

NE96 Economic Add-on, Flexible Questions: Justification

The justification for each Question in the survey is provided below. For each Question the subset of respondents that will be asked the given question is indicated in the following manner. Questions asked of all respondents are denoted with the abbreviation AR. Other abbreviations are as follows: TR denotes question asked of respondents that have targeted the species of interest during the 2 month wave but not on the intercepted trip; NTR denotes questions asked to respondents that did not target the species of interest during the 2 month wave; OA denotes question asked of overnight respondents; EH denotes questions asked of individuals who are employed.

- Question 27 AR - Identification of fishing trip status by overnight or one-day trip is necessary for determining the appropriate allocation of elicited travel costs to the fishing trip. Trip status will also be used as a basis for characterizing angler behavior in the Northeast Region.
SKIP JUSTIFICATION: Those anglers that did not stay in the local area overnight during their fishing trip or vacation skipped question 28. This item was skipped because it gathers information regarding primacy of fishing in overnight trips.
- Question 28 OA – This question explores whether fishing was a primary reason for vacationing or merely incidental to the trip.
- Question 29 AR – Weekly hours worked is a component of opportunity cost of time.
Skip Justification: If angler indicated that they work zero hours per week, Q.30 is skipped.
- Question 30 EH – Work schedule flexibility is useful in explaining angling behavior.
- Question 31 AR - Total annual household income will be used to develop angler profiles for the Regions. Also, income is an explanatory variable used in the estimation of economic valuation models. Thus, income will be used in estimation of saltwater recreational fishing values in each Region.
- Question 32 AR – Boat ownership indicates a degree of avidity couple with a high enough income to support boat purchase and maintenance. Boat ownership may influence attitudes toward fishing and may affect the type of trip, species targeting behavior, and fishing site selection. Again, this can be used to construct angler profiles and explain angler behavior.