

Appendix C

Privacy Act Statement

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Information collected in the Marine Recreational Fishery Statistics Survey is authorized under the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, the Migratory Marine Fish Act of 1959, the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 and the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996. This information will be used in assessing the influence of fishing on fish stocks and in determining future recreational fishing needs.

All information collected will be combined with information provided by other recreational anglers and used only for statistical purposes. Any information which would permit identification of the individual will be held in strictest confidence and will be used only by persons engaged in and for the purpose of the survey.

Participation in this survey is voluntary and there are no penalties for refusing to answer any question. However, your cooperation in obtaining this much needed information is extremely important in order to insure the completeness and accuracy of the statistical results.