_____
❑	Homer……	_____
❑	Kenai (city)……	_____
❑	Kodiak Island…….	_____
❑	Seldovia…….	_____
❑	Seward……...	_____
❑	Valdez……	_____
❑	Whittier……..	_____
❑	Other location in Southcentral Alaska: _____	_____

C3 **On this most recent visit to Alaska, how many total fishing days did you spend saltwater fishing using a <u>charter</u> (or fishing lodge) service, on a <u>private boat</u> (yours, a friend's, or one you rented), or from <u>shore</u>?** *Please write the number of days you fished by charter boat, private boat, and shore. If none, write "0". Count partial days as full days.*

Saltwater fishing by…	Number of Days Fished
Charter (or fishing lodge) service…….	_____
Private boat (yours, a friend's or one you rented)……	_____
Shore…….	_____

C4 **For each saltwater species below, indicate whether you <u>fished in saltwater for</u> this species, the <u>total number of fish you caught (including any you released)</u>, and the number of fish you <u>caught and kept</u> on this most recent Alaska saltwater fishing trip.**

Saltwater fish species	Fished for? ☑	Total number of fish caught	Number of fish caught and kept
Halibut…….	❑	_____	_____
King salmon…….	❑	_____	_____
Silver salmon……	❑	_____	_____
Other salmon (red, pink, or chum)…	❑	_____	_____
Lingcod…….	❑	_____	_____
Rockfish……	❑	_____	_____

C5 **About how much total time (in hours and minutes) did you personally have a fishing pole in the water during this trip?**

Hours _____ **Minutes** _____

C6 **Which city, town, or area did you consider your <u>home base</u> (or starting point) for saltwater fishing during your most recent Alaska visit?** *Please check one box.*

☑	**Locations in Southeast Alaska** *(see Map A)*	☑	**Locations in Southcentral Alaska** *(see Map B)*
❑	Angoon (Admiralty Island)	❑	Anchorage and surrounding areas
❑	Auke Bay	❑	Anchor Point
❑	Chichagof	❑	Cordova
❑	Craig (Prince of Wales Island)	❑	Clam Gulch
❑	Edna Bay (Prince of Wales Island)	❑	Dillingham (Bristol Bay)
❑	Elfin Cove (Chichagof Island)	❑	Deep Creek or Ninilchik
❑	Glacier Bay	❑	Homer
❑	Haines	❑	Kenai (city)
❑	Hoonah	❑	King Cove (Alaska Peninsula)
❑	Juneau	❑	Kodiak (Kodiak Island)
❑	Kake	❑	Moose Pass
❑	Ketchikan	❑	Old Harbor (Kodiak Island)
❑	Petersburg	❑	Seldovia
❑	Sitka	❑	Seward
❑	Skagway	❑	Soldotna
❑	Wrangell	❑	Valdez
❑	Yakutat	❑	Whittier
❑	Other location in Southeast Alaska: _____	❑	Other location in Southcentral Alaska: _____

C7 **On average, about how much <u>time</u> each day did you spend traveling (roundtrip) from your home base to the location(s) where you boarded a boat or fished from shore?** *This is time spent in travel by road or air to where you boarded a fishing boat or fished from shore—not the time spent in a boat traveling to the fishing grounds.*

Average roundtrip travel time per day: ____ hours ____ minutes

Your Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing Trip Preferences

This section asks about your preferences for Alaska saltwater fishing trips. <u>Even if you have not saltwater fished in Alaska</u>, your responses are needed to understand how people choose fishing trips.

D1 **In Alaska, do you prefer saltwater or freshwater fishing?** *Check one box.*

- ❑ I prefer saltwater fishing
- ❑ I prefer freshwater fishing
- ❑ I do not have a preference
- ❑ I don't know

D2 **In which area of Alaska do you, or would you, prefer to saltwater fish?** *Check one box.*

- ❑ Southeast Alaska – *see Map A*
- ❑ Southcentral Alaska – *see Map B*
- ❑ Other areas in Alaska – *any area in Alaska not shown in Map A or Map B (e.g., Fairbanks)*
- ❑ I do not have a preference
- ❑ I don't know

D3 **Many things may influence the type of <u>Alaska saltwater fishing trip</u> you choose to take. How important are each of the following to you?** *Mark the box of your response.*

	Not important at all ▼	A little important ▼	Somewhat important ▼	Very important ▼	Extremely important ▼
Fishing area…….....	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Number of days fishing ……	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Type of fish targeted.....	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Daily bag or take limit: number of fish you can keep……...	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Size limit: limits on the size of fish you can keep (maximum or minimum size limits)….	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Fishing trip cost.....	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑

The next four questions ask you to choose which you like best between 3 things you can do while on a visit to Alaska: two different types of <u>Alaska saltwater charter boat fishing experiences</u> (Choice A and Choice B) or doing something else instead of Alaska saltwater charter boat fishing (Choice C). Choice A and Choice B may differ from fishing experiences you have had, but we would still like to know your opinions about them.

- In each question, assume the saltwater charter fishing experiences (Choice A and Choice B) are identical except for the differences you see in the table.
- Some trips may have a **maximum** size limit on the halibut that can be caught and kept, or a **minimum** size limit on the salmon that can be caught and kept. These are conservation measures to help maintain healthy fish stocks.
- Remember that money you spend on Choice A or Choice B is money that could instead be spent on other items and activities if you didn't go saltwater charter fishing in Alaska.

D4 **Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C are described in the <u>columns</u> below. Below the columns, indicate which of these three choices you like best and which you like second best.**

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Fishing area…..……	**Southcentral**	**Southeast**	Do something else in Alaska **other than saltwater charter boat fishing**
Number of fishing days……..	**2 days**	**2 days**	
Fish targeted……	**Halibut**	**Halibut**	
***Bag (take) limit*……....** *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*	1 per day (2 total)	3 per day (6 total)	
***Size limit*…..……....** *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds using standard length-weight charts)*	No size limit	1 fish any size; 2 fish no **larger** than 20 lbs	
Fish targeted……	**King salmon**	**Silver salmon**	
***Bag (take) limit*……....** *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*	2 per day (4 total)	6 per day (12 total)	
***Size limit*…..……....** *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds using standard length-weight charts)*	No fish **smaller** than 12 lbs	No size limit	
Cost per person……. **(Fishing-related COSTS only)** *Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs*	**$500**	**$500**	

	<u>Choice A</u>	<u>Choice B</u>	<u>Choice C</u>
Which do you like <u>best</u>? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑
Which do you like <u>second best</u>? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑

D5 **Consider Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C in the columns below and indicate below the columns which of these you like best and which you like second best.**

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Fishing area……	**Southcentral**	**Southcentral**	
Number of fishing days……..	**1 day**	**1 day**	
Fish targeted……	**Halibut**	**Halibut**	
Bag (take) limit…….... *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*	2 per day (2 total)	1 per day (1 total)	
Size limit…..…….... *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds using standard length-weight charts)*	No fish **larger** than 20 lbs	No fish **larger** than 22 lbs	Do something else in Alaska **other than saltwater charter boat fishing**
Fish targeted……	**No second fish species**	**Silver salmon**	
Bag (take) limit…….... *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*		6 per day (6 total)	
Size limit…..…….... *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds using standard length-weight charts)*		No size limit	
Cost per person……. **(Fishing-related COSTS only)** *Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs*	**$300**	**$350**	

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Which do you like best? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑
Which do you like second best? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑

D6 **Again, consider the three options below and indicate which of them you like best and which you like second best.**

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Fishing area……	**Southeast**	**Southeast**	Do something else in Alaska **other than saltwater charter boat fishing**
Number of fishing days……..	**2 days**	**3 day**	
Fish targeted……	**King salmon**	**Halibut**	
Bag (take) limit…….... *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*	3 per day (6 total)	1 per day (3 total)	
Size limit…..…….... *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds using standard length-weight charts)*	No size limit	No fish **larger** than 20 lbs	
Fish targeted……	**No second fish species**	**Silver salmon**	
Bag (take) limit…….... *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*		5 per day (15 total)	
Size limit…..…….... *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds using standard length-weight charts)*		No size limit	
Cost per person……. **(Fishing-related COSTS only)** *Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs*	**$600**	**$1,000**	

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Which do you like best? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑
Which do you like second best? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑

D7 **Consider Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C below and indicate which you like best and which you like second best.**

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Fishing area……	**Southcentral**	**Southeast**	Do something else in Alaska **other than saltwater charter boat fishing**
Number of fishing days……..	**4 days**	**1 day**	
Fish targeted……	**Halibut**	**King salmon**	
Bag (take) limit…….... *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*	1 per day (4 total)	2 per day (2 total)	
Size limit…..…….... *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds using standard length-weight charts)*	No size limit	No fish **smaller** than 10 lbs	
Fish targeted……	**No second fish species**	**Silver salmon**	
Bag (take) limit…….... *Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)*		6 per day (6 total)	
Size limit…..…….... *Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds using standard length-weight charts)*		No size limit	
Cost per person……. **(Fishing-related COSTS only)** *Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs*	**$1,200**	**$450**	

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Which do you like best? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑
Which do you like second best? *Check one box------>*	❑	❑	❑

D8 **How confident are you in your answers in D4, D5, D6, and D7?** *Check the best answer.*

Not at all confident	Slightly confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Extremely confident
❑	❑	❑	❑	❑

About You and Your Household

This information helps us understand how your fishing experiences compare to those of other anglers. Your responses will be kept confidential.

E1 **Are you male or female?** ❑ Male ❑ Female

E2 **In what year were you born?** 19_____

E3 **How many years of fishing experience do you have fishing for any species anywhere?**

_____ years

E4 **How many people, <u>including yourself</u>, do you live with in each of the following age groups?**
If none for a category please write "0".

_____ Under 18 _____ 18 to 35 _____ 36 to 60 _____ Over 60

E5 **How many people, <u>including yourself</u>, do you live with who work outside the home?**
If none for a category, please write "0".

____ Full-time worker ____ Part-time worker

E6 **What is the highest grade or level of school you completed?** *Check the box of the best answer.*

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

E7 **Are you Hispanic or Latino?** *Check the box of the best answer.*

- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No

E8 **Which of the following best describes you?** *Check one or more.*

- ❑ Asian
- ❑ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ❑ Black or African American
- ❑ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ❑ White

E9 **What was your household income (before taxes) in 2011?** *Check one box.*

- ❑ Less than $10,000
- ❑ $10,000 to $19,999
- ❑ $20,000 to $29,999
- ❑ $30,000 to $39,999
- ❑ $40,000 to $49,999
- ❑ $50,000 to $59,999
- ❑ $60,000 to $79,999
- ❑ $80,000 to $99,999
- ❑ $100,000 to $124,999
- ❑ $125,000 to $149,999
- ❑ $150,000 to $200,000
- ❑ $200,000 or more

To better understand your opportunities for sport fishing, please answer these questions.

E10 **Which one of the following best describes your employment status?** *Check the box of the best answer.*

- ❑ Salaried worker
- ❑ Wage worker
- ❑ Self-employed
- ❑ Student
- ❑ Homemaker → ***SKIP TO NEXT PAGE***
- ❑ Retired → ***SKIP TO NEXT PAGE***
- ❑ Currently unemployed → ***SKIP TO NEXT PAGE***
- ❑ Disabled and unable to work → ***SKIP TO NEXT PAGE***
- ❑ Other (*please specify*) _____

E11 **In a typical week, about how many hours do you work?** *If you do not work for pay or profit, write "0" and skip to next page.*

____ Hours per week

E12 **Approximately what is your hourly wage rate?** *Check one box.*

- ❑ Under $5.00 per hour
- ❑ $5.00 to $9.99
- ❑ $10.00 to $14.99
- ❑ $15.00 to $19.99
- ❑ $20.00 to $29.99
- ❑ $30.00 to $39.99
- ❑ $40.00 to $49.99
- ❑ $50.00 to $59.99
- ❑ $60 or more per hour

E13 **Would you prefer to work more hours or fewer hours per week at your current hourly wage rate?** *You'd have less income if you worked less, and more income if you worked more.*

- ❑ I would prefer to work **more** hours per week at my current hourly wage rate
- ❑ I would prefer to work **fewer** hours per week at my current hourly wage rate
- ❑ Neither. I am happy with the number of hours I currently work.

Is there anything we overlooked?
Please use the space below to provide us with any other comments you would like to make.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

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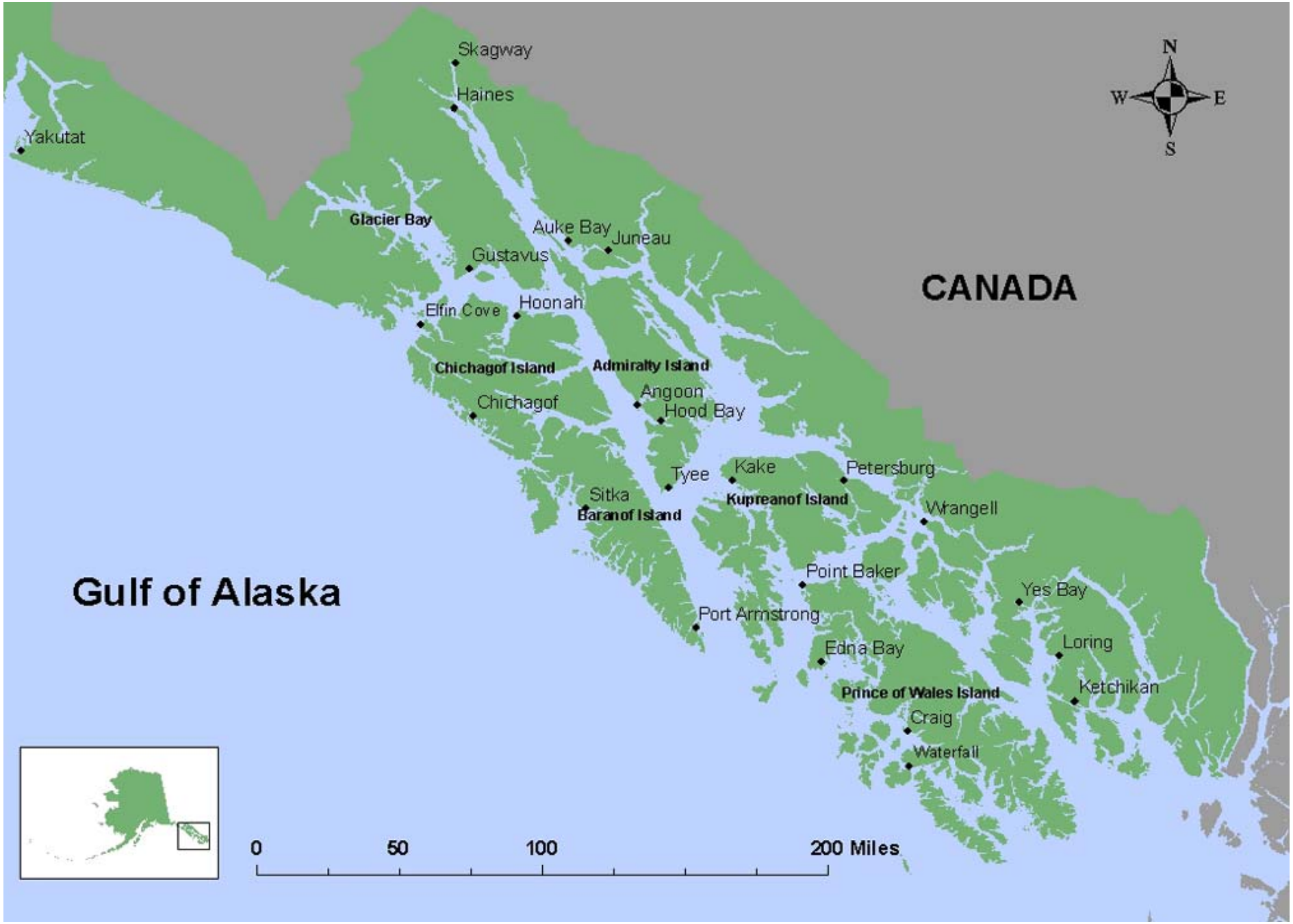
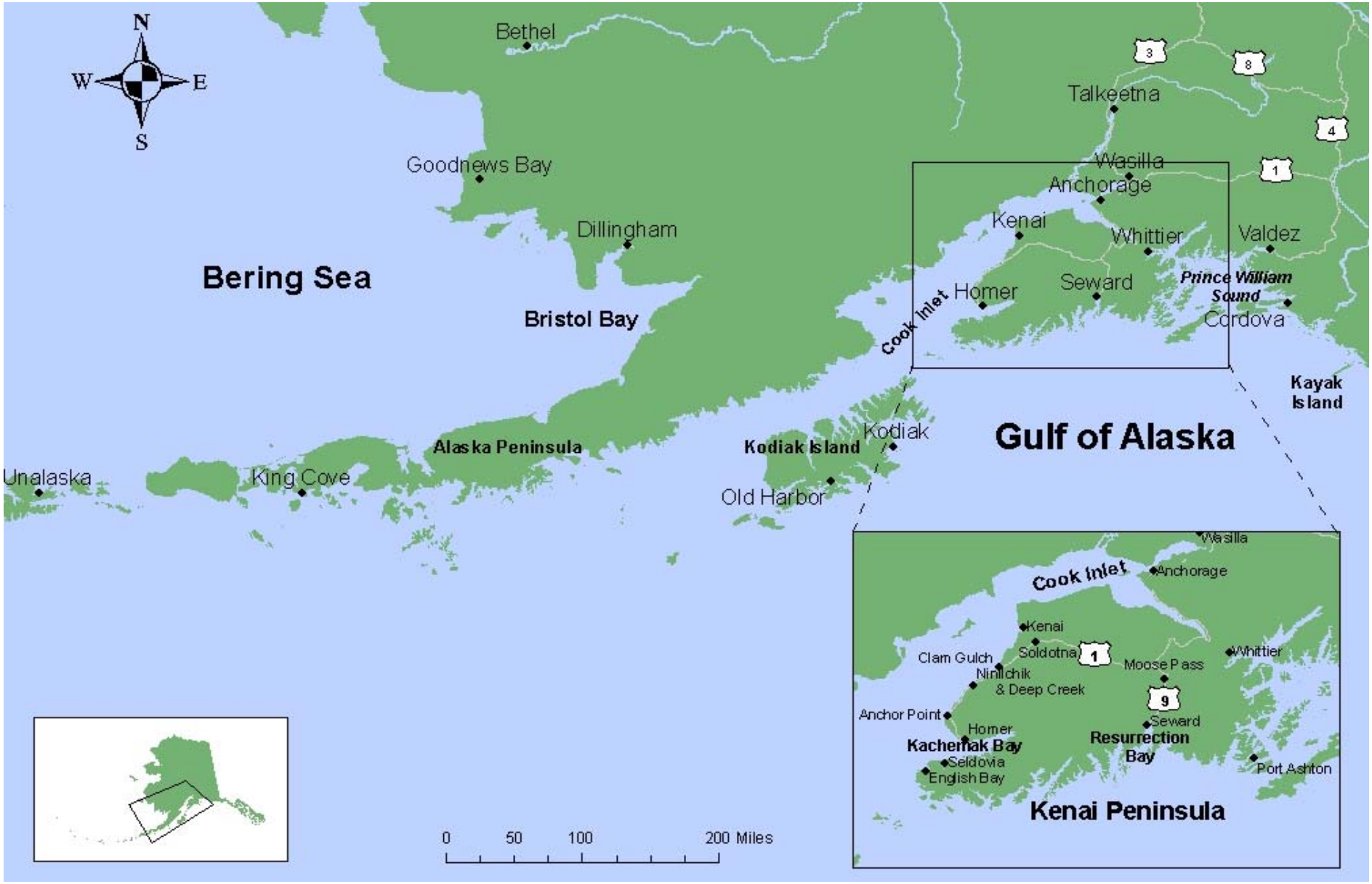


Map A: Southeast Alaska



Map B: Southcentral Alaska

Alaska Non-Response Telephone Questionnaire

[IF OBVIOUS YOUTH – Ask to speak with an adult]

Hello, my name is **_____.** I'm calling on behalf of the National Marine Fisheries Service. [IF ASKED: NOAA stands for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration]

May I please speak with_____?

01 (SKIP TO Intro 2:) YES, RESPONDENT AVAILABLE/TRANSFERRING
02 (SKIP TO EXIT1) NO, RESPONDENT UNAVAILABLE
03 DK/REFUSED [Schedule callback 1 day out]
/SCHEDULE CALLBACK/
04 /IF LANGUAGE BARRIER/ [INTERVIEWER: TERMINATE AS 103 LANGUAGE BARRIER]
05 /IF OTHER TYPE OF BARRIER/ [INTERVIEWER: TERMINATE AS 114 PHYSICAL/MENTAL IMPAIRMENT]

EXIT1: Thank you, I will call back later. When would be a good time to reach [Respondent]? /SCHEDULE CALLBACK/

[Q: "Who sponsors the survey/who is NOAA Fisheries?"
A: This survey is sponsored by NOAA Fisheries, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service, a U.S. government agency responsible for the stewardship of the nation's living marine resources and their habitat.]

[Q: "What's the purpose of the call?"
A: This is not a sales call. We are collecting public input for government, industry, and citizen groups to consider when evaluating ways to manage saltwater fish species, like halibut, in Alaska. I want to assure you that your answers will be kept confidential and your name will not be revealed to anyone.]

[Q: "Why did you send money with the survey?"
A: The survey is very important and NOAA Fisheries has found they can get more input for less money by including a small token of their appreciation with the survey.]

[Q: I haven't saltwater fished in Alaska before.
A: The survey does not require you to have saltwater fished before, in Alaska or anywhere. In fact, we are very interested in hearing from people who do not saltwater fish in Alaska, in addition to those who have.]

[Q: I don't care about saltwater fishing in Alaska. It is important that we represent your view in the survey. If we only receive surveys from people who care a lot, the survey results would be biased.]

[Q: "Do you have a valid OMB Control Number to undertake this survey?" Yes, this survey has received clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The OMB control number is 0648-XXXX, which expires DATE.]

[IF QUALIFIED RESPONDENT IS ON THE PHONE]

QA You were recently mailed a questionnaire about recreational fishing in Alaska, which included **$1** as a token of our appreciation for completing the survey. The survey collects information about your fishing activities and your opinions about saltwater fishing to help the federal government better manage saltwater fisheries in Alaska. As of today, we have not received your completed questionnaire. You are one of a small group of people who have fished in Alaska who we are asking input from, so your response is very important to us. Even if you have not fished in saltwater in Alaska, your input is still needed. If we send you another survey, could you complete the survey and return it to us within a week of receiving it?

1 YES – SEND NEW SURVEY *[SKIP TO VERIFY]*
2 YES – DO NOT NEED ANOTHER SURVEY *[THANK YOU. SKIP TO CONTINUE]*
3 SURVEY HAS ALREADY BEEN RETURNED *[THANK YOU, SKIP TO CONTINUE]*
4 NO *[SKIP TO QB]*

QB It is very important for our analysis that we understand how those who haven't returned the survey compare to those who did, so that we don't misinterpret the survey results. Could I take a few minutes to ask you some brief questions that will help us with our work? I'd like to remind you that all of your answers are confidential and your name will not be revealed to anyone.

1 YES *[SKIP TO Q1]*
2 NO *[ASK FOR A MORE CONVENIENT TIME, OTHERWISE, THANK RESPONDENT AND TERMINATE]*

VERIFY: [If new survey needs to be sent]

I would like to verify your contact information. What I have is…

NAME_____
STREET ADDRESS_____
CITY_____STATE _____ ZIP_____
PHONE_____

Thank you, I will send another questionnaire out today.

/GO TO CONTINUE IF RESPONDENT NEEDS NEW SURVEY TO BE SENT TO HIM/HER, IF RESPONDENT INDICATES SURVEY HAS BEEN, OR WILL BE RETURNED./

CONTINUE: [IF respondent needs new survey to be sent to him/her, if respondent indicates survey has been or will be returned.]

Receiving your completed questionnaire will be very helpful. Could I take a few minutes to ask you some brief questions to help us with our preliminary results until we receive your completed questionnaire?

1 NO "OK. We look forward to receiving your completed questionnaire" [*SKIP TO TERMINATE]*.
2 NOT NOW → OK. We look forward to receiving your completed questionnaire, I can try back another time.[SCHEDULE CALLBACK*]*.
3 YES *[CONTINUE WITH EVALUATE]*

EVALUATE

Q1 **During 2011, how many days did you spend recreational fishing in Alaska? Please count partial days as full days.**
/RANGE=1-365/

01 [Enter # days fishing]
02 [If ZERO, SKIP TO DEMOGRAPHICS]
98 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
99 REFUSED

Q2 **During 2011, did you saltwater fish in Alaska? Saltwater fishing is any fishing in the ocean or bays, but does not include salmon caught in rivers or in "tidal saltwater" found at the mouth of a river.**
[INTERVIEWER: IF NECESSARY, "Tidal saltwater refers to the water at or near the mouth of a river or stream where saltwater mixes with freshwater."]

01 YES
02 NO [SKIP TO DEMOGRAPHICS]
98 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
99 REFUSED

Q3 **In 2011, did you fish for halibut or catch halibut while saltwater fishing in Alaska?**
01 YES
02 NO [SKIP TO DEMOGRAPHICS]
98 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
99 REFUSED

DEMOGRAPHICS

Q3a Returning survey. [IF RESPONDENT IS RETURNING SURVEY] → I have just 2 quick questions about you and your household to help us group your responses with others.

Q3b Not returning survey. [IF RESPONDENT IS NOT RETURNING SURVEY] → I have just 3 quick questions about you and your household to help us group your responses with others.

Q4 In what year were you born?

01 [Record year] /1907-1995/
98 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
99 REFUSED

/IF Q3RETURNING, SKIP TO Q6/ [SKIP Q5 IF THEY INDICATE THEY ARE RETURNING THE SURVEY]

Q5 Which of the following best describes the highest level of education you have completed?
[INTERVIEWER: READ IF NECESSARY]

01 Less than 9th grade
02 Some high school (no diploma)
03 High school graduate (including GED)
04 Some college (no degree)
05 Two year college degree (Associates degree) or technical school
06 Four year college graduate (bachelor degree)
07 Some graduate work but did not receive a graduate degree
08 Advanced, Professional, or doctoral degree
98 DON'T KNOW
99 REFUSED

Q6 Which of the following categories best describes your household's total annual income before taxes in 2011?
[INTERVIEWER: PLEASE READ LIST]

01 Less than $10,000
02 $10,000 - $19,999
03 $20,000 - $29,999
04 $30,000 - $39,999
05 $40,000 - $49,999
06 $50,000 - $59,999
07 $60,000 - $79,999
08 $80,000 - $99,999
09 $100,000 - $124,999
10 $125,000 - $149,999

11 $150,000 - $199,999
12 $200,000 or more
98 DON'T KNOW
99 REFUSED

[IF Q3a RETURNING SURVEY] → Thank you. Your assistance today will help with our preliminary analysis. Receiving your completed questionnaire will greatly help to improve our understanding of anglers' Alaska fishing experiences and their preferences for saltwater fishing trips in Alaska.

[IF Q3b NOT RETURNING QUESTIONNAIRE] → Those are all the questions I have for you. Do you have any comments that you would like to add?
01 YES /GO TO "OTHER RESPONDENT COMMENTS"/
02 NO /GO TO CLOSING/
98 DON'T KNOW /GO TO CLOSING/
99 REFUSED /GO TO CLOSING/

Closing: Thank you for your time. We really appreciate your participation in this survey. Thanks again, and have a good day/evening.

[INTERVIEWER: Record gender of respondent, use voice recognition only.]
01 Male
02 Female
98 DON'T KNOW
99 REFUSED

/ALLOW FOR MULTIPLE RESPONSES/

RESPONDENT VIEW ON ALASKA FISHING:
[INTERVIEWER: DID THE RESPONDENT INDICATE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?]
[INTERVIEWER: DO NOT PROMPT RESPONDENT FOR THIS INFORMATION.]

01 I DON'T CARE ABOUT SALTWATER FISHING IN ALASKA.
02 I DON'T KNOW ABOUT SALTWATER FISHING IN ALASKA.
03 RESPONDENT DIDN'T PROVIDE THIS FEEDBACK.
98 DON'T KNOW
99 REFUSED

/ALLOW STANDARD OPEN-END RESPONSE LENGTH, IF RESPONDENT HAS ANY COMMENTS/

OTHER RESPONDENT COMMENTS.
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SEC. 303. CONTENTS OF FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS 16 U.S.C. 1853

95-354, 99-659, 101-627, 104-297

(a) REQUIRED PROVISIONS.—Any fishery management plan which is prepared by any Council, or by the Secretary, with respect to any fishery, shall—

(1) contain the conservation and management measures, applicable to foreign fishing and fishing by vessels of the United States, which are—

(A) necessary and appropriate for the conservation and management of the fishery to prevent overfishing and rebuild overfished stocks, and to protect, restore, and promote the long-term health and stability of the fishery;

(B) described in this subsection or subsection (b), or both; and

(C) consistent with the national standards, the other provisions of this Act, regulations implementing recommendations by international organizations in which the United States participates (including but not limited to closed areas, quotas, and size limits), and any other applicable law;

(2) contain a description of the fishery, including, but not limited to, the number of vessels involved, the type and quantity of fishing gear used, the species of fish involved and their location, the cost likely to be incurred in management, actual and potential revenues from the fishery, any recreational interest in the fishery, and the nature and extent of foreign fishing and Indian treaty fishing rights, if any;

(3) assess and specify the present and probable future condition of, and the maximum sustainable yield and optimum yield from, the fishery, and include a summary of the information utilized in making such specification;

(4) assess and specify—

(A) the capacity and the extent to which fishing vessels of the United States, on an annual basis, will harvest the optimum yield specified under paragraph (3),

(B) the portion of such optimum yield which, on an annual basis, will not be harvested by fishing vessels of the United States and can be made available for foreign fishing, and

(C) the capacity and extent to which United States fish processors, on an annual basis, will process that portion of such optimum yield that will be harvested by fishing vessels of the United States;

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(5) specify the pertinent data which shall be submitted to the Secretary with respect to commercial, recreational, charter fishing, and fish processing in the fishery, including, but not limited to, information regarding the type and quantity of fishing gear used, catch by species in numbers of fish or weight thereof, areas in which fishing was engaged in, time of fishing, number of hauls, economic information necessary to meet the requirements of this Act, and the estimated processing capacity of, and the actual processing capacity utilized by, United States fish processors;

(6) consider and provide for temporary adjustments, after consultation with the Coast Guard and persons utilizing the fishery, regarding access to the fishery for vessels otherwise prevented from harvesting because of weather or other ocean conditions affecting the safe conduct of the fishery; except that the adjustment shall not adversely affect conservation efforts in other fisheries or discriminate among participants in the affected fishery;

(7) describe and identify essential fish habitat for the fishery based on the guidelines established by the Secretary under section 305(b)(1)(A), minimize to the extent practicable adverse effects on such habitat caused by fishing, and identify other actions to encourage the conservation and enhancement of such habitat;

(8) in the case of a fishery management plan that, after January 1, 1991, is submitted to the Secretary for review under section 304(a) (including any plan for which an amendment is submitted to the Secretary for such review) or is prepared by the Secretary, assess and specify the nature and extent of scientific data which is needed for effective implementation of the plan;

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(9) include a fishery impact statement for the plan or amendment (in the case of a plan or amendment thereto submitted to or prepared by the Secretary after October 1, 1990) which shall assess, specify, and analyze the likely effects, if any, including the cumulative conservation, economic, and social impacts, of the conservation and management measures on, and possible mitigation measures for—

(A) participants in the fisheries and fishing communities affected by the plan or amendment;

(B) participants in the fisheries conducted in adjacent areas under the authority of another Council, after consultation with such Council and representatives of those participants; and

(C) the safety of human life at sea, including whether and to what extent such measures may affect the safety of participants in the fishery;

(10) specify objective and measurable criteria for identifying when the fishery to which the plan applies is overfished (with an analysis of how the criteria were determined and the relationship of the criteria to the reproductive potential of stocks of fish in that fishery) and, in the case of a fishery which the Council or the Secretary has determined is approaching an overfished condition or is overfished, contain conservation and management measures to prevent overfishing or end overfishing and rebuild the fishery;

(11) establish a standardized reporting methodology to assess the amount and type of bycatch occurring in the fishery, and include conservation and management measures that, to the extent practicable and in the following priority—

(A) minimize bycatch; and

(B) minimize the mortality of bycatch which cannot be avoided;

(12) assess the type and amount of fish caught and released alive during recreational fishing under catch and release fishery management programs and the mortality of such fish, and include conservation and management measures that, to the extent practicable, minimize mortality and ensure the extended survival of such fish;

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(13) include a description of the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors which participate in the fishery, including its economic impact, and, to the extent practicable, quantify trends in landings of the managed fishery resource by the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors;

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(14) to the extent that rebuilding plans or other conservation and management measures which reduce the overall harvest in a fishery are necessary, allocate, taking into consideration the economic impact of the harvest restrictions or recovery benefits on the fishery participants in each sector, any harvest restrictions or recovery benefits fairly and equitably among the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors in the fishery and;

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(15) establish a mechanism for specifying annual catch limits in the plan (including a multiyear plan), implementing regulations, or annual specifications, at a level such that overfishing does not occur in the fishery, including measures to ensure accountability.

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(b) DISCRETIONARY PROVISIONS.—Any fishery management plan which is prepared by any Council, or by the Secretary, with respect to any fishery, may—

(1) require a permit to be obtained from, and fees to be paid to, the Secretary, with respect to—

(A) any fishing vessel of the United States fishing, or wishing to fish, in the exclusive economic zone [or special areas,]* or for anadromous species or Continental Shelf fishery resources beyond such zone [or areas]*;

(B) the operator of any such vessel; or

(C) any United States fish processor who first receives fish that are subject to the plan;

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(2)(A) designate zones where, and periods when, fishing shall be limited, or shall not be permitted, or shall be permitted only by specified types of fishing vessels or with specified types and quantities of fishing gear;

(B) designate such zones in areas where deep sea corals are identified under section 408, to protect deep sea corals from physical damage from fishing gear or to prevent loss or damage to such fishing gear from interactions with deep sea corals, after considering long-term sustainable uses of fishery resources in such areas; and

(C) with respect to any closure of an area under this Act that prohibits all fishing, ensure that such closure—

(i) is based on the best scientific information available;

(ii) includes criteria to assess the conservation benefit of the closed area;

(iii) establishes a timetable for review of the closed area's performance that is consistent with the purposes of the closed area; and

(iv) is based on an assessment of the benefits and impacts of the closure, including its size, in relation to other management measures (either alone or in combination with such measures), including the benefits and impacts of limiting access to: users of the area, overall fishing activity, fishery science, and fishery and marine conservation;

(3) establish specified limitations which are necessary and appropriate for the conservation and management of the fishery on the—

(A) catch of fish (based on area, species, size, number, weight, sex, bycatch, total biomass, or other factors);

(B) sale of fish caught during commercial, recreational, or charter fishing, consistent with any applicable Federal and State safety and quality requirements; and

(C) transshipment or transportation of fish or fish products under permits issued pursuant to section 204;

(4) prohibit, limit, condition, or require the use of specified types and quantities of fishing gear, fishing vessels, or equipment for such vessels, including devices which may be required to facilitate enforcement of the provisions of this Act;

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(5) incorporate (consistent with the national standards, the other provisions of this Act, and any other applicable law) the relevant fishery conservation and management measures of the coastal States nearest to the fishery and take into account the different circumstances affecting fisheries from different States and ports, including distances to fishing grounds and proximity to time and area closures;

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(6) establish a limited access system for the fishery in order to achieve optimum yield if, in developing such system, the Council and the Secretary take into account—

(A) present participation in the fishery;

(B) historical fishing practices in, and dependence on, the fishery;

(C) the economics of the fishery;

(D) the capability of fishing vessels used in the fishery to engage in other fisheries;

(E) the cultural and social framework relevant to the fishery and any affected fishing communities;

(F) the fair and equitable distribution of access privileges in the fishery; and

(G) any other relevant considerations;

(7) require fish processors who first receive fish that are subject to the plan to submit data which are necessary for the conservation and management of the fishery;

(8) require that one or more observers be carried on board a vessel of the United States engaged in fishing for species that are subject to the plan, for the purpose of collecting data necessary for the conservation and management of the fishery; except that such a vessel shall not be required to carry an observer on board if the facilities of the vessel for the quartering of an observer, or for carrying out observer functions, are so inadequate or unsafe that the health or safety of the observer or the safe operation of the vessel would be jeopardized;

(9) assess and specify the effect which the conservation and management measures of the plan will have on the stocks of naturally spawning anadromous fish in the region;

(10) include, consistent with the other provisions of this Act, conservation and management measures that provide harvest incentives for participants within each gear group to employ fishing practices that result in lower levels of bycatch or in lower levels of the mortality of bycatch;

(11) reserve a portion of the allowable biological catch of the fishery for use in scientific research;

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(12) include management measures in the plan to conserve target and non-target species and habitats, considering the variety of ecological factors affecting fishery populations; and

(14)[sic][15] prescribe such other measures, requirements, or conditions and restrictions as are determined to be necessary and appropriate for the conservation and management of the fishery.

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(c) PROPOSED REGULATIONS.—Proposed regulations which the Council deems necessary or appropriate for the purposes of—

(1) implementing a fishery management plan or plan amendment shall be submitted to the Secretary simultaneously with the plan or amendment under section 304; and

(2) making modifications to regulations implementing a fishery management plan or plan amendment may be submitted to the Secretary at any time after the plan or amendment is approved under section 304.

[15] So in original.

P.L. 109-479, sec. 104(b), MSA § 303 note **16 U.S.C. 1853 note**

EFFECTIVE DATES; APPLICATION TO CERTAIN SPECIES.—The amendment made by subsection (a)(10)[16]—

(1) shall, unless otherwise provided for under an international agreement in which the United States participates, take effect—

(A) in fishing year 2010 for fisheries determined by the Secretary to be subject to overfishing; and

(B) in fishing year 2011 for all other fisheries; and

(2) shall not apply to a fishery for species that have a life cycle of approximately 1 year unless the Secretary has determined the fishery is subject to overfishing of that species; and

(3) shall not limit or otherwise affect the requirements of section 301(a)(1) or 304(e) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1851(a)(1) or 1854(e), respectively).

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SEC. 303A. LIMITED ACCESS PRIVILEGE PROGRAMS. **16 U.S.C. 1853a**

(a) IN GENERAL.—After the date of enactment of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006, a Council may submit, and the Secretary may approve, for a fishery that is managed under a limited access system, a limited access privilege program to harvest fish if the program meets the requirements of this section.

(b) NO CREATION OF RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST.—Limited access privilege, quota share, or other limited access system authorization established, implemented, or managed under this Act—

(1) shall be considered a permit for the purposes of sections 307, 308, and 309;

(2) may be revoked, limited, or modified at any time in accordance with this Act, including revocation if the system is found to have jeopardized the sustainability of the stock or the safety of fishermen;

(3) shall not confer any right of compensation to the holder of such limited access privilege, quota share, or other such limited access system authorization if it is revoked, limited, or modified;

(4) shall not create, or be construed to create, any right, title, or interest in or to any fish before the fish is harvested by the holder; and

(5) shall be considered a grant of permission to the holder of the limited access privilege or quota share to engage in activities permitted by such limited access privilege or quota share.

[16] Section 104(a)(10) of P.L. 109-479 added section 303(a)(15).

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SEC. 402. INFORMATION COLLECTION **16 U.S.C. 1881a**

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(a) COLLECTION PROGRAMS.—

(1) COUNCIL REQUESTS.—If a Council determines that additional information would be beneficial for developing, implementing, or revising a fishery management plan or for determining whether a fishery is in need of management, the Council may request that the Secretary implement an information collection program for the fishery which would provide the types of information specified by the Council. The Secretary shall undertake such an information collection program if he determines that the need is justified, and shall promulgate regulations to implement the program within 60 days after such determination is made. If the Secretary determines that the need for an information collection program is not justified, the Secretary shall inform the Council of the reasons for such determination in writing. The determinations of the Secretary under this paragraph regarding a Council request shall be made within a reasonable period of time after receipt of that request.

(2) SECRETARIAL INITIATION.—If the Secretary determines that additional information is necessary for developing, implementing, revising, or monitoring a fishery management plan, or for determining whether a fishery is in need of management, the Secretary may, by regulation, implement an information collection or observer program requiring submission of such additional information for the fishery.

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(b) CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION.—
(1) Any information submitted to the Secretary, a State fishery management agency, or a marine fisheries commission by any person in compliance with the requirements of this Act shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed except—
(A) to Federal employees and Council employees who are responsible for fishery management plan development, monitoring, or enforcement;
(B) to State or Marine Fisheries Commission employees as necessary to further the Department's mission, subject to a confidentiality agreement that prohibits public disclosure of the identity of business of any person;
(C) to State employees who are responsible for fishery management plan enforcement, if the States employing those employees have entered into a fishery enforcement agreement with the Secretary and the agreement is in effect;
(D) when required by court order;
(E) when such information is used by State, Council, or Marine Fisheries Commission employees to verify catch under a limited access program, but only to the extent that such use is consistent with subparagraph (B);
(F) when the Secretary has obtained written authorization from the person submitting such information to release such information to persons for reasons not otherwise provided for in this subsection, and such release does not violate other requirements of this Act;
(G) when such information is required to be submitted to the Secretary for any determination under a limited access program; or

(H) in support of homeland and national security activities, including the Coast Guard's homeland security missions as defined in section 888(a)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 468(a)(2)).

(2) Any observer information shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed, except in accordance with the requirements of subparagraphs (A) through (H) of paragraph (1), or—

(A) as authorized by a fishery management plan or regulations under the authority of the North Pacific Council to allow disclosure to the public of weekly summary bycatch information identified by vessel or for haul-specific bycatch information without vessel identification;

(B) when such information is necessary in proceedings to adjudicate observer certifications; or

(C) as authorized by any regulations issued under paragraph (3) allowing the collection of observer information, pursuant to a confidentiality agreement between the observers, observer employers, and the Secretary prohibiting disclosure of the information by the observers or observer employers, in order—

(i) to allow the sharing of observer information among observers and between observers and observer employers as necessary to train and prepare observers for deployments on specific vessels; or

(ii) to validate the accuracy of the observer information collected.

(3) The Secretary shall, by regulation, prescribe such procedures as may be necessary to preserve the confidentiality of information submitted in compliance with any requirement or regulation under this Act, except that the Secretary may release or make public any such information in any aggregate or summary form which does not directly or indirectly disclose the identity or business of any person who submits such information. Nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted or construed to prevent the use for conservation and management purposes by the Secretary, or with the approval of the Secretary, the Council, of any information submitted in compliance with any requirement or regulation under this Act or the use, release, or publication of bycatch information pursuant to paragraph (2)(A).

(c) RESTRICTION ON USE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.—

(1) The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to restrict the use, in civil enforcement or criminal proceedings under this Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), and the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), of information collected by voluntary fishery data collectors, including sea samplers, while aboard any vessel for conservation and management purposes if the presence of such a fishery data collector aboard is not required by any of such Acts or regulations thereunder.

(2) The Secretary may not require the submission of a Federal or State income tax return or statement as a prerequisite for issuance of a permit until such time as the Secretary has promulgated regulations to ensure the confidentiality of information contained in such return or statement, to limit the information submitted to that necessary to achieve a demonstrated conservation and management purpose, and to provide appropriate penalties for violation of such regulations.

(d) CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may provide a grant, contract, or other financial assistance on a sole-source basis to a State, Council, or Marine Fisheries Commission for the purpose of carrying out information collection or other programs if—

(1) the recipient of such a grant, contract, or other financial assistance is specified by statute to be, or has customarily been, such State, Council, or Marine Fisheries Commission; or

(2) the Secretary has entered into a cooperative agreement with such State, Council, or Marine Fisheries Commission.

(e) RESOURCE ASSESSMENTS.—

(1) The Secretary may use the private sector to provide vessels, equipment, and services necessary to survey the fishery resources of the United States when the arrangement will yield statistically reliable results.

(2) The Secretary, in consultation with the appropriate Council and the fishing industry--

(A) may structure competitive solicitations under paragraph (1) so as to compensate a contractor for a fishery resources survey by allowing the contractor to retain for sale fish harvested during the survey voyage;

(B) in the case of a survey during which the quantity or quality of fish harvested is not expected to be adequately compensatory, may structure those solicitations so as to provide that compensation by permitting the contractor to harvest on a subsequent voyage and retain for sale a portion of the allowable catch of the surveyed fishery; and

(C) may permit fish harvested during such survey to count toward a vessel's catch history under a fishery management plan if such survey was conducted in a manner that precluded a vessel's participation in a fishery that counted under the plan for purposes of determining catch history.

(3) The Secretary shall undertake efforts to expand annual fishery resource assessments in all regions of the Nation.

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SEC. 403. OBSERVERS **16 U.S.C. 1881b**

(a) GUIDELINES FOR CARRYING OBSERVERS.—Within one year after the date of enactment of the Sustainable Fisheries Act, the Secretary shall promulgate regulations, after notice and opportunity for public comment, for fishing vessels that carry observers. The regulations shall include guidelines for determining—

(1) when a vessel is not required to carry an observer on board because the facilities of such vessel for the quartering of an observer, or for carrying out observer functions, are so inadequate or unsafe that the health or safety of the observer or the safe operation of the vessel would be jeopardized; and

(2) actions which vessel owners or operators may reasonably be required to take to render such facilities adequate and safe.

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Regulatory Planning and Review

The American people deserve a regulatory system that works for them, not against them: a regulatory system that protects and improves their health, safety, environment, and well-being and improves the performance of the economy without imposing unacceptable or unreasonable costs on society; regulatory policies that recognize that the private sector and private markets are the best engine for economic growth; regulatory approaches that respect the role of State, local, and tribal governments; and regulations that are effective, consistent, sensible, and understandable. We do not have such a regulatory system today.

With this Executive order, the Federal Government begins a program to reform and make more efficient the regulatory process. The objectives of this Executive order are to enhance planning and coordination with respect to both new and existing regulations; to reaffirm the primacy of Federal agencies in the regulatory decision-making process; to restore the integrity and legitimacy of regulatory review and oversight; and to make the process more accessible and open to the public. In pursuing these objectives, the regulatory process shall be conducted so as to meet applicable statutory requirements and with due regard to the discretion that has been entrusted to the Federal agencies.

Accordingly, by the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. *Statement of Regulatory Philosophy and Principles.*

(a) *The Regulatory Philosophy.* Federal agencies should promulgate only such regulations as are required by law, are necessary to interpret the law, or are made necessary by compelling public need, such as material failures of private markets to protect or improve the health and safety of the public, the environment, or the well-being of the American people. In deciding whether and how to regulate, agencies should assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives, including the alternative of not regulating. Costs and benefits shall be understood to include both quantifiable measures (to the fullest extent that these can be usefully estimated) and qualitative measures of costs and benefits that are difficult to quantify, but nevertheless essential to consider. Further, in choosing among alternative regulatory approaches, agencies should select those approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety, and other advantages; distributive impacts; and equity), unless a statute requires another regulatory approach.

(b) *The Principles of Regulation.* To ensure that the agencies' regulatory programs are consistent with the philosophy set forth above, agencies should adhere to the following principles, to the extent permitted by law and where applicable:

(1) Each agency shall identify the problem that it intends to address (including, where applicable, the failures of private markets or public institutions that warrant new agency action) as well as assess the significance of that problem.

(2) Each agency shall examine whether existing regulations (or other law) have created, or contributed to, the problem that a new regulation is

intended to correct and whether those regulations (or other law) should be modified to achieve the intended goal of regulation more effectively.

(3) Each agency shall identify and assess available alternatives to direct regulation, including providing economic incentives to encourage the desired behavior, such as user fees or marketable permits, or providing information upon which choices can be made by the public.

(4) In setting regulatory priorities, each agency shall consider, to the extent reasonable, the degree and nature of the risks posed by various substances or activities within its jurisdiction.

(5) When an agency determines that a regulation is the best available method of achieving the regulatory objective, it shall design its regulations in the most cost-effective manner to achieve the regulatory objective. In doing so, each agency shall consider incentives for innovation, consistency, predictability, the costs of enforcement and compliance (to the government, regulated entities, and the public), flexibility, distributive impacts, and equity.

(6) Each agency shall assess both the costs and the benefits of the intended regulation and, recognizing that some costs and benefits are difficult to quantify, propose or adopt a regulation only upon a reasoned determination that the benefits of the intended regulation justify its costs.

(7) Each agency shall base its decisions on the best reasonably obtainable scientific, technical, economic, and other information concerning the need for, and consequences of, the intended regulation.

(8) Each agency shall identify and assess alternative forms of regulation and shall, to the extent feasible, specify performance objectives, rather than specifying the behavior or manner of compliance that regulated entities must adopt.

(9) Wherever feasible, agencies shall seek views of appropriate State, local, and tribal officials before imposing regulatory requirements that might significantly or uniquely affect those governmental entities. Each agency shall assess the effects of Federal regulations on State, local, and tribal governments, including specifically the availability of resources to carry out those mandates, and seek to minimize those burdens that uniquely or significantly affect such governmental entities, consistent with achieving regulatory objectives. In addition, as appropriate, agencies shall seek to harmonize Federal regulatory actions with related State, local, and tribal regulatory and other governmental functions.

(10) Each agency shall avoid regulations that are inconsistent, incompatible, or duplicative with its other regulations or those of other Federal agencies.

(11) Each agency shall tailor its regulations to impose the least burden on society, including individuals, businesses of differing sizes, and other entities (including small communities and governmental entities), consistent with obtaining the regulatory objectives, taking into account, among other things, and to the extent practicable, the costs of cumulative regulations.

(12) Each agency shall draft its regulations to be simple and easy to understand, with the goal of minimizing the potential for uncertainty and litigation arising from such uncertainty.

Sec. 2. *Organization.* An efficient regulatory planning and review process is vital to ensure that the Federal Government's regulatory system best serves the American people.

(a) *The Agencies.* Because Federal agencies are the repositories of significant substantive expertise and experience, they are responsible for developing regulations and assuring that the regulations are consistent with applicable law, the President's priorities, and the principles set forth in this Executive order.

(b) *The Office of Management and Budget.* Coordinated review of agency rulemaking is necessary to ensure that regulations are consistent with applicable law, the President's priorities, and the principles set forth in this Executive order, and that decisions made by one agency do not conflict with the policies or actions taken or planned by another agency. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) shall carry out that review function. Within OMB, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) is the repository of expertise concerning regulatory issues, including methodologies and procedures that affect more than one agency, this Executive order, and the President's regulatory policies. To the extent permitted by law, OMB shall provide guidance to agencies and assist the President, the Vice President, and other regulatory policy advisors to the President in regulatory planning and shall be the entity that reviews individual regulations, as provided by this Executive order.

(c) *The Vice President.* The Vice President is the principal advisor to the President on, and shall coordinate the development and presentation of recommendations concerning, regulatory policy, planning, and review, as set forth in this Executive order. In fulfilling their responsibilities under this Executive order, the President and the Vice President shall be assisted by the regulatory policy advisors within the Executive Office of the President and by such agency officials and personnel as the President and the Vice President may, from time to time, consult.

Sec. 3. *Definitions.* For purposes of this Executive order: (a) ''Advisors'' refers to such regulatory policy advisors to the President as the President and Vice President may from time to time consult, including, among others: (1) the Director of OMB; (2) the Chair (or another member) of the Council of Economic Advisers; (3) the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy; (4) the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy; (5) the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs; (6) the Assistant to the President for Science and Technology; (7) the Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs; (8) the Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary; (9) the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the Vice President; (10) the Assistant to the President and Counsel to the President; (11) the Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Office on Environmental Policy; and (12) the Administrator of OIRA, who also shall coordinate communications relating to this Executive order among the agencies, OMB, the other Advisors, and the Office of the Vice President.

(b) ''Agency,'' unless otherwise indicated, means any authority of the United States that is an ''agency'' under 44 U.S.C. 3502(1), other than those considered to be independent regulatory agencies, as defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(10).

(c) ''Director'' means the Director of OMB.

(d) ''Regulation'' or ''rule'' means an agency statement of general applicability and future effect, which the agency intends to have the force and effect of law, that is designed to implement, interpret, or prescribe law or policy or to describe the procedure or practice requirements of an agency. It does not, however, include:

(1) Regulations or rules issued in accordance with the formal rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 556, 557;

(2) Regulations or rules that pertain to a military or foreign affairs function of the United States, other than procurement regulations and regulations involving the import or export of non-defense articles and services;

(3) Regulations or rules that are limited to agency organization, management, or personnel matters; or

(4) Any other category of regulations exempted by the Administrator of OIRA.

(e) ''Regulatory action'' means any substantive action by an agency (normally published in the **Federal Register**) that promulgates or is expected to lead to the promulgation of a final rule or regulation, including notices

of inquiry, advance notices of proposed rulemaking, and notices of proposed rulemaking.

(f) ''Significant regulatory action'' means any regulatory action that is likely to result in a rule that may:

(1) Have an annual effect on the economy of $100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities;

(2) Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency;

(3) Materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or

(4) Raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in this Executive order.

Sec. 4. *Planning Mechanism*. In order to have an effective regulatory program, to provide for coordination of regulations, to maximize consultation and the resolution of potential conflicts at an early stage, to involve the public and its State, local, and tribal officials in regulatory planning, and to ensure that new or revised regulations promote the President's priorities and the principles set forth in this Executive order, these procedures shall be followed, to the extent permitted by law:

(a) *Agencies' Policy Meeting.* Early in each year's planning cycle, the Vice President shall convene a meeting of the Advisors and the heads of agencies to seek a common understanding of priorities and to coordinate regulatory efforts to be accomplished in the upcoming year.

(b) *Unified Regulatory Agenda*. For purposes of this subsection, the term ''agency'' or ''agencies'' shall also include those considered to be independent regulatory agencies, as defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(10). Each agency shall prepare an agenda of all regulations under development or review, at a time and in a manner specified by the Administrator of OIRA. The description of each regulatory action shall contain, at a minimum, a regulation identifier number, a brief summary of the action, the legal authority for the action, any legal deadline for the action, and the name and telephone number of a knowledgeable agency official. Agencies may incorporate the information required under 5 U.S.C. 602 and 41 U.S.C. 402 into these agendas.

(c) *The Regulatory Plan*. For purposes of this subsection, the term ''agency'' or ''agencies'' shall also include those considered to be independent regulatory agencies, as defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(10). (1) As part of the Unified Regulatory Agenda, beginning in 1994, each agency shall prepare a Regulatory Plan (Plan) of the most important significant regulatory actions that the agency reasonably expects to issue in proposed or final form in that fiscal year or thereafter. The Plan shall be approved personally by the agency head and shall contain at a minimum:

(A) A statement of the agency's regulatory objectives and priorities and how they relate to the President's priorities;

(B) A summary of each planned significant regulatory action including, to the extent possible, alternatives to be considered and preliminary estimates of the anticipated costs and benefits;

(C) A summary of the legal basis for each such action, including whether any aspect of the action is required by statute or court order;

(D) A statement of the need for each such action and, if applicable, how the action will reduce risks to public health, safety, or the environment, as well as how the magnitude of the risk addressed by the action relates to other risks within the jurisdiction of the agency;

(E) The agency's schedule for action, including a statement of any applicable statutory or judicial deadlines; and

(F) The name, address, and telephone number of a person the public may contact for additional information about the planned regulatory action.

(2) Each agency shall forward its Plan to OIRA by June 1st of each year.

(3) Within 10 calendar days after OIRA has received an agency's Plan, OIRA shall circulate it to other affected agencies, the Advisors, and the Vice President.

(4) An agency head who believes that a planned regulatory action of another agency may conflict with its own policy or action taken or planned shall promptly notify, in writing, the Administrator of OIRA, who shall forward that communication to the issuing agency, the Advisors, and the Vice President.

(5) If the Administrator of OIRA believes that a planned regulatory action of an agency may be inconsistent with the President's priorities or the principles set forth in this Executive order or may be in conflict with any policy or action taken or planned by another agency, the Administrator of OIRA shall promptly notify, in writing, the affected agencies, the Advisors, and the Vice President.

(6) The Vice President, with the Advisors' assistance, may consult with the heads of agencies with respect to their Plans and, in appropriate instances, request further consideration or inter-agency coordination.

(7) The Plans developed by the issuing agency shall be published annually in the October publication of the Unified Regulatory Agenda. This publication shall be made available to the Congress; State, local, and tribal governments; and the public. Any views on any aspect of any agency Plan, including whether any planned regulatory action might conflict with any other planned or existing regulation, impose any unintended consequences on the public, or confer any unclaimed benefits on the public, should be directed to the issuing agency, with a copy to OIRA.

(d) *Regulatory Working Group*. Within 30 days of the date of this Executive order, the Administrator of OIRA shall convene a Regulatory Working Group (''Working Group''), which shall consist of representatives of the heads of each agency that the Administrator determines to have significant domestic regulatory responsibility, the Advisors, and the Vice President. The Administrator of OIRA shall chair the Working Group and shall periodically advise the Vice President on the activities of the Working Group. The Working Group shall serve as a forum to assist agencies in identifying and analyzing important regulatory issues (including, among others (1) the development of innovative regulatory techniques, (2) the methods, efficacy, and utility of comparative risk assessment in regulatory decision-making, and (3) the development of short forms and other streamlined regulatory approaches for small businesses and other entities). The Working Group shall meet at least quarterly and may meet as a whole or in subgroups of agencies with an interest in particular issues or subject areas. To inform its discussions, the Working Group may commission analytical studies and reports by OIRA, the Administrative Conference of the United States, or any other agency.

(e) *Conferences*. The Administrator of OIRA shall meet quarterly with representatives of State, local, and tribal governments to identify both existing and proposed regulations that may uniquely or significantly affect those governmental entities. The Administrator of OIRA shall also convene, from time to time, conferences with representatives of businesses, nongovernmental organizations, and the public to discuss regulatory issues of common concern.

Sec. 5. *Existing Regulations*. In order to reduce the regulatory burden on the American people, their families, their communities, their State, local, and tribal governments, and their industries; to determine whether regulations promulgated by the executive branch of the Federal Government have become unjustified or unnecessary as a result of changed circumstances; to confirm that regulations are both compatible with each other and not

duplicative or inappropriately burdensome in the aggregate; to ensure that all regulations are consistent with the President's priorities and the principles set forth in this Executive order, within applicable law; and to otherwise improve the effectiveness of existing regulations: (a) Within 90 days of the date of this Executive order, each agency shall submit to OIRA a program, consistent with its resources and regulatory priorities, under which the agency will periodically review its existing significant regulations to determine whether any such regulations should be modified or eliminated so as to make the agency's regulatory program more effective in achieving the regulatory objectives, less burdensome, or in greater alignment with the President's priorities and the principles set forth in this Executive order. Any significant regulations selected for review shall be included in the agency's annual Plan. The agency shall also identify any legislative mandates that require the agency to promulgate or continue to impose regulations that the agency believes are unnecessary or outdated by reason of changed circumstances.

(b) The Administrator of OIRA shall work with the Regulatory Working Group and other interested entities to pursue the objectives of this section. State, local, and tribal governments are specifically encouraged to assist in the identification of regulations that impose significant or unique burdens on those governmental entities and that appear to have outlived their justification or be otherwise inconsistent with the public interest.

(c) The Vice President, in consultation with the Advisors, may identify for review by the appropriate agency or agencies other existing regulations of an agency or groups of regulations of more than one agency that affect a particular group, industry, or sector of the economy, or may identify legislative mandates that may be appropriate for reconsideration by the Congress.

Sec. 6. *Centralized Review of Regulations.* The guidelines set forth below shall apply to all regulatory actions, for both new and existing regulations, by agencies other than those agencies specifically exempted by the Administrator of OIRA:

(a) *Agency Responsibilities.* (1) Each agency shall (consistent with its own rules, regulations, or procedures) provide the public with meaningful participation in the regulatory process. In particular, before issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking, each agency should, where appropriate, seek the involvement of those who are intended to benefit from and those expected to be burdened by any regulation (including, specifically, State, local, and tribal officials). In addition, each agency should afford the public a meaningful opportunity to comment on any proposed regulation, which in most cases should include a comment period of not less than 60 days. Each agency also is directed to explore and, where appropriate, use consensual mechanisms for developing regulations, including negotiated rulemaking.

(2) Within 60 days of the date of this Executive order, each agency head shall designate a Regulatory Policy Officer who shall report to the agency head. The Regulatory Policy Officer shall be involved at each stage of the regulatory process to foster the development of effective, innovative, and least burdensome regulations and to further the principles set forth in this Executive order.

(3) In addition to adhering to its own rules and procedures and to the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Paperwork Reduction Act, and other applicable law, each agency shall develop its regulatory actions in a timely fashion and adhere to the following procedures with respect to a regulatory action:

(A) Each agency shall provide OIRA, at such times and in the manner specified by the Administrator of OIRA, with a list of its planned regulatory actions, indicating those which the agency believes are significant regulatory actions within the meaning of this Executive order. Absent a material change in the development of the planned regulatory action, those not designated as significant will not be subject to review under this section unless, within 10 working days of receipt

of the list, the Administrator of OIRA notifies the agency that OIRA has determined that a planned regulation is a significant regulatory action within the meaning of this Executive order. The Administrator of OIRA may waive review of any planned regulatory action designated by the agency as significant, in which case the agency need not further comply with subsection (a)(3)(B) or subsection (a)(3)(C) of this section.

(B) For each matter identified as, or determined by the Administrator of OIRA to be, a significant regulatory action, the issuing agency shall provide to OIRA:

(i) The text of the draft regulatory action, together with a reasonably detailed description of the need for the regulatory action and an explanation of how the regulatory action will meet that need; and

(ii) An assessment of the potential costs and benefits of the regulatory action, including an explanation of the manner in which the regulatory action is consistent with a statutory mandate and, to the extent permitted by law, promotes the President's priorities and avoids undue interference with State, local, and tribal governments in the exercise of their governmental functions.

(C) For those matters identified as, or determined by the Administrator of OIRA to be, a significant regulatory action within the scope of section 3(f)(1), the agency shall also provide to OIRA the following additional information developed as part of the agency's decision-making process (unless prohibited by law):

(i) An assessment, including the underlying analysis, of benefits anticipated from the regulatory action (such as, but not limited to, the promotion of the efficient functioning of the economy and private markets, the enhancement of health and safety, the protection of the natural environment, and the elimination or reduction of discrimination or bias) together with, to the extent feasible, a quantification of those benefits;

(ii) An assessment, including the underlying analysis, of costs anticipated from the regulatory action (such as, but not limited to, the direct cost both to the government in administering the regulation and to businesses and others in complying with the regulation, and any adverse effects on the efficient functioning of the economy, private markets (including productivity, employment, and competitiveness), health, safety, and the natural environment), together with, to the extent feasible, a quantification of those costs; and

(iii) An assessment, including the underlying analysis, of costs and benefits of potentially effective and reasonably feasible alternatives to the planned regulation, identified by the agencies or the public (including improving the current regulation and reasonably viable nonregulatory actions), and an explanation why the planned regulatory action is preferable to the identified potential alternatives.

(D) In emergency situations or when an agency is obligated by law to act more quickly than normal review procedures allow, the agency shall notify OIRA as soon as possible and, to the extent practicable, comply with subsections (a)(3)(B) and (C) of this section. For those regulatory actions that are governed by a statutory or court-imposed deadline, the agency shall, to the extent practicable, schedule rulemaking proceedings so as to permit sufficient time for OIRA to conduct its review, as set forth below in subsection (b)(2) through (4) of this section.

(E) After the regulatory action has been published in the **Federal Register** or otherwise issued to the public, the agency shall:

(i) Make available to the public the information set forth in subsections (a)(3)(B) and (C);

(ii) Identify for the public, in a complete, clear, and simple manner, the substantive changes between the draft submitted to OIRA for review and the action subsequently announced; and

(iii) Identify for the public those changes in the regulatory action that were made at the suggestion or recommendation of OIRA.

(F) All information provided to the public by the agency shall be in plain, understandable language.

(b) *OIRA Responsibilities.* The Administrator of OIRA shall provide meaningful guidance and oversight so that each agency's regulatory actions are consistent with applicable law, the President's priorities, and the principles set forth in this Executive order and do not conflict with the policies or actions of another agency. OIRA shall, to the extent permitted by law, adhere to the following guidelines:

(1) OIRA may review only actions identified by the agency or by OIRA as significant regulatory actions under subsection (a)(3)(A) of this section.

(2) OIRA shall waive review or notify the agency in writing of the results of its review within the following time periods:

(A) For any notices of inquiry, advance notices of proposed rulemaking, or other preliminary regulatory actions prior to a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, within 10 working days after the date of submission of the draft action to OIRA;

(B) For all other regulatory actions, within 90 calendar days after the date of submission of the information set forth in subsections (a)(3)(B) and (C) of this section, unless OIRA has previously reviewed this information and, since that review, there has been no material change in the facts and circumstances upon which the regulatory action is based, in which case, OIRA shall complete its review within 45 days; and

(C) The review process may be extended (1) once by no more than 30 calendar days upon the written approval of the Director and (2) at the request of the agency head.

(3) For each regulatory action that the Administrator of OIRA returns to an agency for further consideration of some or all of its provisions, the Administrator of OIRA shall provide the issuing agency a written explanation for such return, setting forth the pertinent provision of this Executive order on which OIRA is relying. If the agency head disagrees with some or all of the bases for the return, the agency head shall so inform the Administrator of OIRA in writing.

(4) Except as otherwise provided by law or required by a Court, in order to ensure greater openness, accessibility, and accountability in the regulatory review process, OIRA shall be governed by the following disclosure requirements:

(A) Only the Administrator of OIRA (or a particular designee) shall receive oral communications initiated by persons not employed by the executive branch of the Federal Government regarding the substance of a regulatory action under OIRA review;

(B) All substantive communications between OIRA personnel and persons not employed by the executive branch of the Federal Government regarding a regulatory action under review shall be governed by the following guidelines: (i) A representative from the issuing agency shall be invited to any meeting between OIRA personnel and such person(s);

(ii) OIRA shall forward to the issuing agency, within 10 working days of receipt of the communication(s), all written communications, regardless of format, between OIRA personnel and any person who is not employed by the executive branch of the Federal Government, and the dates and names of individuals involved in all substantive oral communications (including meetings to which an agency representative was invited, but did not attend, and telephone conversations between OIRA personnel and any such persons); and (iii) OIRA shall publicly disclose relevant information about such communication(s), as set forth below in subsection (b)(4)(C) of this section.

(C) OIRA shall maintain a publicly available log that shall contain, at a minimum, the following information pertinent to regulatory actions under review:

(i) The status of all regulatory actions, including if (and if so, when and by whom) Vice Presidential and Presidential consideration was requested;

(ii) A notation of all written communications forwarded to an issuing agency under subsection (b)(4)(B)(ii) of this section; and

(iii) The dates and names of individuals involved in all substantive oral communications, including meetings and telephone conversations, between OIRA personnel and any person not employed by the executive branch of the Federal Government, and the subject matter discussed during such communications.

(D) After the regulatory action has been published in the **Federal Register** or otherwise issued to the public, or after the agency has announced its decision not to publish or issue the regulatory action, OIRA shall make available to the public all documents exchanged between OIRA and the agency during the review by OIRA under this section.

(5) All information provided to the public by OIRA shall be in plain, understandable language.

Sec. 7. *Resolution of Conflicts.* To the extent permitted by law, disagreements or conflicts between or among agency heads or between OMB and any agency that cannot be resolved by the Administrator of OIRA shall be resolved by the President, or by the Vice President acting at the request of the President, with the relevant agency head (and, as appropriate, other interested government officials). Vice Presidential and Presidential consideration of such disagreements may be initiated only by the Director, by the head of the issuing agency, or by the head of an agency that has a significant interest in the regulatory action at issue. Such review will not be undertaken at the request of other persons, entities, or their agents.

Resolution of such conflicts shall be informed by recommendations developed by the Vice President, after consultation with the Advisors (and other executive branch officials or personnel whose responsibilities to the President include the subject matter at issue). The development of these recommendations shall be concluded within 60 days after review has been requested.

During the Vice Presidential and Presidential review period, communications with any person not employed by the Federal Government relating to the substance of the regulatory action under review and directed to the Advisors or their staffs or to the staff of the Vice President shall be in writing and shall be forwarded by the recipient to the affected agency(ies) for inclusion in the public docket(s). When the communication is not in writing, such Advisors or staff members shall inform the outside party that the matter is under review and that any comments should be submitted in writing.

At the end of this review process, the President, or the Vice President acting at the request of the President, shall notify the affected agency and the Administrator of OIRA of the President's decision with respect to the matter.

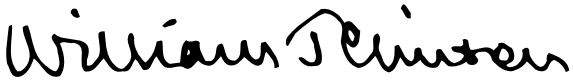
Sec. 8. *Publication.* Except to the extent required by law, an agency shall not publish in the **Federal Register** or otherwise issue to the public any regulatory action that is subject to review under section 6 of this Executive order until (1) the Administrator of OIRA notifies the agency that OIRA has waived its review of the action or has completed its review without any requests for further consideration, or (2) the applicable time period in section 6(b)(2) expires without OIRA having notified the agency that it is returning the regulatory action for further consideration under section 6(b)(3), whichever occurs first. If the terms of the preceding sentence have not been satisfied and an agency wants to publish or otherwise issue a

regulatory action, the head of that agency may request Presidential consideration through the Vice President, as provided under section 7 of this order. Upon receipt of this request, the Vice President shall notify OIRA and the Advisors. The guidelines and time period set forth in section 7 shall apply to the publication of regulatory actions for which Presidential consideration has been sought.

Sec. 9. *Agency Authority.* Nothing in this order shall be construed as displacing the agencies' authority or responsibilities, as authorized by law.

Sec. 10. *Judicial Review.* Nothing in this Executive order shall affect any otherwise available judicial review of agency action. This Executive order is intended only to improve the internal management of the Federal Government and does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity by a party against the United States, its agencies or instrumentalities, its officers or employees, or any other person.

Sec. 11. *Revocations.* Executive Orders Nos. 12291 and 12498; all amendments to those Executive orders; all guidelines issued under those orders; and any exemptions from those orders heretofore granted for any category of rule are revoked.



THE WHITE HOUSE,
September 30, 1993.

[FR citation 58 FR 51735]

Recreational Fisheries

Federal Register: June 9, 1995
(Volume 60, Number 111)

Executive Order 12962

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in furtherance of the purposes of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a-d, and e-j), the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-666c), the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801-1882), and other pertinent statutes, and in order to conserve, restore, and enhance aquatic systems to provide for increased recreational fishing opportunities nationwide, it is ordered as follows:

Section 1. ***Federal Agency Duties.*** Federal agencies shall, to the extent permitted by law and where practicable, and in cooperation with States and Tribes, improve the quantity, function, sustainable productivity, and distribution of U.S. aquatic resources for increased recreational fishing opportunities by:

(a) developing and encouraging partnerships between governments and the private sector to advance aquatic resource conservation and enhance recreational fishing opportunities;

(b) identifying recreational fishing opportunities that are limited by water quality and habitat degradation and promoting restoration to support viable, healthy, and, where feasible, self-sustaining recreational fisheries;

(c) fostering sound aquatic conservation and restoration endeavors to benefit recreational fisheries;

(d) providing access to and promoting awareness of opportunities for public participation and enjoyment of U.S. recreational fishery resources;

(e) supporting outreach programs designed to stimulate angler participation in the conservation and restoration of aquatic systems;

(f) implementing laws under their purview in a manner that will conserve, restore, and enhance aquatic systems that support recreational fisheries;

(g) establishing cost-share programs, under existing authorities, that match or exceed Federal funds with nonfederal contributions;

(h) evaluating the effects of Federally funded, permitted, or authorized actions on aquatic systems and recreational fisheries and document those effects relative to the purpose of this order; and

(i) assisting private landowners to conserve and enhance aquatic resources on their lands.

Section 2. ***National Recreational Fisheries Coordination Council.*** A National Recreational Fisheries Coordination Council (``Coordination Council'') is hereby established. The Coordination Council shall consist of seven members, one member designated by each of the following Secretaries--Interior, Commerce, Agriculture, Energy, Transportation, and Defense--and one by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. The Coordination Council shall:

(a) ensure that the social and economic values of healthy aquatic systems that support recreational fisheries are considered by Federal agencies in the course of their actions;

(b) reduce duplicative and cost-inefficient programs among Federal agencies involved in conserving or managing recreational fisheries;

(c) share the latest resource information and management technologies to assist in the conservation and management of recreational fisheries;

(d) assess the implementation of the Conservation Plan required under section 3 of this order; and

(e) develop a biennial report of accomplishments of the Conservation Plan.

The representatives designated by the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior shall cochair the Coordination Council.

Section 3. ***Recreational Fishery Resources Conservation Plan.***

(a) Within 12 months of the date of this order, the Coordination Council, in cooperation with Federal agencies, States, and Tribes, and after consulting with the Federally chartered Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council, shall develop a comprehensive Recreational Fishery Resources Conservation Plan (“Conservation Plan'').

(b) The Conservation Plan will set forth a 5-year agenda for Federal agencies identified by the Coordination Council. In so doing, the Conservation Plan will establish, to the extent permitted by law and where practicable;

(1) measurable objectives to conserve and restore aquatic systems that support viable and healthy recreational fishery resources,

(2) actions to be taken by the identified Federal agencies,

(3) a method of ensuring the accountability of such
Federal agencies, and

(4) a comprehensive mechanism to evaluate achievements. The Conservation Plan will, to the extent practicable, be integrated with existing plans and programs, reduce duplication, and will include recommended actions for cooperation with States, Tribes, conservation groups, and the recreational fisheries community.

Section 4. ***Joint Policy for Administering the Endangered Species Act of 1973.*** All Federal agencies will aggressively work to identify and minimize conflicts between recreational fisheries and their respective responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (``ESA") (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). Within 6 months of the date of this order, the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service will promote compatibility and reduce conflicts between the administration of the ESA and recreational fisheries by developing a joint agency policy that will;

(1) ensure consistency in the administration of the ESA between and within the two agencies,

(2) promote collaboration with other Federal, State, and Tribal fisheries managers, and

(3) improve and increase efforts to inform nonfederal entities of the requirements of the ESA.

Section 5. ***Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council.*** To assist in the implementation of this order, the Secretary of the Interior shall expand the role of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council to:

(a) monitor specific Federal activities affecting aquatic systems and the recreational fisheries they support;

(b) review and evaluate the relation of Federal policies and activities to the status and conditions of recreational fishery resources; and

(c) prepare an annual report of its activities, findings, and recommendations for submission to the Coordination Council.

Section 6. ***Judicial Review.*** This order is intended only to improve the internal management of the executive branch and it is not intended to create any right, benefit or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or

equity by a party against the United States, its agencies, its officers, or any other person.

BILL CLINTON, June 7, 1995

marketing performance of "E" Award winners.

II. Method of Collection

The application form is available on the Internet. Applicants are required to submit one electronic version and one hard copy to their local U.S. Export Assistance Center.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0625–0065.

Form Number(s): ITA–725P.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 450.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 27, 2011.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–580–866]

Bottom Mount Combination Refrigerator-Freezers From the Republic of Korea: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Justin Neuman or Myrna Lobo, AD/CVD Operations, Office 6, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; *telephone:* (202) 482–0486 and (202) 482–2371, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 19, 2011, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated the countervailing duty investigation of bottom mount combination refrigerator-freezers from the Republic of Korea. *See Bottom Mount Combination Refrigerator-Freezers From the Republic of Korea: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation,* 76 FR 23298 (April 26, 2011). Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than June 23, 2011.

Postponement of Due Date for the Preliminary Determination

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to issue the preliminary determination in a countervailing duty investigation within 65 days after the date on which the Department initiated the investigation. However, the Department may postpone making the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which the administering authority initiated the investigation if, among other reasons, the petitioner makes a timely request for an extension pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act. In the instant investigation, the petitioner, Whirlpool Corporation, made a timely request on May 9, 2011, requesting a postponement of the preliminary countervailing duty determination to 130 days from the initiation date. *See* 19 CFR 351.205(e) and the petitioner's May 9, 2011, letter requesting postponement of the preliminary determination, which is available in the Central Records Unit, Room 7046 in the Department's main building.

The Department finds no compelling reason to deny the request. Therefore, pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, we are extending the due date for the preliminary determination to no later than 130 days after the date on which this investigation was initiated, *i.e.,* to August 27, 2011. However, August 27, 2011 falls on a Saturday. It is the Department's long-standing practice to make a determination on the next business day when the statutory deadline falls on a weekend, federal holiday, or any other day when the Department is closed. *See Notice of Clarification: Application of "Next Business Day" Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended,* 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005). Accordingly, the Department will make its preliminary determination on August 29, 2011, the first business day after August 27, 2011.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(l).

Dated: May 26, 2011.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Alaska Saltwater Sportfishing Economic Survey

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 2, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *dHynek@doc.gov).*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection

instrument and instructions should be directed to Dr. Dan Lew, (530) 752–1746 or *Dan.Lew@noaa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for a new information collection.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) plans to conduct a survey to collect data for conducting economic analyses of marine sport fishing in Alaska. This survey is necessary to understand the factors that affect the economic value of marine recreational fishing trips and improve estimates of fishing trip value.

The Federal Government is responsible for the management of the Pacific halibut sport fishery off Alaska, while the State of Alaska manages the salmon sport fisheries (chinook, coho, sockeye, chum and pink), as well as several other saltwater sport fisheries. The survey's scope covers marine sport fishing for Pacific halibut, salmon, and other popular marine sport species in Alaska (*e.g.,* lingcod and rockfish). The data collected from the survey will be used to estimate the demand for and value of marine fishing to anglers and to analyze how the type of fish caught, fishery regulations, and other factors affect fishing values and anglers' decisions to participate in Alaska marine fishing activities. The economic information provided from the survey will update and augment information collected in an earlier survey conducted in 2007 and is necessary to help inform fishery managers about the economic values of Alaska marine sport fisheries and the changes to participation in these fisheries with proposed regulations.

II. Method of Collection

The survey will be administered as a mixed-mode survey employing both mail and telephone methods. A prepaid return envelope will be provided to respondents receiving the survey by mail.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (request for a new information collection).

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 31, 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a three-day meeting on Tuesday through Thursday, June 21–23, 2011 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 21–23 starting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone (207) 775–2311; fax: (508) 761–8224. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone (978) 465–0492.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, June 21, 2011

Following introductions and any announcements, the Council will receive brief reports from the Council Chairman and Executive Director, the NOAA Fisheries Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, NOAA General Counsel, representatives of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, as well as NOAA Enforcement/VMS representatives. Prior to a review of any experimental fishery permit applications that have been received since its last meeting, the Council will discuss its press policies. A representative of the U.S. Navy will then will update the Council on its operations and training activities in the North Atlantic. An open public comment period is scheduled prior to a lunch break for any interested party who may wish to provide brief comments on issues relevant to Council business but not otherwise listed on the meeting agenda. Following the break, the Council will receive a presentation about and comment on possible revisions to the National Standard Guideline 10 (NS10. NS10 is the primary source of guidance for safety issues in fishery management regulations. The Council's Enforcement Committee also will provide comments on NS10 and on NOAA's enforcement priority-setting process. The committee also may comment on several sea scallop measures that may be included in Framework Adjustment 23 to the Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Under this agenda item the Coast Guard also may report on its initiative to improve compliance with and the effectiveness of Northeast Multispecies FMP regulations. At the end of the day the Council will consider several cooperative research issues, including the disposition of catch on scientific research cruises and how that catch is accounted for in estimates of fishing mortality. Council members also will comment on the NMFS Strategic Plan for Cooperative Research in the Northeast and provide updated information and alternatives that may assist the agency in revising its programs. NOAA/NMFS staff also will hold a public session in the Council meeting room from 5:30–7:30 for