

Will the information collected be confidential?

The information collected will be confidential and will be accessible only to NMFS, PSMFC, PFMC and state agencies. Federal and PSMFC confidentiality rules will apply. Only the summary results of the survey, aggregated to a level that will not compromise individual confidentiality, will be available in public reports.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

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Questions and Answers about the Economic Survey 2001 Pacific Coast Cooperative Party/Charter Boat Survey



What is the purpose of the survey?

The purpose of the survey is to obtain the information needed to:

- estimate the economic value of fish and other marine resources to the charter and party boat fleet
- evaluate the economic impact of present and future management decisions on the charter/party boat fishery.

Who is being surveyed?

Charter and party boat owners and operators in California, Oregon and Washington will be surveyed.

What types of information will be collected?

Basically two types of information will be collected:

- descriptive information, revenues and costs associated with annual charter/party boat operations
- trip-specific information (revenues, costs, target species, port, trip length, number of passengers, etc.) associated with individual fishing and non-fishing (for example, whale watching) trips made by charter and party boats.



How will the information be collected?

Two different approaches will be used to collect the annual and trip-level economic data:

- A randomly selected sample of charter and party boats licensed in California, Oregon and Washington will be telephoned over the next few months and asked to participate in a one-time in-person or telephone interview regarding their annual activity, revenues and costs.
- A randomly selected sample of charter and party boats licensed in California, Oregon and Washington will be drawn each week over the next year and asked to provide details (including costs and revenues) for trips made on one

day during the week. Because a new sample will be drawn each week, you will probably be contacted several times over the next year to participate in the trip-level survey. The reason for repeating the trip-level survey throughout the year is to ensure that the survey captures seasonal differences in fishing activity.

Why should I participate? Is the survey voluntary?

While the survey is voluntary, it is important that you assist in this effort. Your participation will ensure that NMFS and the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) have adequate information to understand the economics of the charter/party boat fishery and to design policies that consider economic impacts as well as protect fish stocks.



Whose survey is this?

The survey was funded and designed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in collaboration with the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC). The survey is being conducted by the PSMFC and its contractor, CIC Research Inc. of San Diego, California.