

LAKE BOATER SUMMER SURVEY

(Personal Interview or Mail Survey)

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Questionnaire Number _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Interviewer _____

Party Size _____

I. VISITOR DESCRIPTION AND EXPERIENCE

1. Have you boated at (Lake) before today? Yes _____
No _____

IF YES...How many years have you been boating here? _____ YEARS
(If respondent is not sure, an approximate answer is O.K; If this is the first year, answer is $\square < 1 \square$)

IF NO ...GO TO QUESTION 3a.

2. About how many weekend and weekdays did you boat on (Lake) in (year)?

WEEKEND DAYS IN (year) _____

WEEK DAYS IN (year) _____

(TOTAL DAYS) _____

3a. Where is your permanent residence? (Record city, state, ZIP code)

3b. How far is this launch ramp from your home?

_____ MILES

II. DESCRIPTION OF PRESENT VISIT

4. Is this a one-day visit?

_____ Yes _____ No

If NO... How many days will you be visiting (Lake)? _____ Days

5. How many hours did you spend on the (Lake) today? _____ Hours

6a. What type of boat did you use on the (Lake) today?

- Runabout/ Speedboat/
Skiboat
- Fishing boat/Bass boat
- Pontoon boat
- Personal watercraft
- Other type (describe)
- House boat
- Cabin cruiser
- Row boat/canoe
- Sailboat/Sailboard

6b. *If the boat is motorized, ask:* How many horsepower is your boat? _____HP

7. Here is a list of activities you may have participated in today (HAND BOATERS LIST). Can you tell me the percent of your time you spent on these activities today?

Cruising _____%	Water-skiing/tubing _____%
Fishing _____%	Relaxing/Sunning _____%
Swimming from _____%	Rafting w/other boats _____%
boat _____%	Other activities _____%
	(Please describe) _____

(BE SURE RESPONSES =100%)

III. SPATIAL USE CHARACTERISTICS AND PERCEPTIONS OF CONDITIONS

8a. Do you have a favorite place to go on the (Lake)? (Name or describe locations below)

8b. Why is that/are those your favorite place(s)? Please be as specific as possible to facilitate accurate coding of responses)

8c. Are there any parts of the (Lake) you deliberately avoid? (Name or describe locations below)

8d. Why do you avoid that/those area(s)?

(Please be as specific as possible to facilitate accurate coding of responses)

9. What is the length of your boat? _____ FEET

10. What do you like best about (Lake)?

(Probe for specific physical or social conditions not times, days, or locations)

V. COMPARISON TO OTHER AREAS

11a. Are there other (Lake)s or rivers where you do the same type of boating you did today?

(List others below)

11b. IF YES...Why did you come here today instead of one of those other places?

V. VISITOR PERCEPTIONS OF CHANGES OCCURRING AND CHANGES DESIRED

12a. Have you noticed any positive or negative changes at (Lake) in the last five years (or since boater has been coming here < 5 years)? SKIP QUESTION IF RESPONDENT IS FIRST-TIME VISITOR.

Positive:

Negative:

12b. IF YES...Have these changes affected your enjoyment or use of (Lake)?

13. Please list any changes you would like to see at (Lake)?

14. Which of these statements best describes your expectation for the number of boats on (Lake)? (*Read all three and check one*)

- I saw ABOUT AS MANY boats as I expected to see today.
 I saw MORE boats than I expected to see today.
 I saw FEWER boats than I expected to see today.

15. Which of these statements best describes your preference for the number of boats on (Lake)? (*Read all three and check one*)

- I saw ABOUT AS MANY boats as I wanted to see today.
 I saw MORE boats than I wanted to see today.
 I saw FEWER boats than I wanted to see today.

VII. BOATER CONFLICTS

16a. Have you experienced any conflicts with other boaters ((Lake))? (Please be as specific as possible; probe if necessary)

VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

17. Are there any additional comments you would like to make concerning (Lake)?

THANK BOATER FOR HIS OR HER PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY!