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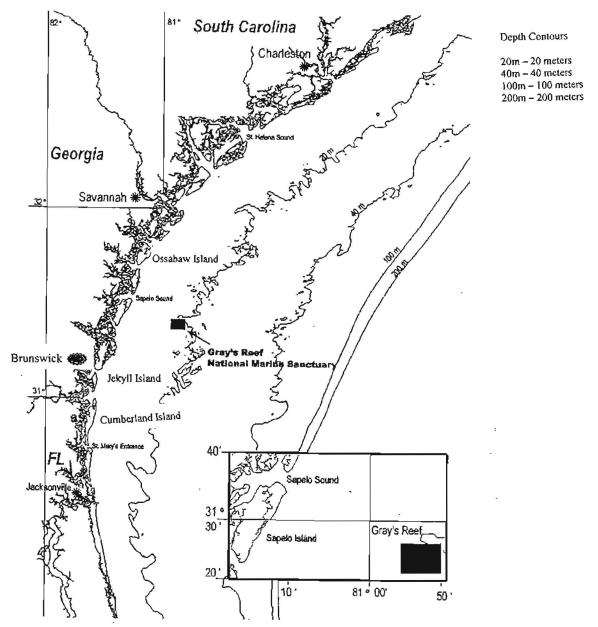
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#### **Information From GRNMS**

20.	How do you like to receive information? (Please of a Web site b E-mail list serve c Newsletter by delivered by U.S. Post Offiction of the control of the co	
21.	Do you know who sets policy/management for Na and coastal areas?  a. For National Marine Sanctuaries b. For Ocean areas of Georgia c. For Coastal areas in and around Georgia	tional Marine Sanctuaries and for fisheries in ocean  Name of Agency
22.	How would you rank your familiarity with the rules (Please check one)  Very familiar  Somewhat Familiar  I am not familiar with any of the rules or regu	

#### Status and Conditions of the Resources in GRNMS

In this section, we would like your opinion on the status of the condition of the resources in GRNMS.

23. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means Getting a lot Better and 5 means Getting a lot Worse, please rate how you think the status/condition of each of the following resources has been changing since implementation of the GRNMS (1981).

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b.	Other bottom habitat	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
C.	Fish populations (bottom fish)	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
d.	Fish populations (pelagic)	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
e.	Fish populations (diversity or number of species)	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
f.	Other Sea life (abundance	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
g.	Other Sea life (diversity or number of species)	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
h.	Water quality	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
i.	Invasive species (such as lionfish)	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
j.	Marine debris (plastics, other trash)	1	2	3	4	5	DK	
k.	Sea based pollution (discharges from boats)	1	2	3	4	5	DK	

#### Activities in Ocean & Coastal Areas in and Around Georgia and in the GRNMS

In this section, we want to learn about your recreation activities in the ocean & coastal areas both in the areas in and around Georgia and the portion of those activities in GRNMS.

24. Which activities do you do in ocean & coastal areas both in and around Georgia and inside GRNMS? Please check all that apply. **ACTIVITY** Georgia **GRNMS** Recreational bottom fishing Recreational fishing – trolling or drifting in mid or top water Recreational spear fishing with power heads Recreational spear fishing without power heads SCUBA diving (taking things) SCUBA diving (don't take anything) Whale watching of other wildlife viewing activities Sailing Some Activities that do not take place in GRNMS Georgia **Beach Activities** Surfing Windsurfing or Kite boarding Personal Watercraft Use (jet skis, wave runners, etc.) **Shorebird Watching** 25. For those activities you did in 2010, please provide how many days you did the activity in Georgia and how many of those days were in GRNMS. (If all your days were in GRNMS, then code all your days in Georgia and GRNMS). Count any part of a day as a whole day. Days Days In in **ACTIVITY** Georgia **GRNMS** Recreational bottom fishing Recreational fishing – trolling or drifting in mid or top water Recreational spear fishing with power heads Recreational spear fishing without power heads SCUBA diving (taking things) SCUBA diving (don't take anything)

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- 26. For the days you did activities in GRNMS in **2010**, please provide the **number of day**s by each type of boat access.
  - Private boats would be your boat or a boat owned by family or friend but not for hire.
  - Charter and party boats are boats that take people out for a fee.
  - Charter boats usually limit their number of passengers, but charge for the boat for a day.
  - Party boats usually carry large numbers of people and charge by the head or person and are some times called head-boats.

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Re	creational spear fishing without power heads				_	
SC	UBA diving (taking things)				. <u> </u>	
SC	UBA diving (don't take anything)				_	
Wh	ale watching of other wildlife viewing activities					
	When doing your activities from a <b>private boat</b> , how reyou on the boat? (number of other people)		er people	are usua	illy with	
28.	Do you participate in fishing tournaments in GRNMS?	,				
	Yes					
	☐ No ☐ Don't fish					
29.	What factors influenced your choice of going to GRNN For each factor circle the appropriate answer.	/IS to do y	our activ	ities?		
	a. Weather	YES	SOME	VHAT	NOTA	T ALL
	b. Fish species preference	YES	SOME	VHAT	NOTA	T ALL
	c. Time of Day	YES	SOME	VHAT	NOTA	T ALL
	d. Seasonal patterns	YES	SOME	VHAT	NOTA	T ALL
	e. Word of mouth/radio talk	YES	SOME	VHAT	NOTA	T ALL
	f. Boat Captain's choice	YES	SOME	VHAT	NOTA	T ALL
	g. Sea conditions	YES	SOME	VHAT	NOTA	T ALL
	h. Distance to GRNMS	YES	SOME	VHAT	NOTA	T ALL
	i. Better fishing	YES	SOME	VHAT	NOTA	T ALL
	i. Better diving for things to see	YES	SOME	VHAT	NOT A	T ALL

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# **Activity Specialization**

In this section, we are interested in learning about your main or primary recreation activity that you participate in ocean & coastal areas off the Georgia coast including activities in GRNMS.

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30.	Of the list of activities in questions 24 and 25, which one of these is your main or primary activity in the ocean & coastal areas of Georgia, including GRNMS?
For	the next four questions, please place a check mark next to the answer that best fits you for each question
31.	When I participate in my main or primary activity, I feel like: (Check one)  a beginner. I don't really feel like I am part of the activity scene.  an occasional or irregular participant. Sometimes it is fun, entertaining or rewarding to do my activity  a habitual and regular participant in the activity  an insider to the sport. The activity is an important part of who I am.
32.	During my activity, I can be best described as: (Check one)  having very little understanding of the activity. I am often unsure about how to do certain things when I go.
	<ul> <li>having some understanding of the activity, but still in the process of learning more about the sport.</li> <li>I am becoming more familiar and comfortable with the activity.</li> <li>being comfortable with the sport. I have a good understanding of what I can do, and how to do it.</li> <li>a knowledgeable expert in the sport. I encourage, teach and enhance opportunities for others who are interested in the activity.</li> </ul>
33.	<ul> <li>My relationships with others who do the activity are: (Check one)</li> <li>not established. I really don't know any other people who do the activity.</li> <li>very limited. I know some others in the activity by sight and sometimes talk with them, but I don't know their names.</li> <li>one of familiarity. I know the names of others who do the activity, and often speak with them.</li> <li>close. I have personal and close relationships with others in the activity. These friendships often revolve around the activity.</li> </ul>
34.	<ul> <li>My commitment to the activity is: (Check one)</li> <li>very slight. I have very little connection to the activity. I may or may not continue to participate in the sport in the future.</li> <li>moderate. I will continue to do it as it is entertaining and provides the benefits I want.</li> <li>fairly strong. I have a sense of being a member of the activity, and it is likely that I will continue to do it for a long time.</li> <li>very strong. I am totally committed to the activity. I encourage other to participate in the sport and seek to ensure the activity continues in the future.</li> </ul>
35.	If you had to replace all of the equipment that you currently own for your primary activity with similar equipment, how much would it cost to replace?
	\$AMOUNT TO REPLACE PRIMARY ACTIVITY EQUIPMENT

36. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means No Use and 5 means A Lot of Use, to what extent do you make use of the following for current information about your primary activity?

Ple	ease circle the number for your answer.	/kol	se Almo	ST WO SE	le les mode	gate Use ALO	dise
a.	Information Source Used	1	2	3	4	5	
b.	Talking with others who participate in the activity	1	2	3	4	5	
C.	Magazines	1	2	3	4	5	
d.	Government agency publications	1	2	3	4	5	
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f.	Newspapers	1	2	3	4	5	
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37. Below is a list of reasons why people engage in recreation activities. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means Not at All Important and 5 means Extremely Important, how important is each of the reasons for your primary activity?

Ple	ease circle the number for your answer.	No.	A Color	Solour No.	stated very	tho take	ortal and a second
a.	Reason for engaging in primary activity	1	2	3	4	5	
b.	To be outdoors	1	2	3	4	5	
C.	For family recreation	1	2	3	4	5	
d.	To experience new and different things	1	2	3	4	5	
e.	For relaxation	1	2	3	4	5	
f.	To be close to the water	1	2	3	4	5	
g.	To get away from the demands of other people	1	2	3	4	5	
h.	To be with friends	1	2	3	4	5	
i.	To develop my skills	1	2	3	4	5	
j.	To get away from the regular routine	1	2	3	4	5	
k.	To experience adventure and excitement	1	2	3	4	5	
I.	To experience natural surroundings	1	2	3	4	5	

## **Information About Yourself**

In this last section, we need information about you to help classify and analyze your responses to ensure the scientific validity of this information. Any information that can connect this information with you personally will be protected and not given out to anyone.

38.	Male Female
39.	Year born
40.	Are you Hispanic or Latino? Yes No
41.	What is your race? (Check one or more)  White Black or African American American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
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43.	How many people under age 18 live in your household? (number in household)
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45.	What is the highest level of education completed? (Check one)  8th grade or less  9th – 12th grade, no diploma  12th grade High School Grad or equivalent (GED or alternative credential)  Some College, 1 or more years, no degree  Associate's degree (for example: AA, AS)  Bachelor's degree (for example: BA, BS)  Master's degree (for example: MA, MS, MEng, Med, MSW, MBA)  Professional School degree (for example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)  Doctor's degree (for example: PhD, EdD)

46.	What is your employment status? (Check all that apply)
	unemployed
	employed full time
	employed part time
	retired
	student
	homemaker
	none of the above
47.	Which category below best describes you annual household income before taxes in 2010? (Check one)
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	\$10,000 to \$14,999 \$50,000 to \$59,999
	\$15,000 to \$19,999 \$60,000 to \$74,999
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	\$30,000 to \$34,999 \$150,000 or more
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	Yes (Go to Question 49)
	No (Skip to Question 50)
49.	What is the length of your boat (feet)
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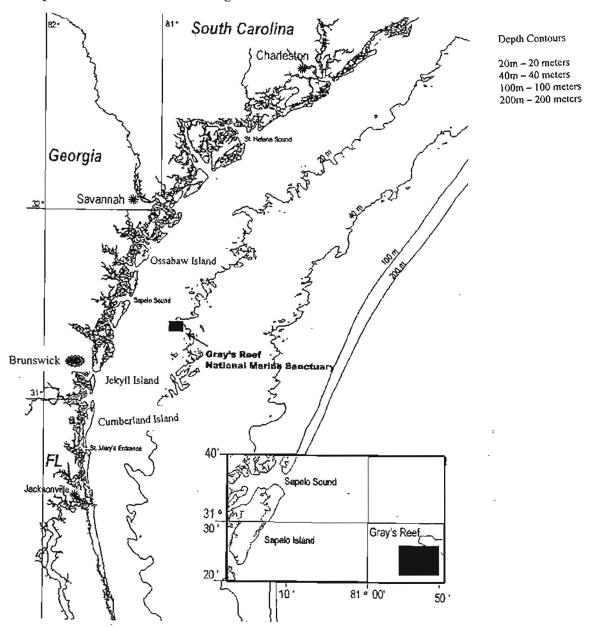
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r.	Radio	1	2	3	4	5	NA
S.	Television	1	2	3	4	5	NA
t.	Internet	1	2	3	4	5	NA
u.	Social Media (Twitter, You Tube, Facebook, etc)	1	2	3	4	5	NA
V.	Word of Mouth	1	2	3	4	5	NA
X.	Others (please specify, include people like a marina manager, other anglers or divers, local community leader, family member, friend, etc.)						
		1	2	3	4	5	NA
		1	2	3	4	5	NA

#### **Information From GRNMS**

20.	How do you like to receive information? (Please of a Web site b E-mail list serve c Newsletter by delivered by U.S. Post Offiction of the control of the co	
21.	Do you know who sets policy/management for Na and coastal areas?  a. For National Marine Sanctuaries b. For Ocean areas of Georgia c. For Coastal areas in and around Georgia	tional Marine Sanctuaries and for fisheries in ocean  Name of Agency
22.	How would you rank your familiarity with the rules (Please check one)  Very familiar  Somewhat Familiar  I am not familiar with any of the rules or regu	

## Activities in Ocean & Coastal Areas in and Around Georgia

23. Which activities do you do in ocean & coastal areas both in and around Georgia?

In this section, we want to learn about your recreation activities in the ocean & coastal areas in and around Georgia.

Please check all that apply. **ACTIVITY** Georgia Recreational bottom fishing Recreational fishing – trolling or drifting in mid or top water Recreational spear fishing with power heads Recreational spear fishing without power heads SCUBA diving (taking things) SCUBA diving (don't take anything) Whale watching of other wildlife viewing activities Sailing **Beach Activities** Surfina Windsurfing or Kite boarding Personal Watercraft Use (jet skis, wave runners, etc.) **Shorebird Watching** 24. For those activities you did in 2010, please provide how many days you did the activity in Georgia? Count any part of a day as a whole day. Days In **ACTIVITY** Georgia Recreational bottom fishing Recreational fishing – trolling or drifting in mid or top water Recreational spear fishing with power heads Recreational spear fishing without power heads SCUBA diving (taking things) SCUBA diving (don't take anything) Whale watching of other wildlife viewing activities

## **Information About Yourself**

In this last section, we need information about you to help classify and analyze your responses to ensure the scientific validity of this information. Any information that can connect this information with you personally will be protected and not given out to anyone.

25.	Male Female
26.	Year born
27.	Are you Hispanic or Latino? Yes No
28.	What is your race? (Check one or more)  White Black or African American American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
29.	How many people age 18 or older live in your household? (number of people)
30.	How many people under age 18 live in your household? (number in household)
31.	What type below best describes your household? (Check one)  Single adult with no children 18 or under  Single adult with children under 18  Two adults with no children 18 or under  Two adults with children under 18  More than two adults with no children under 18  More than two adults with children 18 or under
32.	What is the highest level of education completed? (Check one)  8th grade or less  9th – 12th grade, no diploma  12th grade High School Grad or equivalent (GED or alternative credential)  Some College, 1 or more years, no degree  Associate's degree (for example: AA, AS)  Bachelor's degree (for example: BA, BS)  Master's degree (for example: MA, MS, MEng, Med, MSW, MBA)  Professional School degree (for example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)  Doctor's degree (for example: PhD, EdD)

33.	Vhat is your employment status? (Check all that apply)
	unemployed
	employed full time
	employed part time
	retired
	student
	homemaker
	none of the above
34.	Which category below best describes you annual household income before taxes in 2010? (Check one)
	Less than \$5,000 \$40,000 to \$44,999
	\$5,000 to \$9,999 \$45,000 to \$49,999
	\$10,000 to \$14,999 \$50,000 to \$59,999
	\$15,000 to \$19,999 \$60,000 to \$74,999
	\$20,000 to \$24,999 \$75,000 to \$99,999
	\$25,000 to \$29,999 \$100,000 to \$149,999
	\$30,000 to \$34,999 \$150,000 or more
	\$35,000 to \$39,999
35.	Do you own a boat?
	Yes (Go to Question 36)
	No (Skip to Question 37)
36.	Vhat is the length of your boat (feet)
37.	Oo you have memberships in any groups or clubs? ( <b>Check all that apply</b> )  Fishing groups, clubs or organizations
	Diving groups, clubs or organizations
	Environmental groups, clubs or organizations
	Chambers of Commerce
	Other (specify type)

That completes the survey. **THANK YOU**. Please put in the return self-addressed envelope and return to us.

# SURVEY FOR COASTAL & OCEAN GEORGIA AND GRAY'S REEF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Managers of Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary (GRNMS) would like to know how you feel about ocean and coastal resources management off the Georgia coast and in GRNMS. More specifically, GRNMS managers would like to know about your uses of these ocean and coastal resources and your opinions about different management strategies and regulations. This survey is intended for **those who** *do not use or visit* GRNMS.

For statistical sampling purposes, we need a person in the household who is 18 years of age or older to fill out the questionnaire.

Your participation is voluntary. Any information that identifies you (name, address and telephone number) will be destroyed at the end of the information collection. Only statistical summaries of information across all survey respondents will be released publicly or made available to GRNMS managers. Results of this survey will be posted on the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries web site.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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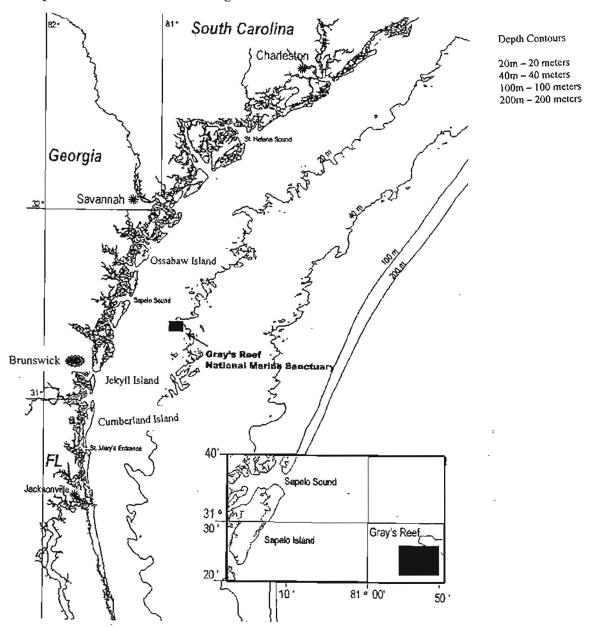
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Definition. Ocean areas include the Atlantic Ocean and coastal areas include inland bays, estuaries and tidally influenced portions of rivers where fresh and saltwater mix.

#### Map of Coastal & Ocean Georgia and GRNMS



- Grays Reef National Marine Sanctuary (GRNMS) is located 16 miles offshore of Sapelo Island, Georgia.
- GRNMS is 22-square miles and contains rocky ledges and sandy flats.
- GRNMS is a popular recreational fishing site with some diving.
- No commercial fishing currently takes place in GRNMS, but it is not prohibited.

## **Opinions About Ocean & Coastal Resources Protection and Management**

1. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means No Concern at All and 5 means Extremely Concerned, to what extent are you concerned about the health of ocean & coastal areas <u>around Georgia outside</u> the Grays Reef National Marine Sanctuary (GRNMS)?

Ple	ease circle the number for each item.	100 A	Concern Ag	Jordened Jorden	suttal so	Surging to the
a.	Ocean acidification	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Climate change	1	2	3	4	5
C.	Sea level rise	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Over fishing (catching more than can be replaced)	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Coral reef health or other live bottom habitat	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Marine animal's health	1	2	3	4	5
g.	Shipping (marine transportation)	1	2	3	4	5
h.	Dredging/Offshore dredge disposal	1	2	3	4	5
i.	Beach renourishment	1	2	3	4	5
j.	Energy production (oil & gas)	1	2	3	4	5
k.	Alternative Energy production (wind, tidal, wave)	1	2	3	4	5
l.	Mining of minerals (including sand)	1	2	3	4	5
m.	Habitat loss from coastal development	1	2	3	4	5
n.	Pollution (contaminants such as mercury, PCBs, sewage, pesticides)	1	2	3	4	5

2. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means No Concern at all and 5 means Extremely Concerned, to what extent are you concerned about the health of ocean areas in the Grays Reef National Marine Sanctuary (GRNMS)?

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f.	Marine animal's health	1	2	3	4	5	
g.	Shipping (marine transportation)	1	2	3	4	5	

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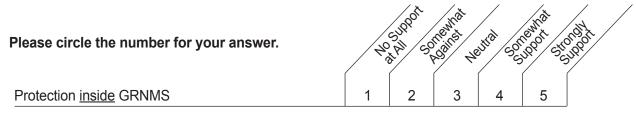
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3. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means No Support at All and 5 means Strongly Support, to what extent do you support the protection of ocean & coastal resources in and around Georgia <u>outside</u> GRNMS?

Please circle the number for your answer.	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	Support St	ne nist	jural Sof	JOO'S SHE	ndit.
Protection in Georgia outside GRNMS	1	2	3	4	5	

4. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means No Support at All and 5 means Strongly Support, to what extent do you support the protection of ocean resources <u>inside</u> GRNMS?



- Sometimes an area's use grows to the extent that it cannot accommodate all uses without conflict among users.
- Marine zoning is often used to resolve conflicts by separating uses in different zones, very similar to what is done on land.

5. Do you support the use of marine zoning in ocean & coastal areas off the coast of Georgia? (Check
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Yes	(go to question 6)	No (skin	to question	12 on	nage 5)
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#### Some Facts for Questions 6 through 8

- Marine reserves are a specific kind of marine zoning in which nothing is allowed to be taken (removed).
- All activities that take or remove natural resources are prohibited, so fishing would be prohibited inside these types of zones.
- All other activities that do not involve taking things are allowed.
- This management strategy is often used to resolve conflicts between those taking things and those who don't take things (fishing versus diving).
- Size of the areas is important since generally the larger the area the more users that will be affected.
- This prohibition on taking activities may lead to social and economic impacts.
- 6. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means No Support at All and 5 means Strongly Support, to what extent do you support protection of resources in ocean and coastal waters in and around Georgia <u>outside</u> GRNMS with the use of <u>marine reserves</u>?

Please circle the number for your answer.	/4°	Support Spirit	newrot N	sutral Sof	JON SHO	rolla.
Marine Reserves in Georgia outside GRNMS	1	2	3	4	5	

7. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means No Support at All and 5 means Strongly Support, to what extent do you support protection of resources in ocean and coastal waters <u>inside</u> GRNMS with the use of marine reserves?

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Marine Reserves inside GRNMS	1	2	3	4	5	

8. What is the maximum amount of impact on the percent of each activity that you would find acceptable for each type of Activity, if marine reserves were used?

AC	TIVITY	Percent (0 to 100)
a.	Recreational bottom fishing	
b.	Recreational fishing – trolling or drifting in mid or top water	
C.	Recreational spear fishing with power heads	
d.	Recreational spear fishing without power heads	
e.	Commercial bottom fishing	
f.	Commercial fishing – trolling or drifting in mid or top water	
g.	Commercial spear fishing with power heads	
h.	Commercial spear fishing without power heads	
i.	SCUBA diving (taking things)	

#### Some Facts for Questions 9 through 11

- Research Only Areas are a specific type of marine zoning where the only activity allowed is scientific research or education.
- The scientific research is used to test the impacts of various uses on natural and cultural resources.
- Size of the areas is important since generally the larger the area the more users that will be impacted.
- This may lead to social and economic impacts
- 9. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means No Support at All and 5 means Strongly Support, to what extent do you support protection of ocean & coastal resources in and around Georgia <u>outside</u> GRNMS with the use of "Research Only Areas"?



10. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means No Support at All and 5 means Strongly Support, to what extent do you support protection of ocean & coastal resources <u>inside</u> GRNMS with the use of "<u>Research</u> Only Areas"?

Please circle your answer.	40	Support	Round N	sutral Sor	inor Str	Sign Sign
Research Only Areas inside GRNMS	1	2	3	4	5	

11. What is the maximum amount of impact you would find acceptable for each type of Activity, if Research Only Areas were used? Please provide the maximum percent of impact on each activity.

AC	TIVITY	Percent (0 to 100)
a.	Recreational bottom fishing	
b.	Recreational fishing – trolling or drifting in mid or top water	
C.	Recreational spear fishing with power heads	
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e.	Commercial bottom fishing	
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g.	Commercial spear fishing with power heads	
h.	Commercial spear fishing without power heads	
i.	SCUBA diving (taking things)	
j.	SCUBA diving (don't take anything)	
k.	Whale watching of other wildlife viewing activities	

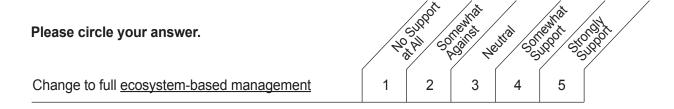
#### Some Facts for Question 12

- Historically fishery managers or managers of marine mammals have managed on a species by species basis.
- Recent trends are to expand this species specific approach to what is being called multiple species management.
- In fisheries management, the approach involves looking at the various inter-relationships between species such as predator-prey relationship (big fish eat little fish).
- 12. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means No Support at All and 5 means Strongly Support, to what extent do you support moving from species specific fishery management to an <u>multiple species</u> approach that looks at all species and their inter-relationships?

Please circle your answer.	/Hg	Support	Rentst N	sutral Sof	lentar Stoot	ordit.
Change to multiple species management	1	2	3	4	5	

#### Some Facts for Question 13

- Another more comprehensive approach goes beyond fishery management.
- In a full ecosystem-based approach, all human uses and values are recognized.
- Management attempts to achieve a balance across many different uses and values.
- 13. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means No Support at All and 5 means Strongly Support, to what extent do you support moving from species specific or multiple species management to full <u>ecosystem-based management</u>?



## Sources of Information on Ocean & Coastal Resources and GRNMS

In this section, we want to learn what are the best ways GRNMS can communicate with you by understanding the sources of information which you use, and which sources of information you trust.

14.	Source	s of Information Used (Please check all sources you use).
	a. 🔃	Grays Reef National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council
	b	Grays Reef National Marine Sanctuary Staff
	C	Grays Reef National Marine Sanctuary Web site
	d	NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service
	e	Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
	f	Atlantic Fishery Management Council
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	r.	Radio
	S	Television
	t	Internet
	u	Social Media (Twitter, You Tube, Facebook, etc.)
	V	Word of Mouth
	X	Others (please specify, include people like a marina manager, other anglers or divers, local community leader, family member, friend, etc.)

15. For the sources of information you said you used in question 14, on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means No Trust at All and 5 means Completely Trust, to what extent do you trust each source of information?

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f.	Atlantic Fishery Management Council	1	2	3	4	5	NA
g.	Georgia Department of Natural Resources	1	2	3	4	5	NA
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r.	Radio	1	2	3	4	5	NA
S.	Television	1	2	3	4	5	NA
t.	Internet	1	2	3	4	5	NA
u.	Social Media (Twitter, You Tube, Facebook, etc)	1	2	3	4	5	NA
V.	Word of Mouth	1	2	3	4	5	NA
X.	Others (please specify, include people like a marina manager, other anglers or divers, local community leader, family member, friend, etc.)						
		1	2	3	4	5	NA
		1	2	3	4	5	NA

#### **Information From GRNMS**

16.	How do you like to receive information? (Please	check all that apply).
	a. Web site	
	b. E-mail list serve	
	c. Newsletter by delivered by U.S. Post Offi	ce
	d. Telephone call from Staff	
	e. E-mail from staff	
17.	Do you know who sets policy/management for Na and coastal areas?	ational Marine Sanctuaries and for fisheries in ocean
		Name of Agency
	a. For National Marine Sanctuaries	
	b. For Ocean areas of Georgia	
	c. For Coastal areas in and around Georgia	
18.	How would you rank your familiarity with the rules (Please check one)  Very familiar  Somewhat Familiar  I am not familiar with any of the rules or regularity.	

## Activities in Ocean & Coastal Areas in and Around Georgia

19. Which activities do you do in ocean & coastal areas both in and around Georgia?

In this section, we want to learn about your recreation activities in the ocean & coastal areas in and around Georgia.

Please check all that apply. **ACTIVITY** Georgia Recreational bottom fishing Recreational fishing – trolling or drifting in mid or top water Recreational spear fishing with power heads Recreational spear fishing without power heads SCUBA diving (taking things) SCUBA diving (don't take anything) Whale watching of other wildlife viewing activities Sailing **Beach Activities** Surfina Windsurfing or Kite boarding Personal Watercraft Use (jet skis, wave runners, etc.) **Shorebird Watching** 20. For those activities you did in 2010, please provide how many days you did the activity in Georgia? Count any part of a day as a whole day. Days In **ACTIVITY** Georgia Recreational bottom fishing Recreational fishing – trolling or drifting in mid or top water Recreational spear fishing with power heads Recreational spear fishing without power heads SCUBA diving (taking things) SCUBA diving (don't take anything) Whale watching of other wildlife viewing activities

## Ways You Value Ocean & Coastal Resources/Marine Environment

In this section, we want to learn about the ways you value the many products and services that are derived from ocean & coastal resources and the things you would do to help ensure their sustainability for the future.

21. Below is a list of goods or services that people get from ocean & coastal resources. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means No Value and 5 means Extremely High Value, to what extent do you value each good or service?

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GC	OOD OR SERVICE	7	/ 💸	, W	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	\	
a.	Support for recreation activities	1	2	3	4	5	
b.	Seafood purchased at <u>local</u> stores and restaurants	1	2	3	4	5	
C.	Seafood purchased at $\underline{non\;local}$ stores and restaurants	1	2	3	4	5	
d.	Support for Scientific Research	1	2	3	4	5	
e.	Support for education	1	2	3	4	5	
f.	Supply of mineral resources through mining	1	2	3	4	5	
g.	Supply of oil & gas	1	2	3	4	5	
h.	Supply of alternative energy (wind, wave, tidal)	1	2	3	4	5	
i.	Supply of pharmaceutical products through mining or harvest of resources	1	2	3	4	5	
j.	Protection of resources even though I never intend to visit or directly use them	1	2	3	4	5	

22. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means Would Not Do and 5 means Would Do the Maximum, to what extent would you undertake the activities or actions to ensure that ocean & coastal resources are used sustainability an available for future generations to enjoy?

Ple	ease circle the number for your answer.	/,3	Jid Hot Do	Sty Little No.	one m	Ald No	of Marinum
AC	TIVITY OR ACTION	140		s:/ `c	0. 1	× ' '%	10
a.	Volunteer time	1	2	3	4	5	
b.	Pay higher taxes for resource protection and restoration	1	2	3	4	5	
C.	Pay higher prices for goods and services due to costs to businesses in complying with regulations that protect ocean & coastal resources or require restoration of areas damaged	1	2	3	4	5	
d.	Pay user fees like fishing licenses or diving access fees or additional boat registration fees	1	2	3	4	5	
e.	Donate to groups representing recreational fishing interests	1	2	3	4	5	
f.	Donate to groups representing diving interests	1	2	3	4	5	
g.	Recycle	1	2	3	4	5	
h.	Use less energy	1	2	3	4	5	
i.	Avoid/boycott certain seafood products	1	2	3	4	5	
j.	Other (please specify)						
		1	2	3	4	5	

## **SECTION 5**

#### **Information About Yourself**

In this last section, we need information about you to help classify and analyze your responses to ensure the scientific validity of this information. Any information that can connect this information with you personally will be protected and not given out to anyone.

27.	How many people age 18 or older live in your nousehold? (number of people)
28.	How many people under age 18 live in your household? (number in household)
29.	What type below best describes your household? (Check one)  Single adult with no children 18 or under  Single adult with children under 18  Two adults with no children 18 or under  Two adults with children under 18  More than two adults with no children under 18  More than two adults with children 18 or under
30.	What is the highest level of education completed? ( <b>Check one</b> )  8 <sup>th</sup> grade or less  9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, no diploma  12 <sup>th</sup> grade High School Grad or equivalent (GED or alternative credential)  Some College, 1 or more years, no degree  Associate's degree (for example: AA, AS)  Bachelor's degree (for example: BA, BS)  Master's degree (for example: MA, MS, MEng, Med, MSW, MBA)  Professional School degree (for example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)  Doctor's degree (for example: PhD, EdD)
31.	What is your employment status? (Check all that apply)  unemployed employed full time employed part time retired student homemaker none of the above
32.	Which category below best describes you annual household income before taxes in 2010?  (Check one)  Less than \$5,000

33.	Do you own a boat?
	Yes (Go to Question 34)
	No (Skip to Question 35)
34.	What is the length of your boat (feet)
35.	Do you have memberships in any groups or clubs? (Check all that apply)
	Fishing groups, clubs or organizations
	Diving groups, clubs or organizations
	Environmental groups, clubs or organizations
	Chambers of Commerce
	Other (specify type)

That completes the survey. **THANK YOU**. Please put in the return self-addressed envelope and return to us.