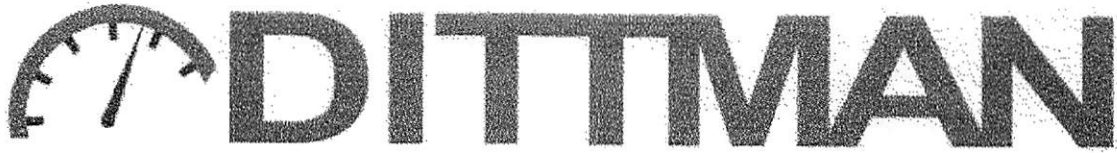


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Bristol Bay Drift Gillnet Permit Stacking Survey Report

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Findings

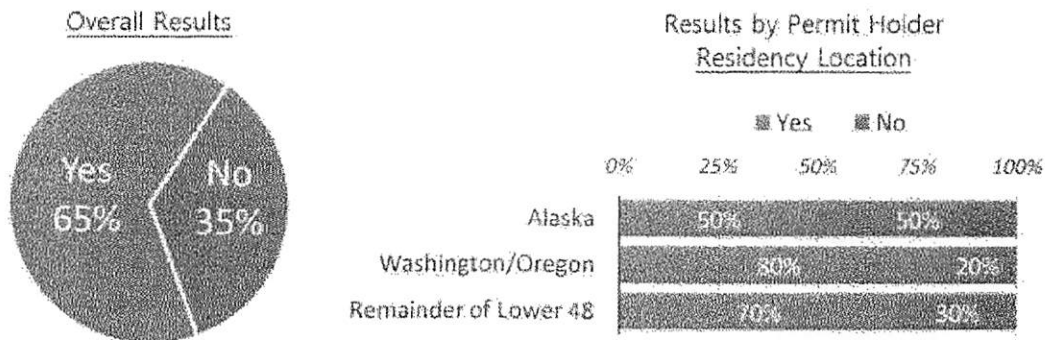
Overall, approximately two-thirds of S03T permit holders (65%) report they are in favor of one individual owning two permits and fishing them from one vessel. Opinions vary depending on the location of permit holders. Permit holders residing in Alaska are divided on the issue of permit stacking, while those outside of Alaska are in favor of it by a wide margin.

Question:

Please choose one option:

Option 1: Yes. I am in favor of one individual owning two permits and fishing them from one vessel.

Option 2: No. I am not in favor of one individual owning two permits and fishing them from one vessel.



Methodology

Dittman Research, an independent survey research company in Anchorage, AK, was engaged by Bristol Bay Reserve to administer a survey of Bristol Bay Drift Gillnet permit holders.

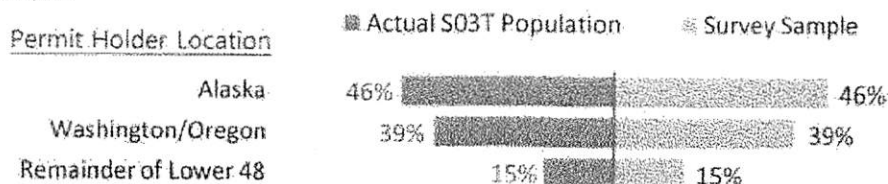
On October 2, 2018, survey postcards were mailed to each individual S03T permit holder (1,870). Permit holders were asked to complete the survey postcard and return it by November 1. Survey postcards were pre-stamped and addressed to Dittman Research. Examples of the survey materials are provided on page 3. An online version of the survey was also available as an alternative method of completion, upon request.

Six-hundred eighty-five (685) surveys were received by the November 1 deadline. On November 7, survey reminder postcards were mailed to all permit holders who had not yet completed a survey. The completion deadline was extended to November 20.

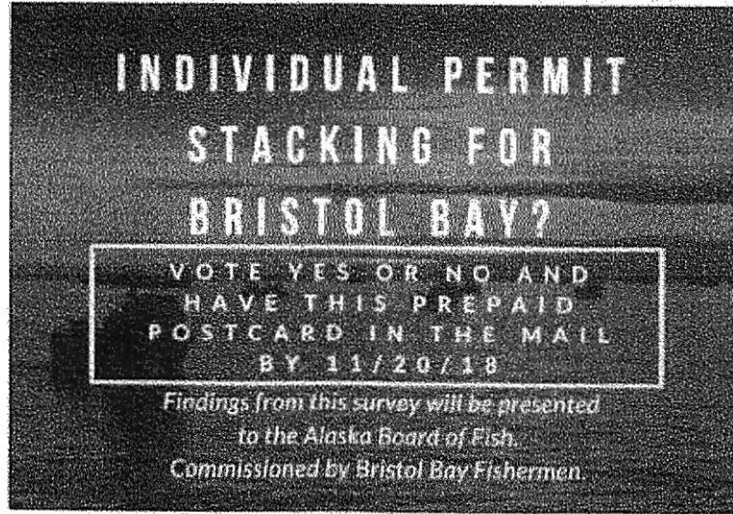
Survey responses were accepted through November 26. In total, 870 completed surveys were returned for a response rate of 46.5%. Thirty-four (34) surveys were completed online (4% of total responses) and the remainder were returned by mail. The margin of error for a sample of 870 out of a population of 1,870 is +/- 2.4% at the 95% confidence interval.

Only one response per permit holder was accepted. When duplicate responses were received, the most recent response was kept and the older response was excluded from the results.

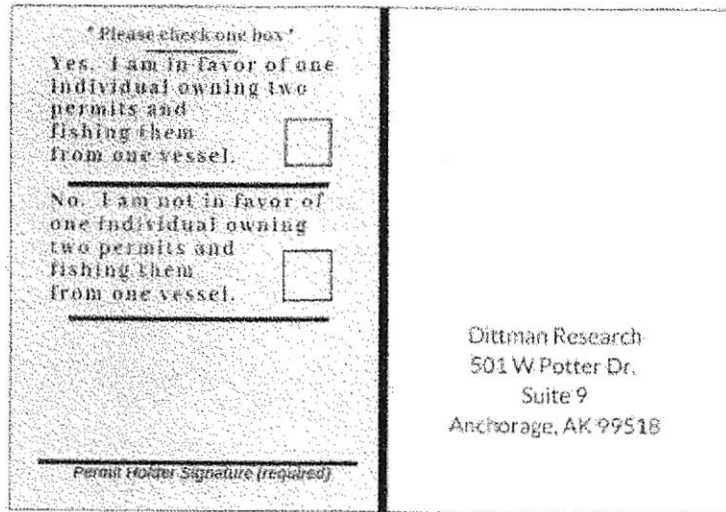
The survey data was weighted to accurately reflect the S03T permit holder population in terms of location of residency. The chart below shows the actual permit holder population compared to the weighted survey sample.



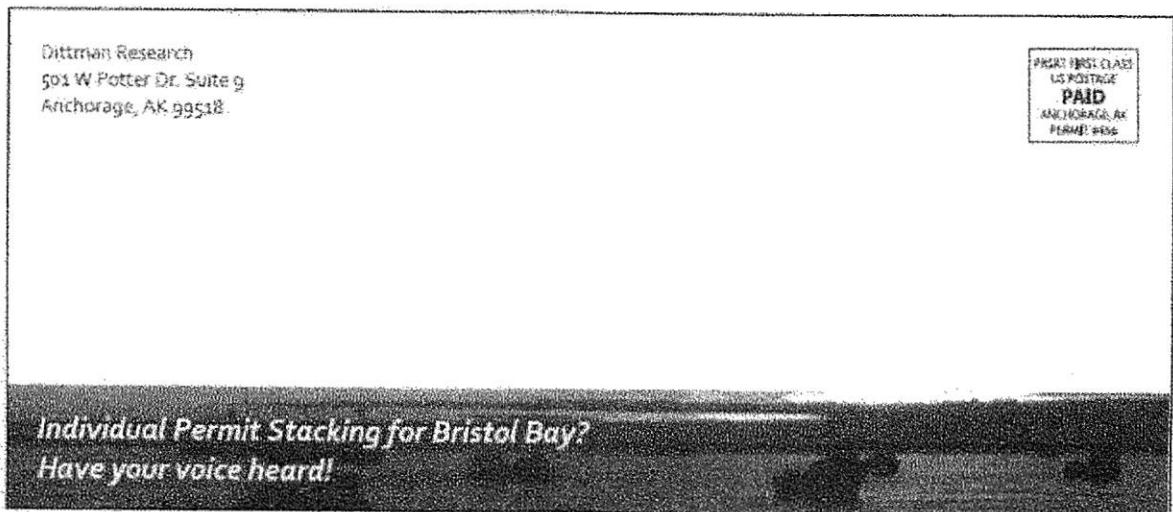
Survey Materials



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