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CHRIS CHRISTIE  
*Governor*

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BOB MARTIN  
*Commissioner*

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Dear Commercial Fisheries Vessel Captains/Owners;

Due to the recent destruction surrounding Hurricane Sandy, the Division of Fish and Wildlife is conducting a comprehensive assessment of the damage to New Jersey's recreational and commercial fishing fleets and infrastructure. The U.S. Department of Commerce approved Governor Christie's request for a declaration of a federal fishery resource disaster as a result of the devastation to the commercial and recreational fishing industries caused by Hurricane Sandy. A federal fishery disaster declaration is the first step in the process to provide disaster relief for impacted sectors of the industry.

Therefore, we are requesting this in an attempt to determine the amount of damage you incurred specifically related to your commercial fishing operation, including estimates of time lost fishing and gear loss.

We would appreciate it if you could please take the time to complete these questions to get us started. We are considering any loss of fishing/damage that occurred since Saturday, October 27 2012. We encourage you to complete the enclosed survey as accurately as possible and as soon as possible.

1. Owner Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_
2. Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Vessel Name/Registration: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Fishery Type: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Port City: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Vessel Damage, Structural: \_\_\_\_\_ (0=None, 5=Total Loss)

6. Gear Damage;

Type\_\_\_\_\_Amount Lost\_\_\_\_\_Estimated Cost\_\_\_\_\_

7. Fishing Status Effort (Trips per week)

Pre Storm\_\_\_\_\_Week 1\_\_\_\_\_Week 2\_\_\_\_\_Week 3\_\_\_\_\_Week 4\_\_\_\_\_

8. Fishing Status Landings (Pounds Landed Per Week)

Pre Storm\_\_\_\_\_Week 1\_\_\_\_\_Week 2\_\_\_\_\_Week 3\_\_\_\_\_Week 4\_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please call 609-748-2020.

An electronic version is available at  
[http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/news/2012/sandy\\_disaster\\_info.htm](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/news/2012/sandy_disaster_info.htm)

Please fax your responses to 609-748-2032 or mail your responses to:

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