

Invitation to Participate in an Online Interview and/or Survey

Perception of occupational exposure of noise and its impact on fish harvesters' health in Newfoundland and Labrador



Are you:

- a fish harvester (Apprentice, Level I, or Level II),
- 18 to 65 years of age, who is actively working on fishing vessels for one year or more in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- with no previous history of working in a noisy environment other than fishing vessels for one year or more.
- with no pre-existing diagnosed hearing problem(s) before joining as a fish harvester.

If so, we invite you to share your perception of noise, self-reported hearing loss, as well as your experiences related to occupational noise exposure and provide us with suggestions to mitigate on board noise exposure and noise-induced health problems.

Topics for interview and/or survey include perception of noise exposure, self-reported hearing loss, on board noise exposure and its current

management and prevention approaches, and identification of existing barriers and challenges in prevention of noise-induced health problems.

You will be given an opportunity to share your experiences and provide us with suggestions to mitigate the noise exposure and to improve legislation, regulation, policy and practices. There is no need to prepare for this interview and/or survey as it will be like a conversation or brief online survey and you can choose what you want to share with us.

This is an independent study undertaken by researchers from Memorial University. This study is part of the researcher's masters' thesis. The study is not a requirement of the specific organization/s and/or union/s that is distributing it on our behalf. Participation in this study is not a work or requirement of your employer or any organization/s or union/s.

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If you are interested in participating in the interview, please contact Mr. Om Prakash Yadav at opyadav@mun.ca or (709)-770-6592).

If you want to know more about the interview, you can click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/yxbrnrck>

If you want to know more about the survey, you can click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/y5vjep9h>

If you are interested in participating in the online survey, please click on this anonymous survey link:

https://mun.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4GxhXlIuV25PtIx

The proposal for this research has been reviewed by the Interdisciplinary Committee on Ethics in Human Research and found to be in compliance with Memorial University's ethics policy. If you have ethical concerns about the research, such as your rights as a participant, you may contact the Chairperson of the ICEHR at icehr.chair@mun.ca or by telephone at 709-864-2861