

QUESTIONNAIRE – WISCONSIN FISH FRY

What kind of establishment is your favorite fish fry spot? (Please circle; name of establishment optional)

Church

Tavern

Restaurant, casual

Restaurant, formal

Ethnic

Do you generally attend one specific place for Friday night fish fries?

How many years have you patronized this spot?

What region of the state? (Please circle and list location)

NW

NE

North Central (Stevens Point to Merrill and vicinity)

SW

SE

South Central (Madison and vicinity)

How is your favorite meal generally served?

Supper Club (e.g., sequence of courses, salad/bread, main course, dessert)

Family style (quantities of individual components brought to table and replenished when low)

Buffet

To Go

What is the menu of your favorite fish fry meal:

Type of fish:

Cut of fish (fillets, butterflies, steaks, dressed whole with bones in):

Treatment of fish (breading type, deep or pan fried, baked, other [please specify]):

Potatoes treatment (baked, French fries, hash browns, potato salad, pancakes, other):

Salad with dinner?

Coleslaw with mayo-based dressing?

Coleslaw with vinegar based dressing?

Other salad type (specify)

Other vegetables (specify)

Bread (rye, white, wheat, other) and shape (e.g., rolls, slices, other):

Other distinguishing features (fish only; with onion slice and rye bread; with split pea soup; with tomato sauce; other)

Beverages favored with meal:

With whom do you generally attend?

Family Friends Other (specify)

What activities besides eating and drinking do you engage in while waiting?

Playing games (specify)

Talking to others besides immediate party

Drinking at the bar

Talking with the bar tender

Do you see, hear, or know the cook who prepares your meal?

Have you ever glimpsed the kitchen where your food is prepared?

Do you know what kind of fish is in your meal and where it comes from?

Please share any further pertinent information—stories, early experiences, links with Prohibition, Catholicism, particular establishments, people to contact for their local fish fry knowledge: