

December 19, 2012

Dear Party and Charter Boat Owners:

The last two months have been a trying and emotional time for the residents of New York and New Jersey. The impacts to our family and friends have been tremendous and the costs to the regions infrastructure are being measured in the billions of dollars. Those of us, who live and make our livelihood around the ocean and its resources, recognize the devastation of the recreational fishing industry. Docks, boats, businesses and entire communities have been lost in several locations. As we struggle to assess the impacts on our livelihoods and the areas we call home, a collection of industry groups have asked NY Sea Grant to facilitate data collection to document the damages in recreational fishing communities.

On November 16th, the Department of Commerce officially determined under section 308(d) of the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act (IFA) and section 315 of the Magnuson Stevens Fisheries Conservation Act (Magnuson Stevens Act): *A catastrophic regional fishery disaster has occurred due to a natural disaster for New York and New Jersey. By law, this fishery disaster declaration includes fishermen, charter fishing operators, United States fish processors, and owners of related fishery infrastructure affected by the disaster.* In addition to authorizing Small Business Administration loans (SBA), the determination provides a basis for Congress to appropriate disaster relief funding to provide assistance to affected communities. As recreational fishing industry professionals, it is important to participate in fishery disaster relief activities being coordinated by the federal government.

This is unprecedented territory for our industry and our area of the country. In the hopes that Congress will in fact appropriate funding we need to begin the data collection process now. At the request of the United Boatmen of NY, New York Sportfishing Federation, New York Fishing Tackle Trade Association, Regal Marine Products, and the Recreational Fishing Alliance, New York Sea Grant is helping to collect information to document losses and physical damages to your business as a part of the recreational fishing industry. We have developed a questionnaire for this purpose, and ask you to take a few minutes to describe the changes in your business that occurred since Saturday October 27, 2012. **YOUR RESPONSE IS CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL BE USED FOR INFORMATIONAL AND PLANNING PURPOSES, ONLY.**

Thank you for making the effort to assist us during this difficult time. Similar data is being collected from the bait & tackle, and marina sectors. Data compiled under this exercise will supplement other ongoing assessment activities, and create the foundation to prepare a spending plan that is required in an appropriation request to rebuild the fishing industry. Your input is important in this fishery disaster process, and we encourage you to share this link with other owners. Please help to spread the word to as many recreational fishing businesses as possible; share the link for electronic submission: <http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/articles/r/2236>

If you have any questions regarding the process or general questions about the questionnaire, please contact Antoinette Clemetson of Sea Grant ([aoc5@cornell.edu](mailto:aoc5@cornell.edu)), Kathy Heinlein ([kheinlein529@aol.com](mailto:kheinlein529@aol.com)), Melissa Dearborn ([melissa@regalbait.com](mailto:melissa@regalbait.com)), John Mantione ([nyftta@earthlink.net](mailto:nyftta@earthlink.net)), or Jim Hutchinson ([jhutchinson@joinrfa.org](mailto:jhutchinson@joinrfa.org)). Again NY Sea Grant is facilitating the data collection and your information will be held confidential. While trade group leaders are engaged in the distribution and development of data collection, they will not have direct access to completed questionnaires.

**Please return the questionnaire to New York Sea Grant no later than January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

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# “Super Storm” Sandy Economic Injury Loss Worksheet For Party & Charter Boat Owners

## FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES - NOT FOR DIRECT CLAIMS

The information that you disclose is confidential, and information that is shared with a third party will be summarized. By completing the survey you are agreeing to this condition.

agree       disagree

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

1) Sailing Status (circle):

November:

a) Done sailing for the season-not due to storm

b) Not sailing due to the storm

c) Returned to normal schedule on: 11/\_\_\_\_/12

d) Storm Damage-Partially Sailing (\_\_\_\_%)

December:

a) Done sailing for the season-not due to storm

b) Still Not sailing due to the storm

c) Returned to normal schedule:

Since November\_\_\_\_or as of: 12/\_\_\_\_/12

d) Storm Damage-Partially Sailing (\_\_\_\_%)

2) Please enter the number of staff employed by you:

a) Number of employees before the storm? \_\_\_\_\_

b) Number of employees after the storm? \_\_\_\_\_

3) On a scale of 0 to 5 {with 0 being no damage and 5 being the worst (i.e. total loss) or N/A for not applicable}, provide your best estimate of the physical damage to your property as a direct result of the storm:

a) Your Vessel: \_\_\_\_\_

b) Office Area: \_\_\_\_\_

c) Other permanent buildings excluding personal residence: \_\_\_\_\_

d) Permanent docks and pilings: \_\_\_\_\_

e) Floating docks: \_\_\_\_\_

f) Inventory-Products/Goods: \_\_\_\_\_

g) Other (i.e. Gas pumps, ice machines, freezers): \_\_\_\_\_

4) Regarding your response above (Question 3), what is the estimated monetary value of the physical damages incurred less any FEMA or Insurance reimbursement?

- a) Your Vessel: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Office Area: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Other permanent buildings excluding personal residence: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Permanent docks and pilings: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- e) Floating docks: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- f) Inventory-Products/Goods: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- g) Other (i.e. Gas pumps, ice machines, freezers): \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Less: FEMA/Insurance Reimbursement: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL PHYSICAL DAMAGE LOSS: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

5) Can you determine an estimate of monetary value as to how much income was lost to you personally due to not being able to leave the dock for fishing, whether for damage, waterway closures or lack of customers (cancelled trips, returned deposits, etc.)? (Estimated lost revenue for Nov/Dec 2012 as compared to same time frame over average of 2009-2011.)

- 1. Nov/Dec 2009: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Nov/Dec 2010: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Nov/Dec 2011: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Average 3 years: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Estimated Nov/Dec 2012: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Total lost revenue (line 4 less line 5): \_\_\_\_\_

6) One major industry concern is the status of our recreational fishing infrastructure. Many access points have been damaged. So that we may start to get an inventory of these locations, please list any docks, piers, ramps, etc..., in your local community that have been damaged. Pictures to document the locations and damage would be very helpful. You can email pictures to [aoc5@cornell.edu](mailto:aoc5@cornell.edu), and please make sure to list the address of the location(s).

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please list name of person completing the questionnaire and contact phone/email for any follow-up clarification)