River Forum 2011

SurveyMonkey

1. How long have you lived in Portland?

	Response Percent	Response Count
5 years or less	16.2%	19
6 to 10 years	16.2%	19
11 to 20 years	20.5%	24
21 to 30 years	20.5%	24
more than 30 years	**26.5%**	**31**
	answered question	**117**
	skipped question	**4**

2. How old are you?

	Response Percent	Response Count
under 18	0.0%	0
19-25	1.7%	2
26-35	22.5%	27
36-45	23.3%	28
over 45	**52.5%**	**63**
	answered question	**120**
	skipped question	**1**

3. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has developed the Oregon Water Quality Index (OWQI) to express and compare the water quality of streams across Oregon. Which of the following statements is TRUE?

	Response Percent	Response Count
According to the OWQI as measured in downtown Portland, the Willamette's water quality is poor.	**64.9%**	**72**
According to the OWQI as measured in downtown Portland, the Willamette's water quality is very good.	35.1%	39
	answered question	**111**
	skipped question	**10**

4. Which of the following statements is TRUE?

	Response Percent	Response Count
The Port of Portland is the biggest exporter of wheat in the country.	**90.1%**	**100**
The Port of Portland is the biggest exporter of cars and trucks in the country.	9.9%	11
	answered question	**111**
	skipped question	**10**

5. Which of the following statements is TRUE?		Response Percent	Response Count
the Willamette in Portland is used by juvenile salmon every month of the year.		**82.5%**	**94**
Salmon are present in the Willamette in Portland only during the spring migration.		17.5%	20
		answered question	**114**
		skipped question	**7**

6. In the past year, how often have you been out on the Willamette in a boat?		Response Percent	Response Count
not once		**39.6%**	**44**
1 to 3 times		34.2%	38
4 to 5 times		9.0%	10
more than 5 times		17.1%	19
		answered question	**111**
		skipped question	**10**

7. In the past year, how often have you gone down to the Willamette to walk, bike, or sight-see (e.g., on trails, in parks, using viewpoints)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
not once	1.8%	2
1 to 3 times	18.9%	21
4 to 5 times	9.9%	11
more than 5 times	**69.4%**	**77**
	answered question	**111**
	skipped question	**10**

8. Please select one of the following as the statement that most accurately represents your experience regarding Portland's stretch of the Willamette (from about the Sellwood Bridge down to the mouth at Kelley Point Park).

	Response Percent	Response Count
I do a little wading or swimming in the River.	21.6%	22
It's not unusual to find me wading or swimming in the River.	10.8%	11
I'd never wade or swim in the River.	**67.6%**	**69**
	Comments:	37
	answered question	**102**
	skipped question	**19**

9. How important is it to you to have a vital riverfront downtown that acts as Portland's main civic space (i.e., features places, both commercial and public, that draw people in and enliven the area day and night; has more water-based activities and events; etc.):

	Response Percent	Response Count
not important	4.5%	5
somewhat important	13.6%	15
important	29.1%	32
very important	**53.6%**	**59**
	Other (please specify)	21
	answered question	**110**
	skipped question	**11**

10. How often do you use the following to get down to or on to the Willamette?

	never	seldom	occasionally	frequently	Response Count
riverside bike paths	16.3% (17)	12.5% (13)	32.7% (34)	**38.5% (40)**	104
riverside walking paths or trails	3.8% (4)	11.4% (12)	40.0% (42)	**44.8% (47)**	105
viewpoints	7.8% (8)	19.6% (20)	**48.0% (49)**	24.5% (25)	102
parks	4.8% (5)	8.6% (9)	**51.4% (54)**	35.2% (37)	105
public boating facilities	**39.8% (41)**	26.2% (27)	18.4% (19)	15.5% (16)	103
commercial boating facilities (rentals; cruise lines; private clubs)	**50.0% (48)**	31.3% (30)	11.5% (11)	7.3% (7)	96
				Other (please specify)	15
				answered question	**109**
				skipped question	**12**

11. What's the single best thing about Portland's downtown waterfront? (pick just one)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
having big public spaces, like the Eastbank Esplanade, Waterfront Park, etc.		**36.7%**	**40**
being able to see peregrine falcons, osprey, herons, eagles and other wildlife.		22.0%	24
fun riverside festivals		5.5%	6
enjoying dramatic scenic vistas (skyline, bridges, freighters, etc.)		15.6%	17
Other (please specify)		20.2%	22
		answered question	**109**
		skipped question	**12**

12. What do you think is missing, if anything, from Portland's downtown waterfront? (Check all that apply.)

	Response Percent	Response Count
more places to dine, get a beer or coffee, while watching the river	**52.0%**	**52**
more ways to get on the water (boating facilities; cruise- or tour boats; canoe/kayak or other rentals)	40.0%	40
year-round activities (not just summer festivals)	24.0%	24
a place to fish	10.0%	10
more natural areas	**52.0%**	**52**
nothing--it's fine the way it is	5.0%	5
Other (please specify)	26.0%	26
	answered question	**100**
	skipped question	**21**

13. When you have out-of-town visitors, you take them to the river....

	Response Percent	Response Count
nearly always and right away	7.0%	7
nearly always, at some point	41.0%	41
sometimes	**43.0%**	**43**
seldom	7.0%	7
never	2.0%	2
	answered question	**100**
	skipped question	**21**

14. Based on your experience living in or visiting other river cities, Portland's connection with the Willamette seems...

	Response Percent	Response Count
better than most	39.2%	38
about average	**42.3%**	**41**
sub-par	18.6%	18
	answered question	**97**
	skipped question	**24**

15. What, if anything, keeps you from getting down to the river more often? (check as many as apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
nothing really keeps me from getting to the river	31.6%	31
the water's dirty	12.2%	12
concerns about public safety	9.2%	9
the water's edge is unsightly	11.2%	11
it's hard to get to the River (e.g., few access points right on the water; bad parking or transit options; etc.)	**36.7%**	**36**
there's not a lot to do or see along the river	14.3%	14
Other (please specify)	26.5%	26
	answered question	**98**
	skipped question	**23**

16. Name up to 3 things (features, actions, ideas) that would get you more connected to the river (e.g., more organized nature tours; a place to have a beer and look at the river; a river-history center; a ferris wheel; water taxi; etc.)

	Response Percent	Response Count
1.	**100.0%**	**82**
2.	84.1%	69
3.	67.1%	55
	answered question	**82**
	skipped question	**39**

17. Name up to 3 things (features, actions, ideas) that would improve the river environment (e.g., more trees and vegetation on the banks; more ways to learn about the river [signs; smart phone app's]; more river clean-ups; more ways to keep stormwater out of the river; etc.)

	Response Percent	Response Count
1.	**100.0%**	**83**
2.	88.0%	73
3.	59.0%	49
	answered question	**83**
	skipped question	**38**

18. Please add any comments below (Note: this software allows a maximum of 20 lines of 100 characters.)	
	Response Count
	49
answered question	**49**
skipped question	**72**