



## Florida Permit Fishing Survey

**This survey is being conducted to document the current and historical status of the Permit fishery in South Florida to assess population trends and potential conservation threats. This information will be used to assess the efficacy of current Permit management practices to improve conservation efforts. You are not required to answer any questions you are uncomfortable with, and may exit the survey at any time. By answering these survey questions you are consenting to the use of this information for the above-mentioned purposes. You may withdraw your answers at any time within one year of survey completion by contacting [jakebrownscombe@gmail.com](mailto:jakebrownscombe@gmail.com). Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.**

1. What is your age?

- |                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Under 18 | <input type="radio"/> 45-54 |
| <input type="radio"/> 18-24    | <input type="radio"/> 55-64 |
| <input type="radio"/> 25-34    | <input type="radio"/> 65+   |
| <input type="radio"/> 35-44    |                             |

2. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Other

3. In what ZIP code is your home located? (enter 5-digit ZIP code; for example, 00544 or 94305)

4. Are you a professional fishing guide?

- Yes
- No

5. How many years have you been guiding/fishing in South Florida?

6. How many days per year do you guide/fish in South Florida?

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> <50     | <input type="radio"/> 150-200 |
| <input type="radio"/> 50-100  | <input type="radio"/> 200-250 |
| <input type="radio"/> 100-150 | <input type="radio"/> 250+    |

7. What region(s) do you guide/fish in?

- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Florida Keys     | <input type="checkbox"/> Biscayne Bay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Florida Keys    | <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Bay  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Florida Keys     | <input type="checkbox"/> Everglades   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |                                       |

8. How many days per year do you target Permit specifically?

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> <50     | <input type="radio"/> 150-200 |
| <input type="radio"/> 50-100  | <input type="radio"/> 200-250 |
| <input type="radio"/> 100-150 | <input type="radio"/> 250+    |

9. In what months do you fish for Permit?

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> January  | <input type="checkbox"/> July      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> February | <input type="checkbox"/> August    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March    | <input type="checkbox"/> September |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April    | <input type="checkbox"/> October   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May      | <input type="checkbox"/> November  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June     | <input type="checkbox"/> December  |

10. How many Permit do you (for guides: and your clients) catch per year?

11. In what regions do you fish for Permit?

- Upper Florida Keys
- Middle Florida Keys
- Lower Florida Keys
- Biscayne Bay
- Other (please specify)

12. In what habitats do you fish for Permit?

- Flats
- Nearshore reefs and/or shipwrecks (<3 miles from shore)
- Offshore shipwrecks (>3 miles from shore)
- Florida Reef Tract (aka Florida Reef, Atlantic side)

Other (please specify)

13. How do you fish for Permit?

- Fly Fishing
- Spin Fishing

14. Do you (or your clients) ever harvest Permit?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never

15. In the time you have been guiding/fishing on the **Flats**, how would you rate Permit fishing quality in terms of the number of shots (opportunities to cast) at Permit?

Very Poor = less than 3 shots per day

Poor = 3 to 5 shots

Fair = 5 to 10 shots

Good = 10 to 20 shots

Very Good = more than 20 shots

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good
1975	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1985	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1995	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2005	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2010	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2015	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2019	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16. In the time you have been guiding/fishing on **Shipwrecks and/or Reefs**, how would you rate Permit fishing quality in terms of the number of shots (opportunities to cast) at Permit?

Very Poor = less than 3 shots per day

Poor = 3 to 5 shots

Fair = 5 to 10 shots

Good = 10 to 20 shots

Very Good = more than 20 shots

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good
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1985	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1995	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2005	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2010	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2015	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2019	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17. What is the average size of Permit you have observed or caught over the time you have been guiding/fishing?

Very Small = less than 18 inches fork length (<5 lbs)

Small = 18 to 23 inches (5-10 lbs)

Medium = 23 to 26 inches (10-15 lbs)

Large = 26 to 29 inches (15-20 lbs)

Very Large = over 29 inches (20+ lbs)

	Very Small	Small	Medium	Large	Very Large
1975	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1985	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1995	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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2015	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2019	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. How has Permit fishing quality changed since you started guiding/fishing?

- Greatly Improved                       Declined
- Improved                                       Severely Declined
- The Same

19. Are there a specific time periods you noticed fishing quality changing?

20. What factors have influenced Permit fishing quality?

- Habitat Quality                               Boat Traffic
- Water Quality                                 Coastal development
- Overfishing (Harvest)                       Pollution
- Catch-and-Release Fishing                 Freshwater flow from the Everglades
- Predation                                       Oil spills

Other (please specify)

21. Please explain how the factors you selected above are influencing Permit fishing quality (optional)

22. If you are interested in potentially providing more information at a later date on your experience in the South Florida Permit fishery, please provide your email. It will not be shared with anyone outside of the scientists conducting the study and you will not receive any emails except for the specific purpose of this request.

**Email Address**