CHARTER FISHING SURVEY

(Personal Interview or Mail Survey)

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Please read each question carefully. Answer each question as accurately as possible.

1. How many years have you been a charter boat operator? _____YEARS

2. How many years have you operated a charter boating service on (Project Area)? _____YEARS

3. How many boats are owned and operated as part of your charter business? _____BOATS

4. For each vessel in your operation, please answer the following:

	Vessel #1	Vessel #2	Vessel #3
4a. BOAT LENGTH (FEET)	_____	_____	_____
4b. BOAT BEAM OR WIDTH (FEET)	_____	_____	_____
4c. BOAT DRAFT (INCHES)	_____	_____	_____

4d. What do you feel should be the MINIMUM CHANNEL DEPTH, in feet, for each of your vessels (from the water surface to the channel bottom) to navigate safely in all weather conditions?

Channel Depth For Vessel #1=____FEET Channel Depth For Vessel #2=_____FEET Channel Depth For Vessel #3=____FEET

4e. Vessel Type(s)? (Mark One Blank/Vessel)	Vessel #1	Vessel #2	Vessel #3
Inboard /Outboard	___	___	___
Inboard	___	___	___
Outboard	___	___	___

4f. In what year was (were) boat(s) purchased?	(year)	(year)	(year)
4g. Price you paid for boat:(s)?	$_____	$_____	$_____
4h. For each boat, total the current market value of all on-board equipment:	$_____	$_____	$_____

5 a. Does the income from your charter business constitute the majority of your total annual household income? (Circle)

1. YES [Go to Q.6]
2. NO

5 b. If you answered "NO" to question 5 a, what occupation does provide the majority of your total annual household income (Include Spouse's Income)?

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6. Please describe your rate structure for the (year) season, by trip type:

	Walleye Trip (7-hour)	Bass Trip (10-hour)	Perch Trip (7-hour)
Cost Per Trip (6 People):	$_____	$_____	$_____
Minimum Cost Per Trip:	$_____	$_____	$_____
Average Number of Paying Clients Per Trip:	_____	_____	_____

If further clarification of your rate structure is needed, please describe below:

_____

_____

7 a. Please record, on the blanks below, the average number of chartered trips you make for each species each month, during a typical annual season. Include all trips **for all boats** used in your operation.

	NUMBER OF TRIPS PER MONTH		
	Walleye Trips	Bass Trips	Perch Trips
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			

TOTAL ANNUAL FISHING SEASON TRIPS: _____

7b. If a combination of a breakwater construction, removal of old jetties and channel dredging were to take place at (PROJECT AREA), how many **additional** total trips do you estimate your charter service would make during a **typical annual season** as compared to the total trips you recorded for each species in question 7a above?

	Walleye	Bass	Perch
ADDITIONAL TOTAL TRIPS:	_____	_____	_____

8. Please estimate the **percent** of total charter trips (for all species) that you made through the entrance channel, since your charter service has been in operation, when the channel had the following wave heights:

8 a. Waves in the entrance channel approximately 3 feet high, while you were **leaving** or **entering** the harbor?
_____% of TOTAL TRIPS

8 b. Waves in the entrance channel approximately 4 feet high, while you were **leaving** or **entering** the harbor?
_____ % of TOTAL TRIPS

9. Given the present state of the harbor entrance, what **open lake wave conditions**, would cause you to cancel your trip to the (PROJECT AREA)? (Circle)

With Wave Heights in the Open Lake Greater Than:
1 feet 2 feet 3 feet 4 feet 5 feet 6 feet

10. How many trips did you cancel in the (year) season on account of HIGH WAVES on the open lake?
_____TRIPS CANCELED

11. During the past five years, did your BOAT incur any damage that you can attribute to the entrance channel at (PROJECT AREA)? If so, please record the dollar damage amount(s) beside the appropriate year(s) below:

(year);$_____COST OF BOAT DAMAGE
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12. If a combination of a breakwater construction, removal of the old jetties and channel dredging were to take place at (PROJECT AREA), it WOULD provide a safer harbor of refuge for boats caught in the lake in the event of a sudden storm. What is the **most** that you would be willing to pay as a **one-time** contribution toward a construction fund created by a non-profit group whose express purpose was to raise funds to ensure that these actions would be implemented?

$ _____ONE TIME CONTRIBUTION

13. If ONLY a removal of the old jetties and channel dredging were to take place at (PROJECT AREA), it MAY provide a safer harbor condition than exists presently in the lake in the event of a sudden storm. What is the **most** that you would be willing to pay as a **one-time** contribution toward a construction fund created by a non-profit group whose express purpose was to raise funds to ensure that these actions would be implemented?

$_____ ONE TIME CONTRIBUTION

14. Please give your approximate business costs **for each of the items listed below for the previous business year**. For each item, include total costs for all vessels owned or operated. Do your best to give your most accurate figure or estimate for each of these expenditures. (Your (year) Federal Income Tax Form, Schedule C, is a good source of this information.)

a. Boat fuel (including oil if outboard): $_____

b. Boat access: Dockage and storage fees: $_____

Launching fees: $_____

c. Boat maintenance: (normal servicing, oil change, hauling, tune-ups, registration, etc): $_____

d. Boat repair: (accidental damages, breakdowns not covered by insurance): $_____

e. Annual charter boat insurance premiums: $_____

f. Monthly boat loan payments: $_____

g. Publicity/advertising/promotions: (ads, flyers, signs, cards, show expenses, etc.) $_____

h. Communications (telephone, postage, stationery): $_____

I. Equipment repair and replacement: (for fixing or replacing lost, worn or old gear): $_____

j. Labor costs (for payment of first mates): $_____

k. Captain's labor (total hours per season spent by Captain(s) on charter trips): _____ HOURS

Thank You for completing this Questionnaire!