Participation Data
The survey effort started in early August 2012 and was concluded in early January 2013. The survey was offered via mail and on the web.

- Number of fishing vessels that received the survey: 1457
- Number of complete and partially complete surveys: 438 (30%)
  - Mail submission: 355 (81%)
  - Online submission: 83 (19%)

Purpose of Study
The Social Sciences Branch of the NEFSC recently conducted a survey of vessel owners about their annual fishing costs for year 2011. This cost information, along with the trip cost data collected by the observer program, helps SSB improve its analysis. Improved analysis helps fisheries managers to

- Better understand the economic and social impacts of fisheries management regulations and incorporate this information in the decision-making process
- Recognize differential impacts of the regulations on different fishing industries, ports, fishing groups and fishing communities
- Evaluate measures based on impacts on net benefits.

Non-Cost Information
Average Market Value of the Vessel (Including gear, permit, and history): $359,658

Ownership Type
Sole Proprietorship: 62%
Corporation: 34%

Vessel Operations
Owner Operated: 85%
Hired Captain: 13%
Average Crew Size: 1 to 2

Survey Structure
I. Vessel Information
II. Repair/Maintenance/Upgrade/Improvement Costs by different categories (eg: engine, deck, hull etc.)
III. Fishing Business Costs (eg: mooring fees, interest, insurance premium etc.)
IV. Operating Costs (eg: fuel, food, supplies etc.)
V. Crew Payments
VI. Other Costs

Average Values

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