

2019 Cape Cod Blue Economy Project – Career Intentions and Perceptions Survey

Appendix A – Survey Questions

Hello!

Did you know that about 70% of the Earth's surface is covered by water? The Cape Cod region alone has 559 miles of coastline and hundreds of fresh and saltwater ponds. So, as you begin to think about the type of job or career you might want to have in the future, it might be helpful to keep in mind that our oceans, rivers, lakes, and streams provide lots of job opportunities, even right here at home. Whether you like working with your hands or your brain — or both — a job or career related to the water might be worth exploring.

Your participation in this survey will help us to understand how aware students are about jobs and careers connected to the water. The survey will take less than ten minutes to complete and your answers will be confidential.

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Section A: Your Background

First, we'd like to know a little bit about you.

1. What grade are you in?

- 6th
- 7th
- 8th
- 9th

2. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Other

3. Where do you live? (Please select one from the drop-down menu)

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| <input type="radio"/> Aquinnah | <input type="radio"/> Chilmark |
| <input type="radio"/> Barnstable | <input type="radio"/> Dennis |
| <input type="radio"/> Bourne | <input type="radio"/> Eastham |
| <input type="radio"/> Brewster | <input type="radio"/> Edgartown |
| <input type="radio"/> Carver | <input type="radio"/> Falmouth |
| <input type="radio"/> Chatham | <input type="radio"/> Harwich |

- Hyannis
- Marion
- Mashpee
- Mattapoisett
- Middleborough
- Nantucket
- Oak Bluffs
- Orleans
- Plymouth
- Provincetown
- Rochester
- Sandwich
- Truro
- Vineyard Haven
- Wareham
- Wellfleet
- West Tisbury
- Yarmouth
- I don't see my town here (please write in):

4. What is the name of your school? (Please write in your answer).

- Barnstable High School
- Barnstable Intermediate School
- Bourne High School
- Bourne Middle School
- Bridgeview Montessori School
- Cape Cod Academy
- Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School
- Cape Cod Regional Technical School
- Cyrus Pierce Middle School
- Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
- Edgartown School
- Falmouth Academy
- Falmouth High School
- Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School
- Martha's Vineyard Regional High School
- Mashpee Middle-High School
- Mattacheese Middle School
- Monomoy Regional High School
- Monomoy Regional Middle School
- Morse Pond Middle School
- Nantucket High School
- Nauset Regional High School
- Nauset Regional Middle School
- New Testament Christian School
- Oak Bluffs
- Oak Ridge School
- Plymouth Community Intermediate School
- Plymouth North High School
- Plymouth South High School
- Plymouth South Middle School
- Provincetown School
- Quashnet School
- Rising Tide Public Charter School
- Saint Francis Xavier Preparatory School
- Saint John Paul II High School
- Saint Margaret Regional School
- Saint Pius X School
- Sandwich Middle-High School
- Sandwich STEM Academy
- Sturgis Charter Public School
- Tisbury School
- Trinity Christian Academy
- Upper Cape Vocational Tech School
- Veritas Academy
- Waldorf School of Cape Cod
- West Tisbury
- I don't see my school here: (please write in)_____

5. Regarding how you feel about your town, please select whether you agree or disagree with

each of the statements below.

	Agree	Disagree	Not Sure
I wouldn't want to live anywhere else.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My town will always be special to me, but I do not see a future for myself here.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can see why people like this place, but I feel no special attachment to it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I plan to leave my town after high school for college or some other reason, but I can see myself coming back to live and work here someday.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Section B: Your Future

Now we'd like to ask you about ways in which you might get information about job and career choices and what is most important to you regarding your future job or career. Note that when we talk about jobs, we mean jobs that you will have when you finish high school or college, not a part-time job that you might have over the summer or after school.

6. What job or career are you most interested in having when you're older, that is, after you graduate high school or college? _____

7. New: Have you ever discussed future job or career options with your parents or guardians?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

8. New: [If yes] Did this include conversations about jobs and careers that are available in the region (that is, Cape Cod, the Islands, Plymouth, and Wareham)?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

8a: New: What jobs or careers in the region did you talk about?

9. What do you think are some of the best ways to get ideas about your future goals and job and career choices? You may choose more than one answer.

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| <input type="radio"/> Social Media (Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, etc.) | <input type="radio"/> Media (TV, newspapers, radio) |
| <input type="radio"/> Pamphlets/printed information from school | <input type="radio"/> Parents or other family members |
| <input type="radio"/> Guidance counselor | <input type="radio"/> Career days and career fairs at school |
| <input type="radio"/> Website about jobs, careers, and colleges | <input type="radio"/> Teachers |
| | <input type="radio"/> Friends and classmates |
| | <input type="radio"/> Coaches |
| | <input type="radio"/> Priest/Minister/Pastor, etc. |

- Principal or other administrators
- YouTube
- Wikipedia
- Other _____

10. Please answer whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:
 "To get the job I want, I think that I will need to..."

	Agree	Disagree	Not Sure
Graduate from high school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Graduate from a 2-year college	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Graduate from a 4-year college	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attend a vocational technical high school, for example, Cape Cod Technical or Upper Cape Cod Technical	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do an internship/apprenticeship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. When you think about your future job or career, what is most important to you? You can select as many answers as you'd like.

- Make lots of money
- Get a job that requires a college education
- Start working without having to take more classes
- Have a job that I enjoy
- Travel with my job
- Be my own boss
- Work outside or with nature
- Have good work-life balance
- Build or create things
- Flexible hours
- Ability to work at home
- Work with other people
- Start my own business
- Help other people
- Work on something that's important to me
- Work on something that's important to the world
- Have an easy job
- Have a job I can stay in for a long time
- Stay and work in the region
- I don't know

11a. Of the choices you made in the previous question about your future job or career, please select the ONE that is the most important to you.

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- I don't know

12. New: After I finish high school, I would like to:

- Go to a 2-year college
- Go to a 4-year college or university
- Get a job right away
- Start my own business
- Do something else (like travel, volunteer work)
- I don't know

13. What do you think you will do once you finish high school?

- Leave the region to work or to go to school
- Stay around the region to work or go to school
- I'm still unsure what I will do

14. What subjects do you think will best prepare you for your future job? These might be subjects that your school currently offers, but also subjects that your school does not offer.

Section C. Introducing the Blue Economy

15. What word or phrase do you think of when you hear the term "Blue Economy"? (watch BEP video before proceeding)

16. Have you ever thought that you might want a job or career that is related to the water, for example, related to the ocean, rivers, and lakes?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

16a. What are some of the reasons you wouldn't want a job or career related to the water?

- I haven't thought about my future job yet
- I'm not aware of jobs related to the water
- I'm not interested in jobs related to the water
- Just don't like the water
- Don't know why
- Other _____

17. What do you think schools can do to better prepare students for possible jobs and careers in the Blue Economy? Please write in your response below.

You're finished! Thank you for taking the time to share your answers with us.