

**Voices from the Dock: A Case Study of Environmental Concerns from Florida's Fishing  
Community**

Supplemental Material 2: Survey Template

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1. Please provide your 5 digit zip code:

2. How would you best describe yourself?  
Circle/check all that apply.

- 1. Florida local recreational angler/fisher
- 2. Out of state recreational angler/fisher that visits Florida
- 3. Angler/fisher dependent on fisher for personal well-being/food
- 4. Commercial fisher
- 5. Commercial captain/guide or other fishery/ecotourism business manager
- 6. Scientist/resource manager
- 7. Community member with interest in fish and Florida's fishery economics.
- 8. Other:

3. Circle/check the location(s) where you do the majority of your fishing:

- 1. Indian River Lagoon System (Mosquito, Indian River, or Banana River Lagoons)
- 2. Tampa, Charlotte Harbor, or Sarasota Bay
- 3. Miami Area, Biscayne Bay, Keys, or Florida Bays
- 4. Cedar Key, Big Bend, or Apalachicola Bays
- 5. St. Joseph, St. Andrews, Choctawhatchee, or Pensacola Bays
- 6. Jacksonville Area, Northeast Florida, or Guana Lake Region
- 7. Freshwater River or Lake
- 8. Further Offshore into Gulf of Mexico
- 9. Further Offshore into Atlantic Ocean
- 10. Other:

4. How many years have you been fishing in Florida?

5. How would you describe your overall fish catch compared to when you first started fishing in these areas?

- 1. The fishing has gotten really bad!
- 2. The fishing has declined a little.
- 3. I haven't noticed much of a change.
- 4. The fishing has improved a little.
- 5. The fishing has been much better!

6. Based on your answer to your previous question, are there certain types of fish that have gotten easier or harder to catch? Please note the type of change and provide the years you noticed those changes if possible.

7. What is your single favorite type of fish to catch?

8. Are the current fishing regulations appropriate for your favorite fish species based on your experiences and knowledge?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Unsure/Maybe

9. [If answered maybe or no above], what do you think the regulations should be specifically for your favorite type of fish?

10. Which types of fish or fish species do you wish there was more in the area(s) you fish?

11. Has anyone from FWC ever asked you about your thoughts about fishing or fishing regulations?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Unsure/Maybe

12. Has anyone from any wildlife management organization other than FWC ever ask you about your preferences regarding fish or fishing regulations?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Unsure/Maybe

13. Do you think more restrictive regulations would work in protecting your favorite species?

- 1. Absolutely not!
- 2. I don't think so.
- 3. Neutral/Unsure.
- 4. It could work.
- 5. Yes it would work!

14. As a percent, 0% being always return and 100% being always keep, how often do you keep your favorite fish species that you catch?

15. Do you think overfishing and/or climate change are causing a change in fishing?

- 1. No, I don't think quality of fishing is changing.
- 2. Both overfishing and climate change might have something to do with it.
- 3. Yes! Overfishing and climate change are definitely causing a change!
- 4. I think only overfishing is causing an impact.
- 5. I think only climate change is causing an impact.
- 6. I think other factors besides overfishing or climate change are having an impact.

16. What do you think are the biggest threats to fish populations in Florida?

17. What do you think we, the UCF Angler Science team, should explore or take action on to ensure Florida angler's and fishing community members have better fishing experiences and Florida maintains a healthy fishery and fishing economy?

18. Do you have any other comments/concerns regarding Florida fishing, regulations, and ecosystems in Florida? You are also welcome to express any other thoughts or opinions about Florida fishing.

We thank you for your time spent taking this survey. We hope to use your response to advocate for better fishing in Florida. Connect with us!  
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