

Fish Harvesters Survey

Question 1: It is important that fish harvesters have an organization like the Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board - or PFHCB - that represents their interests as a professional group.

Answer: Agree	95.3%
Disagree	3.5%
Other	1.2%

Question 2: Professional certification protects and enhances my career as a professional fish harvester.

Answer: Agree	90.6%
Disagree	6.5%
Other	2.9%

Question 3: The PFHCB does a good job promoting fish harvesting as a skilled occupation.

Answer: Agree	90.1%
Disagree	7.8%
Other	2.1%

Question 4: The PFHCB does a good job promoting the economic contribution of fish harvesters in this province.

Answer: Agree	91.3%
Disagree	7.7%
Other	1.0%

Question 5: The PFHCB does a good job communicating with you and other fish harvesters.

Answer: Agree	85.0%
Disagree	14.0%
Other	1.0%

Question 6: The PFHCB provides you with information that is important to your work as a professional fish harvester.

Answer: Agree	90.2%
Disagree	8.8%
Other	1.0%

Question 7: Education and training is important to a successful fish harvesting career.

Answer:	Agree	93.5%
	Disagree	6.5%
	Other	0%

Question 8: Most fish harvesters are committed to safe fishing practices.

Answer:	Agree	97.1%
	Disagree	2.9%
	Other	0%

Question 9: Most fish harvesters are aware of the importance of conservation to the future of the fishery.

Answer:	Agree	95.2%
	Disagree	4.8%
	Other	0%

Question 10: Most fish harvesters employ good conservation practices in their fishery.

Answer:	Agree	95.9%
	Disagree	4.1%
	Other	0%

Question 11: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement - "I am proud to be a professional fish harvester."

Answer:	Agree	98.0%
	Disagree	1.0%
	Other	1.0%

Question 12: The PFHCB can help fish harvesters upgrade their certification level.

Answer:	True	83.7%
	False	1.9%
	Unsure	14.4%

Question 13: The PFHCB delivers a MED-A3 course for fish harvesters.

Answer:	True	83.5%
	False	1.9%
	Unsure	14.6%

Question 14: The PFHCB advocates to government on behalf of fish harvesters in the area of Safety, Skills Development, and Regulatory Issues.

Answer: True	72.1%
False	1.0%
Unsure	26.9%

Question 15: In order to qualify for the transfer of a core enterprise, a fish harvester must be certified as Level II.

Answer: True	85.0%
False	2.5%
Unsure	12.5%

Question 16: Have you read the PFHCB newsletter that is called ON THE WATER?

Answer: True	39.7%
False	48.7%
Unsure	11.6%

Question 17: What radio station do you listen to for provincial news? (check all that apply)

Answer: CBC Radio	65.8%
VOCM Radio	38.5%
Don't listen to the Radio	8.8%
Other	6.3%

Question 18: On average, how often do you listen to CBC Radio's Fisheries Broadcast show?

Answer: Everyday	47.2%
A couple of times a week	23.0%
Once a week	8.6%
Less than once a week	6.9%
Never	14.3%

Question 19: What TV program do you watch for provincial news? (check all that apply)

Answer: NTV Evening News Hour	72.4%
CBC TV's Nightly News Program, Here and Now	56.7%
Don't watch TV	1.0%

Question 20: What newspapers do you read for provincial news? (check all that apply)

Answer:	The Telegram	18.0%
	Your local regional newspaper	57.2%
	Don't read newspapers	27.3%
	Other	1.6%

Question 21: Do you have access to the internet?

Answer:	Yes	68.4%
	No	30.6%
	No Responses	1.0%

Question 22: Have you ever visited the PFHCB website at www.pfhcb.com?

Answer:	Yes	19.0%
	No	48.5%
	Unsure	1.0%
	No Responses	31.5%

Question 23: Do you visit any of the following websites to learn provincial news?

Answer:	vocm.com	29.0%
	cbc.ca	21.8%
	thetelegram.com	13.1%
	Other	1.0%
	No Responses	35.1%

Question 24: Do you use/visit any of the following online sites (check all that apply):

Answer:	Facebook	29.0%
	YouTube	17.5%
	Flickr	1.0%
	Twitter	1.0%
	Other	1.0%

Question 25: From time to time, the PFHCB will be using email as a way to send out timely information to our members and we do not share personal information outside of our office.

Answer: 142 Response(s) with email address.

Everyone who participated in the fish harvesters survey was entered in a draw to win one of 5 prizes – their choice of an immersion suit or 2 PFD's. Random sampling numbering was done on May 5, 2009 and the following harvesters were winners.

- John Aylward, St. Brendan's, NL
- Noah Doyle, New Ferolle, NL
- Edwin Power, Lower Island Cove, NL
- Neil Smith, Port Anson, NL
- Carl Giles, Harbour Round, NL