



Recording a fishing story or just having a conversation with a favorite fishing enthusiast in your life, gives you a free pass to ask questions that you might not otherwise. These questions will help keep the conversation moving in a meaningful direction.

For Everyone

- Who has been the most influential fish person in your life?
- Can you tell me about him or her?
- What has been the happiest moment of your fishing career? The saddest?
- What lessons did you learn from fishing that you want to pass on to future generations?
- What is your earliest fishing memory?
- What is your favorite memory of me?
- Do you have any funny fishing stories?
- What are you most proud of?
- What are your greatest regrets as a angler?
- What is your most cherished fishing memory?
- What challenges have you faced?
- What legacy do you want to leave as a fishing enthusiast?
- How do you want to be remembered?
- What are your hopes for what the future holds for fishing? Are you optimistic?
- Do you have any secrets that you've never told anyone?



- For anyone listening to this years from now: is there any wisdom you'd want to pass on to them?
- What would you want them to know?
- Do you feel like you have been a successful angler?
- Who is someone you believe has been successful?

For Grandparents

- Where did you grow up?
- What was your childhood like?
- How did you and grandpa/grandma meet?
- What is/was your favorite fish to catch?
- Who were your favorite fishermen/women when you were growing up?
- What is your first fishing memory? Can you describe that moment?
- Do you remember the first time we fished together?
- What is your favorite fishing story?
- What do you miss most about fishing?
- How has fishing changed during your lifetime?
- What was I like growing up?
- Did you take you kids fishing a lot?
- What is the worst thing that ever happened to you while fishing? What happened?
- What were your parents like?



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Great Questions

- Was there someone in your life who had a big influence on you? Can you tell me about them?
- Is there anything you would like to ask _____ if they were here today?
- How would you like to be remembered?
- What makes life worth living?
- As you grew older, what made you say, "I wish I would have..."
- What are your biggest regrets?
- What do you hope the future holds for me?
- What advice would you have for me and anyone else listening?
- When your great great grandchildren listen to this many years from now, what would you like them to know about you?
- What wisdom would you pass on?
- Are you proud of me?

For Parents

- How did you get into fishing?
- What is your earliest fishing memory?
- How did you meet mom/dad?
- What did you think when you became a father/mother?
- Did you try to get me/us into fishing?
- Why do you/did you enjoy fishing?
- What was I like as a baby? As a young child?
- What is your favorite fishing memory of us?



- What were the hardest parts about being a parent?
- If you could do everything again, would you raise me differently?
- What advice would you give me?
- What are your dreams for me?
- Do you have any regrets?
- How would you like us to remember you?
- What makes life worth living?
- As you grew older, what made you say, “I wish I would have...”
- If you could tell future generations one thing, what would it be?
- Are you proud of me?

For Fishing Buddies

- How long have we been fishing buddies?
- What is your earliest memory of you and I?
- What did you think of me when we first met? What do you think of me now?
- What makes us such good friends?
- What is your favorite fishing memory of us?
- Was there a time when you didn't like me very much?
- Who is the most influential person in your life?
- What lessons have you learned during your fishing career?
- Where do you think the two of us will be in 10 years?
- Is there anything that you've always wanted to tell me but haven't?
- What advice would you give to other fishing friends out there?



For Military

- In what branch of the military did you serve?
- Did you go to war? How has that changed you?
- Do you have any good memories from your service days?
- What have you learned from life in the military?
- What was the worst part of serving in the military?
- Are there misconceptions that people have about the military that you would like to help clear up?
- When did you begin fishing?
- What does fishing do for you now?
- Why do you fish?
- What advice would you have for anyone listening?

For Fishing Industry

- What do you do for a living?
- How did you get into that line of work?
- How long have you been doing this kind of work?
- Do you like it? Love it? What is your favorite thing about being a _____?
- Is this something you wanted to do when you were growing up?
- What have you learned working as a _____?
- What life lessons can you pass on to listeners?
- If you could do anything you wanted, what would you do? Why?
- Do you ever think about retiring? How does that make you feel?
- Do you have a favorite fishing story from your work?



Serious Illness

- Can you tell me about your illness?
- Do you think about dying? Are you scared?
- Do you believe in an after-life?
- What did fishing bring to your life?
- What will you miss most about fishing?
- What are your hopes for the future of fishing?
- Do you have any requests for your friends/family?
- What advice would you give to your family, friends, or strangers listening?
- How would you like to be remembered?

Remembering a Loved one

- Tell me about _____
- How did you know each other?
- What is your earliest memory of _____?
- What is your favorite thing about _____?
- What was the best fishing trip you both were a part of?
- What kind of person was _____ to you?
- Are you comfortable/ can you talk about _____'s death? How did _____ die?
- What has been the hardest thing about not having _____ in your life?
- What would you ask _____ if _____ were here today?
- What do you miss most about _____?



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Great Questions

- How do you want people to remember _____?
- Were there any challenges that _____ faced during their life?
- Can you talk about them?
- Was there anything you and _____ disagreed about, fought over, or experienced some conflict around?
- What memory of _____ puts a smile on your face?
- Did you and _____ see eye-to-eye when it came to fishing?
- Who was the better fisherman/woman?
- What was your relationship like?
- Did you and _____ have any inside jokes?
- Would you like to share your favorite stories about _____?
- Is there something about _____ that others might not know, or would be surprised about?
- How have you changed since _____ passed away?
- What is the image of _____ that persists in your mind?
- Do you have any traditions to honor _____?