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



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What is the Crew Survey?

- Survey of commercial fishing vessel crew members (including hired captains)
 - Designed and conducted by NEFSC SSB
 - Demographics, fishery participation and practices, attitudes towards management, job satisfaction, and well-being
- First implemented in 2012
 - Social and economic performance measures
 - Catch share implementation
 - Tracking crew characteristics over time

Crew are vital to the success of the fishing industry

- Why is the crew survey necessary?
 - No data on even basic demographic information on crew exists at the regional level for Northeastern U.S. fisheries
 - E.g., age, race, education
 - Improves our understanding of the social and economic impacts of management actions and regulations
 - Improves Social Impact Assessments and National Standard 8 analyses
 - Tracks changes to structure and demographics of crew over time

Changes to the 2018 Crew Survey

- Length of survey questionnaire dramatically reduced
 - ~20 minutes (down from 2012 average of 37 minutes)
 - Focus on core demographics and most important attitudes/beliefs
 - Revised lengthy or difficult to understand questions to reduce completion time
- Sampling strategy revised
 - Dropped fishery-level stratification
 - Sampling ports proportional to activity based on Commercial Fishing Engagement scores (Jepson and Colburn 2013)

Implementation of 2018 Crew Survey

- August 2018
 - Four to five months of data collection
- Survey interviewers will carry electronic and paper copies of the survey
- RESPONSES ARE COMPLETELY ANONYMOUS
 - Like the 2012 survey, *no personally identifiable information* will be requested or collected

Thank you!

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