

2011 National Marine Recreational Fishing Expenditure Survey



NOAA Fisheries Service

How much do you spend on marine recreational fishing?



We know marine recreational angling is important to you.

It is also economically important to coastal communities. We would like your help with a survey about the contributions of marine recreational fishing to the economy of the United States.

NOAA Fisheries conducted the first national survey of marine recreational anglers in 2006. The 2006 survey collected information on marine fishing-related expenditures in each coastal state and was used to estimate the economic effects of marine recreational fishing on the economies of each coastal state and the nation. NOAA Fisheries will survey anglers in 2011 to update and improve these economic estimates. The only consistent method to collect this information is with a survey of anglers.

How is the survey conducted?

There are two ways in which anglers may be contacted and asked to participate in the survey. Anglers may be interviewed in the field while fishing and asked if they are willing to provide their contact information for a follow-up survey about their fishing expenditures. Alternatively, anglers who purchased a state fishing

license may be invited to participate in the survey by telephone or mail. The survey will ask anglers about their expenses on their most recent fishing trip and their annual expenses on fishing tackle, boats, and other fishing-related expenses. Responses to each section of the survey is important because information on both trip expenses and annual expenses are needed to estimate the total economic effects of marine recreational fishing.

When and where?

Anglers will be asked about their fishing trips that take place between January 2011 and December 2011. Surveys will be conducted in all coastal states across the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

How are the results used?

The information collected in the survey can lead to a better understanding of how marine recreational fishing currently contributes to the economies of coastal communities and how those economic relationships may be affected by environmental factors, regulatory changes, or changes in the broader economy.

2006 Recreational Fishing Expenditure Survey Results

Economic Contribution

Results from the 2006 survey found angler expenditures generated \$82 billion in sales, \$24 billion in personal income, and supported over 530,000 jobs.

The 2006 report is available at:
<http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st5/>



Your response is important!

We hope that this survey will interest you and that you will take the time to participate. You are one of a small number of anglers selected to participate, and your input is very important to the success of the survey. Your responses are completely confidential. The overall results of this research will be made available to fisheries management councils, state agencies, and all interested citizens. If you have any questions, please contact

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