

# ARTIFICIAL REEF FISHING SURVEY

The best way for reef managers to determine the effectiveness of their reef building activities is to survey the fishermen who utilize the artificial reefs. Now is the chance for you to tell us what you think. We welcome all responses, positive or negative. Please fill out this survey and return it to us.

<p>1. I fish on NJ's artificial reefs as a: (check all that apply)</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Party boat captain      <input type="checkbox"/> party boat fisherman  <input type="checkbox"/> Charter boat captain    <input type="checkbox"/> charter boat fisherman  <input type="checkbox"/> Private boat captain      <input type="checkbox"/> commercial fisherman  <input type="checkbox"/> Fisherman on a friend's boat         </p> <p>2. 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Considering things that affect your fishing activities (such as reef location, depth, accessibility, types and configuration of reef structures, numbers of fish, other reef users, etc.) What do you <i>like</i> about fishing NJ artificial reefs?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	Reef Structure	Rank	Reef Structure	Rank	Shipwrecks	_____	Tire Units	_____	Rock	_____	Army Tanks	_____	Concrete	_____	Subway Cars	_____
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9. What do you **dislike** about fishing NJ artificial reefs?

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10. During 2008, how many fishing trips in general did you make?

	<b>Number of Trips</b>
Artificial Reef	_____
Natural Wreck Structure	_____
Non Artificial Reef/Wreck	_____

11. Do you have any other comments about specific **NJ reef sites** or the reef program in general?

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