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Socio-Economic Survey of Hired Captains and Crew in New England and Mid-Atlantic Commercial Fisheries



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*In this survey, please tell us about your fishing in the last year.
The information you provide will remain private and you will not be identified with your answers.*

1. What fisheries do you target? Of these, which do you consider your primary fishery in terms of income?

Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Fisheries	Check ALL That Apply	Primary Fishery (Check ONE Only)
Lobster	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scallops	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Groundfish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Haddock, Pollock, Redfish, American Plaice, Winter Flounder, Yellowtail Flounder, Cod, Hake, Halibut, Ocean Pout		
Black Sea Bass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bluefish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Butterfish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Herring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mackerel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monkfish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ocean Quahogs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Red Crab	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scup (Porgy)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spiny Dogfish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Squid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fluke (Summer Flounder)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surfclams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. What port did you primarily work out of in the last year?

Port _____ State _____ Country _____

3. Are any members of your family (for example, parents, children, siblings, uncles/aunts, cousins, in-laws) involved in commercial fishing or other fishing-related activities (for example, book-keeping, provisioning vessels, marketing)?

1. YES
2. NO

4. How many generations of your family have fished commercially including yourself?

_____ Generations

5. How long have you been involved in commercial fishing? If less than a year, how many months?

_____ YEARS

_____ MONTHS

6. What percentage does fishing contribute to your annual household income?

_____ % (If 100% SKIP to Q8)

7. If you have other sources of household income besides fishing, please list the top three most important sources of income other than fishing for your household.

	Source
Most important	
2 nd most important	
3 rd most important	

In the following questions, we are interested in gathering demographic data about crew.

8. What is your age? _____

9. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? “Hispanic or Latino” refers to a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

1. Yes
2. No

10. Which racial category describes you? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

1. White
2. Black or African American
3. American Indian or Alaska Native
4. Asian
5. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
6. Some other race (please specify): _____

11. What is the primary language you speak at home?

1. English
2. Spanish
3. Portuguese
4. Other: _____

12. Where were you born?

1. U.S.
2. Outside U.S.

13. About how many miles do you travel from where you live to where your primary vessel docked for the past year?

_____Miles

14. What is your marital status?

1. Never Married
2. Married
3. Widowed
4. Divorced
5. Separated
6. Living with an unmarried partner

15. What is the highest level of education you've completed?

1. Some high school
2. High school diploma/equivalency
3. Associate's/ two year degree
4. Bachelor's/ four year degree
5. Graduate degree

***Within your primary fishery, consider the vessel you worked on the most in the last year.
Please answer the following questions based on your fishing activities on that primary vessel.***

16. How many days (24 hour periods) does a typical trip last before returning to port?

_____Days

17. What was the average size of the crew in the last year (including the captain)?

_____Members

18. How many hours per day (24 hour period) did you usually work while on a fishing trip?

_____Hours

19. Was the vessel you worked on most in the last year owner-operated?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW

20. What was the main port of landing for that vessel in the last year?

Port _____ State _____ Country _____

In the following questions, please tell us about your fishing activities and employment on your primary vessel.

21. What was your position on the vessel in the last year? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY).

1. Captain
2. Deck hand
3. Engine mechanic
4. Cook
5. Other (please specify): _____

22. Which of the following was the first crew position you ever had when you began fishing?

1. Captain
2. Deck hand
3. Engine Mechanic
4. Cook
5. Other (please specify): _____

23. How were you hired for the vessel you currently work on?

1. Word of mouth
2. Referred by a friend
3. Related to owner
4. Related to non-owner crew member (may include hired captain)
5. Previous work with the same vessel
6. Advertisement
7. Other _____

24. How difficult was it for you to find employment on your vessel?

1. Very easy
2. Easy
3. Neither easy nor difficult
4. Difficult
5. Very difficult

25. As of today, how many years have you worked on your primary vessel?

_____ Years
_____ Months

26. How many different vessel owners did you work for in the last year?

_____ Vessel owners

27. Did you have health insurance in the last year?

1. YES (CONTINUE)
2. NO (SKIP TO Q29)

28. Where did the insurance come from?

1. From employer (the vessel owner)
2. From another employer I have
3. Spouse's/partner's place of employment
4. Private insurance
5. Federal or state insurance program
6. Other

In the following questions please tell us how revenues and expenses are distributed amongst crew.

29. For your current vessel, how were you paid?

1. A share system: revenues and expenses were shared between the boat and crew (CONTINUE)
2. Other (e.g., per trip, hourly), please specify: _____ (SKIP TO Q32)

30. For share systems, what were the typical percentages distributed to the boat (the vessel owner) and crew?

_____ % Boat (owner) share
_____ % Crew share
_____ Don't Know

31. For share systems, which trip expenses were usually deducted? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

1. Fuel/Oil
2. Ice
3. Fishing quota or days-at-sea
4. Food
5. General fishing supplies (hooks, bags, totes, gloves, etc.)
6. Bait
7. Other _____

In the following section, we are going to go through a series of scale questions regarding how you feel about regulations in your primary fishery and how satisfied you are with commercial fishing.

32. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding the rules and regulations in your primary fishery. (CHECK ONE RESPONSE PER ITEM)

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. The rules and regulations change so quickly it is hard to keep up.	1	2	3	4	5
b. The fines that are associated with breaking the rules and regulations of my primary fishery are fair.	1	2	3	4	5
c. I feel that the regulations in my primary fishery are too restrictive.	1	2	3	4	5

33. Have you ever participated in any aspect of federal fisheries management (such as attending meetings, writing letters, or serving on a committee)?

1. YES
2. NO

34. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about fishing as a career. (CHECK ONE ITEM PER RESPONSE)

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. Fishing is just a job to me.	1	2	3	4	5
b. Leaving the fishing industry is something that I have considered.	1	2	3	4	5

*****SCALE CHANGE*****

**35. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following items relating to the job of fishing?
(CHECK ONE ITEM PER RESPONSE)**

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
a. Your actual earnings	1	2	3	4	5
b. The predictability of your earnings	1	2	3	4	5
c. Job safety (e.g. physical risks to you from working as a fisherman)	1	2	3	4	5
d. The amount of time spent away from home	1	2	3	4	5
e. Physical fatigue of the job	1	2	3	4	5
f. Healthfulness of the job (e.g how your job as a fisherman may impact your physical and mental)	1	2	3	4	5
g. Adventure of the job	1	2	3	4	5
h. Challenge of the job	1	2	3	4	5
i. Opportunity to be your own boss	1	2	3	4	5

36. In general, how satisfied are you with: (CHECK ONE ITEM PER RESPONSE)

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
a. Your life	1	2	3	4	5
b. Your physical health	1	2	3	4	5
c. The overall health of the marine environment	1	2	3	4	5

37. Would you advise a young person to enter fishing?

1. YES
2. NO
3. UNSURE

38. Would you still be a commercial fisherman if you had your life to live over?

1. YES
2. NO
3. UNSURE

39. What was your annual fishing income in the last year?

1. Less than \$10,000
2. \$10,000 - \$19,999
3. \$20,000 - \$29,999
4. \$30,000 - \$39,999
5. \$40,000 - \$49,999
6. \$50,000 - \$59,999
7. \$60,000 - \$69,999
8. \$70,000 - \$79,999
9. \$80,000 - \$89,999
10. \$90,000 - \$99,999
11. \$100,000 - \$119,999
12. \$120,000 or more

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