

If you or someone you know was impacted by the 2015 fisheries closures, please consider completing this survey!

Starting in May 2015, a massive harmful algal bloom (or HAB) contaminated seafood with potent toxins along the entire West Coast. This resulted in coastwide harvest closures of shellfish (including Dungeness crab, rock crab, and razor clams) and fish (sardines and anchovies), cutting off the economic lifeline for those fishery-dependent communities. Our group, at the University of Washington's School of Marine and Environmental Affairs, would like to survey members of coastal communities affected by the 2015 closures to document the economic, social and cultural impacts of the bloom.

If you or someone you know is willing to participate in the survey, please contact us via this link: [Click Here](#)

You will be asked to provide your contact information so that we can send you a copy of the survey. Otherwise, if you or someone you know would prefer to answer survey questions on paper, please contact Anne Baxter at [\(206\) 543-4280](tel:2065434280) or algbloom@uw.edu and a copy of the survey with a postage paid return envelope will be mailed to you.

We value and appreciate your time! We will compensate the first 500 online survey participants with a \$5 Target gift card. If you are not one of the first 500 to complete the survey, you will be entered into drawing for a chance to win one of two \$50 Target gift cards.

FAQs:

How will this study be used?

The information collected will contribute towards improving our understanding of the economic, social and cultural impacts of HABs in coastal fishing communities. It will also inform the development of strategies to foster resilience of coastal communities to HABs.

Who does this study include?

We invite anyone who identifies themselves as a member of the coastal communities selected for this study, including but not limited to fishermen, operators, crew, fish processors, processor employees, buyers/first receivers, municipal employees, shoreside business such as lodging, restaurants, fishing and sporting goods suppliers, and others who feel they are part of the community and are affected by HABs.

Are my answers confidential?

This is a confidential survey. Analysis of the survey results will be anonymous and/or aggregated. Information obtained in the survey are subject to the University of Washington's confidentiality requirements and will not be provided or presented in any way as to identify individual participants.

[Click here or paste in the following url:](#)

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