

PORTRAYAL OF RECREATIONAL FISHING IN CHILEAN PATAGONIA
A Survey of Long Haul Tourist in the Region of Aysen

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Recreational fishing is one of the most important special interest tourism activities in the region of Aysen, in the far south of Chile. Management decisions regarding natural environments are tightly linked to tourism, demanding better information on factors determining the length of stay and site choices by tourist anglers. This study seeks to characterize the behavior of long distance anglers during their stay in Aysen. Information on the sites visited and their quality attributes as reported by anglers based on their recalled experience at the sites were collected, as well as the number of long distance anglers and their expenditures during their stay.

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