



To: Interested parties

RE: Louisiana survey

Date: 3/17/21

About the Survey

The survey was conducted Mar. 12-16, 2021 using a combination of live agent interviews and text messages to cell phones in nine parishes along the Gulf Coast in Louisiana—Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Mary, Terrebonne, and Vermilion. N=610, yielding a margin of error of +/-3.97%. The results were weighted to reflect the age, race, and gender of registered voters in the region.

Key Points

By a margin of 64%-9%, respondents along the Gulf Coast in Louisiana believe there should be common-sense regulations around industrial Menhaden harvesting in Louisiana waters.

Democrats (67%) and Independents (69%) are more likely than Republicans (52%) to say that some regulation is necessary.

84% of respondents say that Louisiana's barrier islands should be protected from potential damage from large Menhaden industrial fishing boats. This includes 86% of women and 83% of men.

70% of respondents say seeing dead redfish, sharks, and other species left by industrial fishing activities would negatively affect their experience fishing, and 80% say it would negatively affect their experience at the beach. These numbers were strongly consistent across demographic groups.

When asked if they would favor management of industrial fishing activity which did not negatively impact commercial fishing jobs, 93% of respondents say yes and just 4% say no.

Respondents say that the government should examine the impact of industrial fishing on the food supply of local animals by a margin of 87%-9%. Democrats are more likely than Republicans to say they would support this, though both groups support it overwhelmingly—91% of Democrats, compared to 78% of Republicans.

89% of those we interviewed believe there should be limits on industrial fishing activities in state waters. This includes 92% of African-Americans and 87% of White respondents.



88% of respondents believe local fishing operations should be given priority over foreign-owned industrial fishing companies. White respondents are much likelier to agree that priority should be given to local operations (93%), compared to 85% of African-Americans and just 76% of respondents of other ethnicities.

Respondents support charging additional fees to industrial fish harvesters and processors from neighboring states that fish in Louisiana territorial waters 77%-15%. Support is consistent across political lines, as Democrats say they would support this move 77%-15% and Republicans support it 78%-16%.



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N = 610

Q1 Do you believe there should be some common-sense regulations around industrial Menhaden, also known as Pogie, harvesting in Louisiana waters?

64.3% Yes
9.3% No
26.3% Unsure

Q2 Should Louisiana's beaches and barrier islands, many of which have undergone restoration efforts over the last 10 years, be protected from potential damage from large Menhaden or Pogie industrial fishing boats?

84.4% Yes
8.8% No
6.8% Unsure

Q3 Would seeing dead redfish, sharks and other species left by industrial fishing activities negatively affect your experience when fishing with friends or on a guided trip?

69.7% Yes
20.6% No
9.7% Unsure

Q4 Would seeing dead redfish, sharks and other species left by industrial fishing activities negatively affect your experience if you were visiting one of Louisiana's beaches like Grand Isle or Elmer's Island?

80.4% Yes
14.2% No
5.4% Unsure

Q5 Would you be in favor of common-sense management of industrial fishing activity to protect beaches, marshes, and other commercial and recreational fishing if those management approaches did not negatively affect commercial fishing jobs, like those in the shrimp and crab industry?

92.6% Yes
3.7% No
3.6% Unsure



Q6 Local redfish, speckled trout and snapper, as well as birds and dolphins, need healthy supplies of food. However, outside of shrimp and lobster boats, large industrial fisheries harvest much of that food. Do you believe the Louisiana government should examine the impacts of industrial fishing on local redfish, speckled trout, crabs, shrimp, oysters and other fish species?

- 86.8% Yes
- 8.8% No
- 4.3% Unsure

Q7 Do you believe Louisiana should establish common-sense, science-based limits on industrial fishing activities in state waters similar to neighboring Gulf states and states on the Atlantic coast?

- 88.6% Yes
- 5.8% No
- 5.6% Unsure

Q8 Should the needs of Louisiana-based commercial and recreational fishing operations be given priority over foreign-owned industrial fishing companies?

- 87.8% Yes
- 7.7% No
- 4.4% Unsure

Q9 Do you believe Louisiana fisheries managers should charge additional fees to industrial fish harvesters and processors from neighboring states that fish in Louisiana state territorial waters?

- 76.8% Yes
- 15.3% No
- 7.9% Unsure

Q10 How old were you on your last birthday?

- 26.0% 18 to 34
- 17.0% 35 to 44
- 15.0% 45 to 54
- 18.0% 55 to 64
- 24.0% 65 or older

Q11 How would you describe your ethnicity?

- 38.0% African American
- 2.0% Asian American
- 51.0% Caucasian or White
- 6.0% Latino or Hispanic
- 1.0% Mixed Race
- 2.0% Other

Q12 For statistical purposes, please tell us your gender.

- 44.0% Male
- 55.0% Female
- 1.0% Non-binary

Q13 Please tell us how far you got in school?

- 15.9% High school or less
- 31.7% Some college
- 27.4% Four-year college degree
- 25.0% Advanced degree

Q14 In politics, do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else?

- 44.1% Democrat
- 21.4% Republican
- 24.4% Independent
- 10.1% Something else

