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Participant Information Form

Voluntary behaviour change in recreational fisheries to support sustainability and amenity
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Invitation:

You are invited to participate in an online survey investigating voluntary behaviour change in recreational fisheries. It is estimated the survey takes 5-10 minutes to complete.

Aim of the Study

Our research aims to review and build on previous experiences with campaigns aimed towards encouraging recreational fishers to voluntarily diversify their target species to encourage sustainable fishing practices. Your contribution will help us evaluate potential behaviour change strategies.

What does participation involve?

In this survey, you will be asked to give feedback on a range of ideas that could potentially be used to encourage recreational fishers to voluntarily diversify their catch.

Voluntary Participation and Withdrawal from the Study

Participation is completely voluntary. You will not be able to formally withdraw your participation as submitted surveys will be anonymous, however not completing the surveys will result in the data being excluded from the analysis. You are able withdraw at any time without penalty, and you will not be required to provide an explanation for your actions. Completion of this survey will be taken as your consent to participate in the research.

Your privacy

Your privacy and confidentiality are of the utmost importance. The survey data will be de-identified to maintain your confidentiality. All research data and analysis of the data will be retained in a password protected electronic file for a period of seven years before being destroyed. Your anonymous data may be used in future studies similar to this one. this project will be reported but your responses will be anonymised.

Possible Benefits

Your participation in this project will help to improve the effectiveness of future behaviour change initiatives in the recreational fishing sector. Once complete, the results of this phase of the study will be available as a short report to the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) with scope for additional publication in scientific journals.

Possible Risks and Risk Management Plan

We do not anticipate any risks associated with your involvement in this research and you will not be pressured into answering any questions that you are uncomfortable with. However, if you have concerns about the risks posed by any of your responses, they can be raised at any time, and we will help to navigate them as needed.

Contacts

If you would like to participate or discuss any aspect of this study please feel free to contact Matthew Navarro at matthew.navarro@uwa.edu.au

Sincerely,

Matthew Navarro

Approval to conduct this research has been provided by the University of Western Australia, in accordance with its ethics review and approval procedures. Any person considering participation in this research project, or agreeing to participate, may raise any questions or issues with the researchers at any time. In addition, any person not satisfied with the response of researchers may raise ethics issues or concerns, and may make any complaints about this research project by contacting the Human Ethics office at UWA on (08) 6488 3703 or by emailing to humanethics@uwa.edu.au. All research participants are entitled to retain a copy of any Participant Information Form and/or Participant Consent Form relating to this research project.