



RECREATIONAL FISHERIES INFORMATION NETWORK

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«NAME_1ST» «NAME_LAST»
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Dear «NAME_1ST»,

We recently sent you a letter regarding the new party/charter boat trip survey that we will be conducting in cooperation with California Department of Fish and Game and National Marine Fisheries Service. This new trip survey will utilize data provided by you, the industry, to better estimate party/charter boat trips, catch, and trip costs and earnings. These estimates will be utilized by NMFS and the Pacific Fishery Management Council for management purposes. As we mentioned in that letter, we will be drawing a random sample of charter and party boats in California every week. Your boat has been drawn as part of our sample for the week of May 21 through May 27.

Enclosed are a trip log (long form) and a trip economics questionnaire (short form). Please report the information on the trip log (long form) for all trips made by your vessel ending on each of the days from May 21 through May 27. Please report the information on the economics questionnaire (short form) for each trip by your vessel which ends on «DATESRV» - just that one day. There is space to record up to 3 trips that ended on that one day. If no trips were concluded on that day, please report the information for the next day of the week for which there was at least one trip. If your vessel made no trips during that week, please check the box at the top right of the trip economics questionnaire.

You will be contacted by telephone and asked to provide the information indicated on these two forms. Phone calls will begin on Tuesday, May 29, and continue through the week, or until we reach you. If you are not contacted for this information by May 31, or if you would prefer to do so, we would appreciate it if you would fax the filled out forms to CIC Research at 888/714-9846. CIC Research is the independent marketing research firm conducting the survey for PSMFC.



We are sending you the enclosed forms so that you can see what questions you will be asked during the telephone interview, and so that you can use them during the relevant trips to record information for ease of recall during the interview.

We appreciate your participation and support of this important study. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dave Colpo (PSMFC) toll free at (888) 421-4251 or Cindy Thomson (NMFS) at (831) 420-3911.

Sincerely,
Russell G. Porter
Field Programs Administrator