

Introduction

You are being asked to participate in a research study conducted by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI). With proposed offshore wind development in the waters south of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, WHOI is estimating fishing activity by for-hire party/charter vessels in these areas. Results of the survey will be used to assess the potential economic impacts associated with the wind development in terms of potential lost revenues.

We will be asking a series of questions about the number of for-hire party/charter trips your vessel(s) have taken over the past five years. Having quick access to your log books for the years 2017-2021 will allow you to efficiently respond to this survey.

Your responses will remain strictly confidential, but will be summarized in reports and communications before RIDEM, MADMF and other regulatory bodies. Any published analyses will summarize the data in such a way to ensure your individual responses remain confidential and no information will be made public that may be traced back to you.

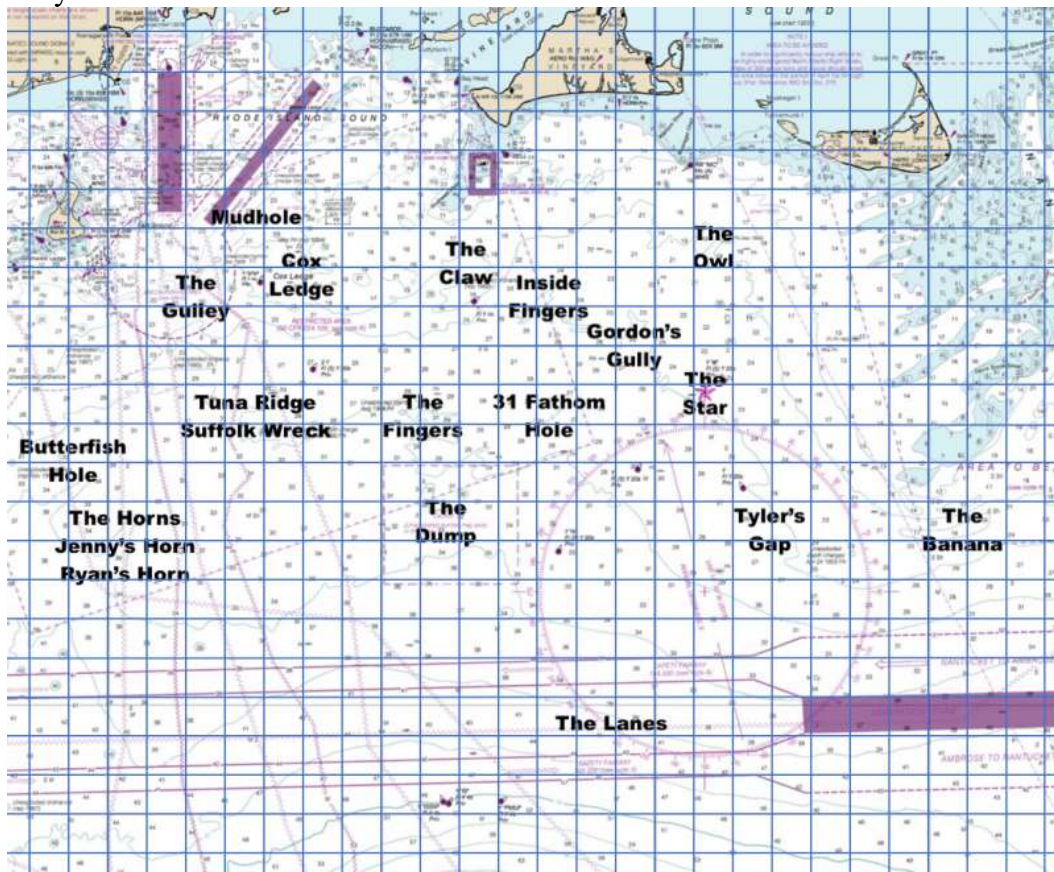
You may only complete this survey once.

If you agree to participate in this survey please click 'Next'. Otherwise, you may close your web browser at this time.

NOTE FOR REVIEWER: Questions marked with an asterisk “*” were required.

NOTE FOR REVIEWER: Only 'yes' responses were asked to input effort data for relevant areas.

Do you fish the waters shown in the chart below? *

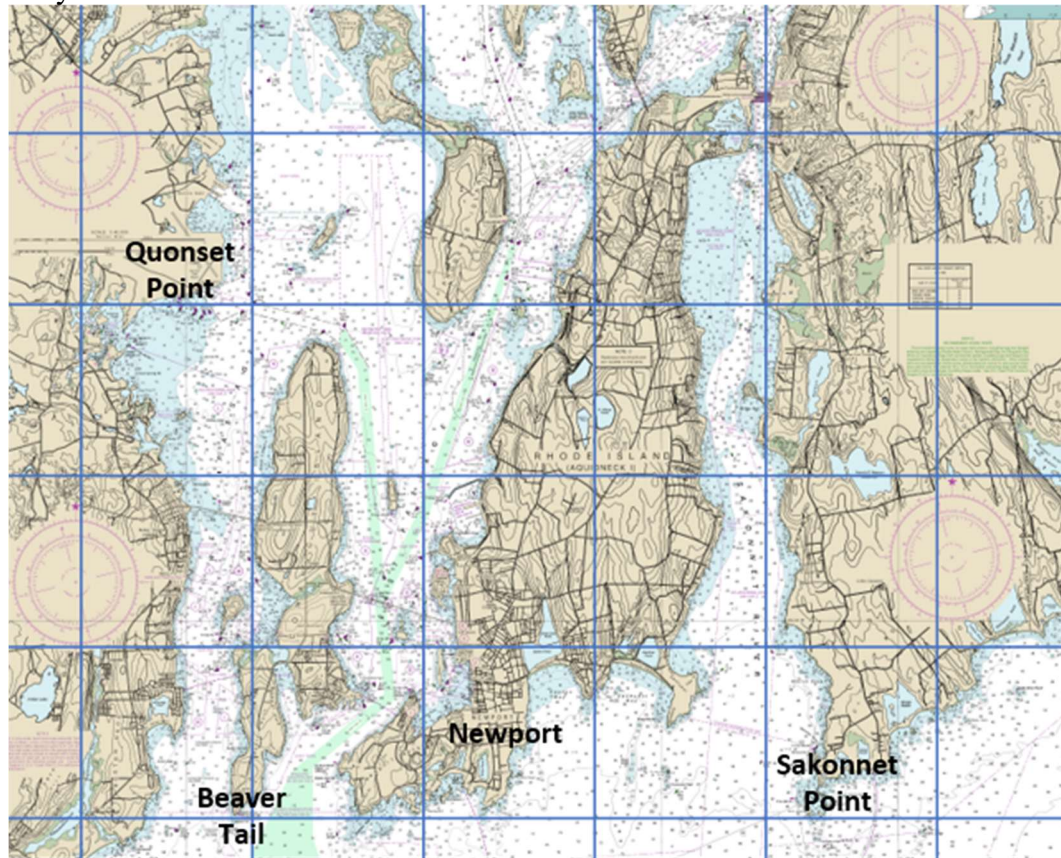


☐ Yes

☐ No

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Do you fish the waters shown in the chart below? *



- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Vessel information

Please write the name of each for-hire charter/headboat vessel that you own in the boxes below. If your vessel is not named or you operate a fleet of non-motorized charter vessels, please write the name of your charter business in the "Vessel 1" box.*

- [] Vessel 1: _____
[] Vessel 2: _____
[] Vessel 3: _____
[] Vessel 4: _____
[] Vessel 5: _____

VTR requirements

NOTE FOR REVIEWER: Vessel names input from previous question.

Which of your vessels below are required to fill out federal vessel trip reports (VTRs)? Check the box next to each vessel that has this requirement. If this does not apply to any of your vessel(s), please select "This does not apply to my vessel(s)".

☐ This does not apply to my vessel(s)

Trip counts-

NOTE FOR REVIEWER: The following questions were repeated for each vessel name input above.

We will now ask about the for-hire trips you took on your vessel **VESSEL** over the past five years. *Please answer questions only with information for this particular vessel.*

How many trips did **VESSEL** take in each of the last five years? Please enter that number in the respective box below.

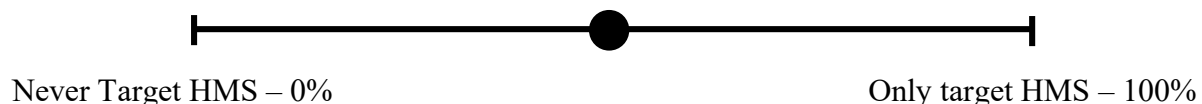
2017: _____
2018: _____
2019: _____
2020: _____
2021: _____

On a typical fishing trip, what was the average number of passengers **VESSEL** had on board in each of the last five years? Please enter that number in the respective box below.

2017: _____
2018: _____
2019: _____
2020: _____
2021: _____

In a typical year, how does **VESSEL** split its time between targeting highly migratory species (HMS) relative to bottom fishing or trolling for other species? Please use the slider to report the appropriate percent value.

NOTE FOR REVIEWER: This was a "slider bar" question format.

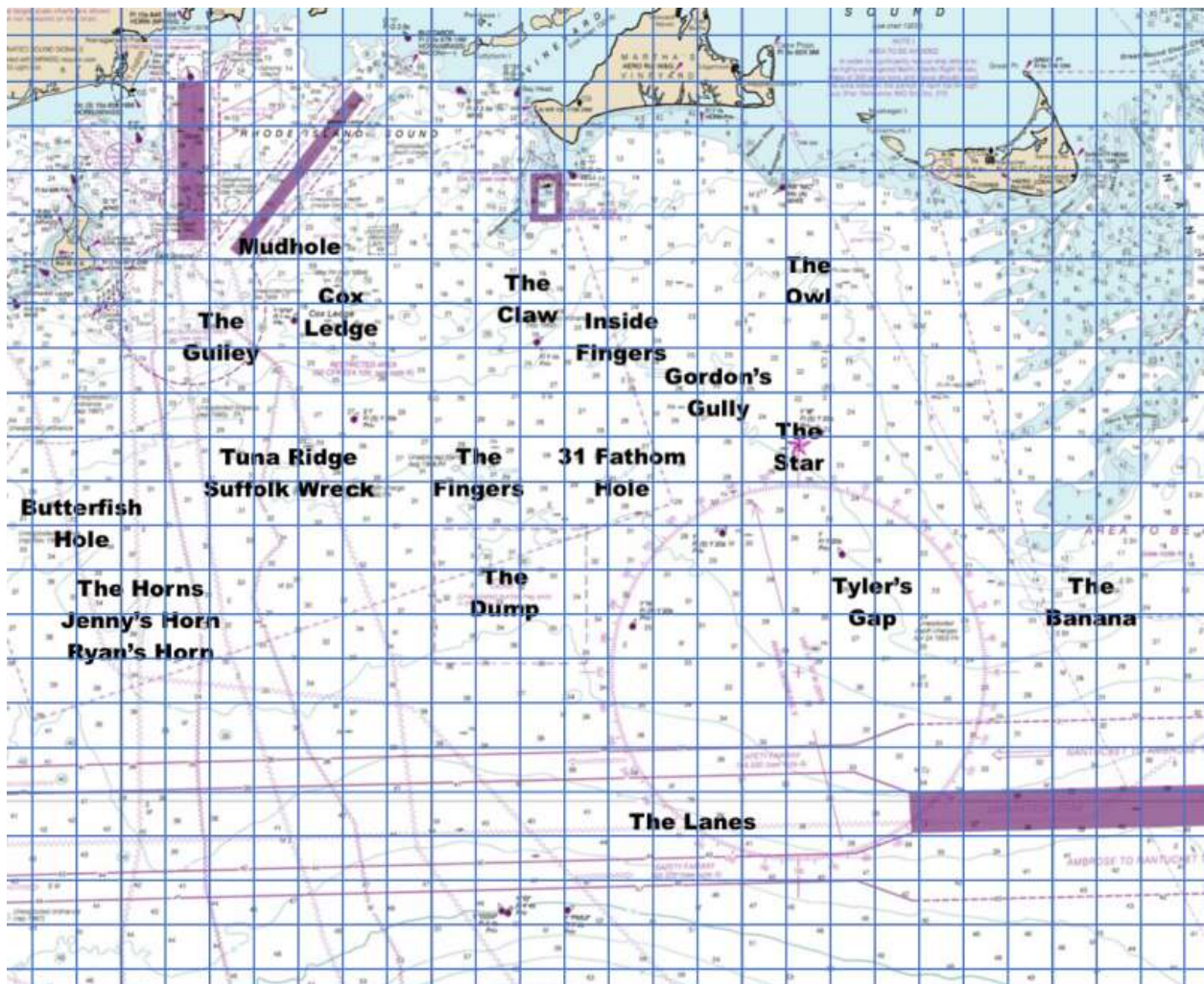


Trip counts by location and year-Offshore

NOTE FOR REVIEWER: Heatmap questions repeated for each year/vessel name input above.

In **YEAR**, which areas did **VESSEL** fish? After selecting a location by clicking on the chart below, please enter the number of trips you took to that location in **YEAR** using the textbox that appears. If you did not fish this year, you may skip to the next question.

NOTE: Common names of popular offshore fishing locations are indicated for reference only. You may select any grid square on the chart.

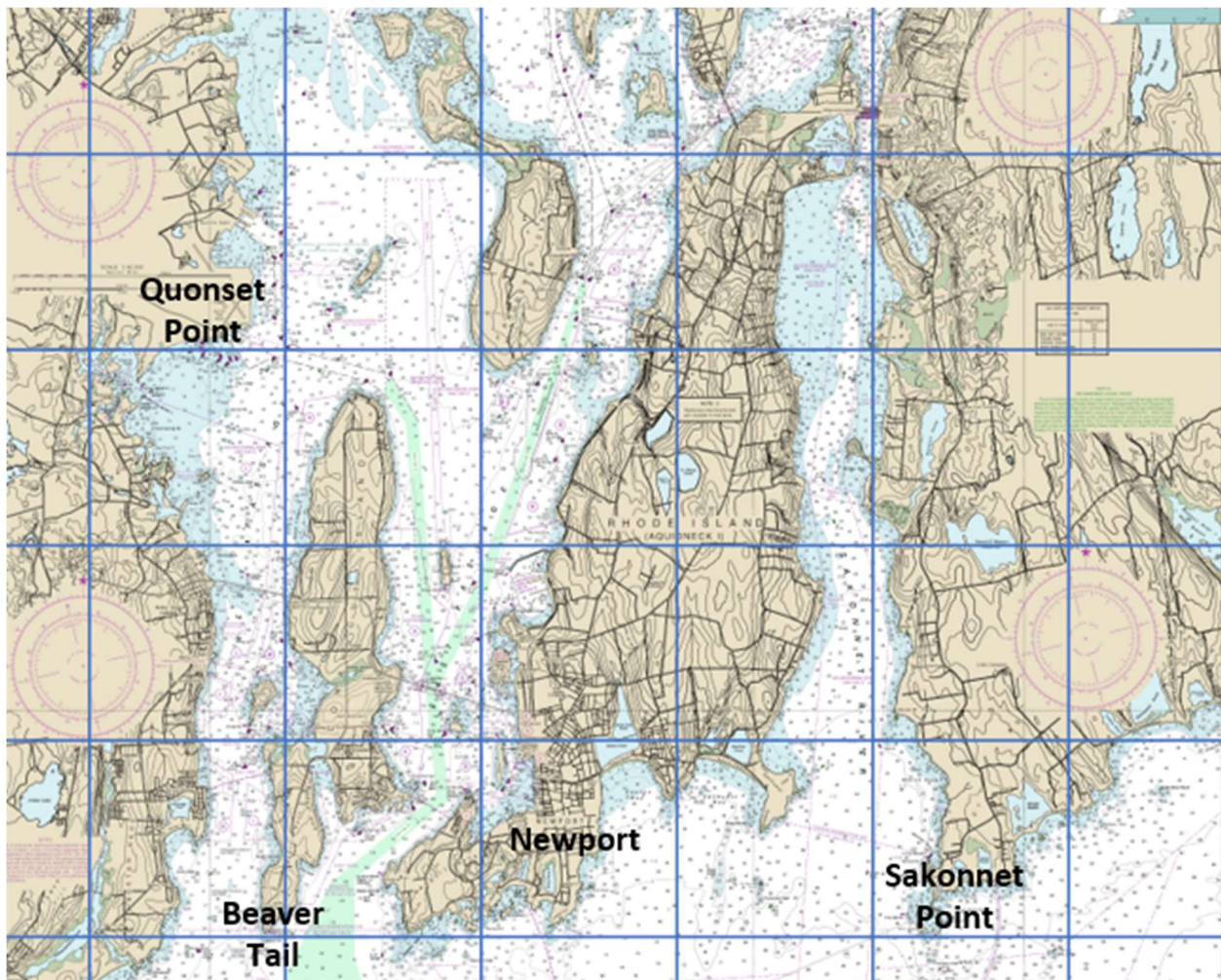


Trip counts by location and year-Narragansett Bay

NOTE FOR REVIEWER: Heatmap questions repeated for each year/vessel name input above.

In **YEAR**, which areas did **VESSEL** fish? After selecting a location by clicking on the chart below, please enter the number of trips you took to that location in **YEAR** using the textbox that appears. If you did not fish this year, you may skip to the next question.

NOTE: Common names of landmarks are indicated for reference only. You may select any grid square on the chart.



Comment

If you have any other comments related to this survey you may type them in the box below. Otherwise, you may move on to the next survey page.

Thank You!

Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey. Your response is very important to our study and to the sustainable ocean uses in the area.

You may now close your web browser.
