

National Survey of Recreational Fisheries: Alberta 2005

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**2005 SURVEY OF RECREATIONAL FISHING
IN CANADA**

RESIDENTS OF ALBERTA

Le présent questionnaire est également disponible en français
QUESTIONS? → 1 (800) 298-9935 TOLL FREE

NOTE TO THE RESPONDENT
In order to complete this document as easily as possible, the following instructions may be of assistance:

- the questions are to be answered only by the person to whom the questionnaire was addressed.
- this survey covers all fishing activity between January 1 and December 31, 2005.
- the term "household members" refers only to individuals living in your residence.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE.

CONFIDENTIAL WHEN COMPLETED



OVERVIEW

- 2005 – 7TH in a series of nationally coordinated surveys (DFO), done every 5 years
- Mailout survey of randomly selected licensed AB resident, CDN resident, and foreign anglers
- Survey design is generally uniform amongst jurisdictions, with some modification to accommodate specific goals
- Purpose is to monitor trends in recreational fisheries across Canada, and provide fisheries managers with summary data of fisheries use



Mailout Success

- 5900 surveys mailed
 - 5000 AB resident
 - 400 CDN resident
 - 500 foreign
- Returns:
 - 42% overall response success (2000 rate = 45%)
 - 499 AB residents on list moved (10% !)
 - 2208 useable surveys returned

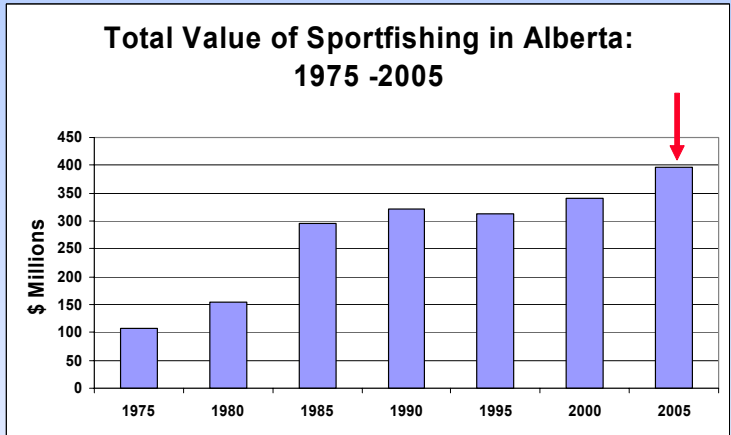


Preliminary Results

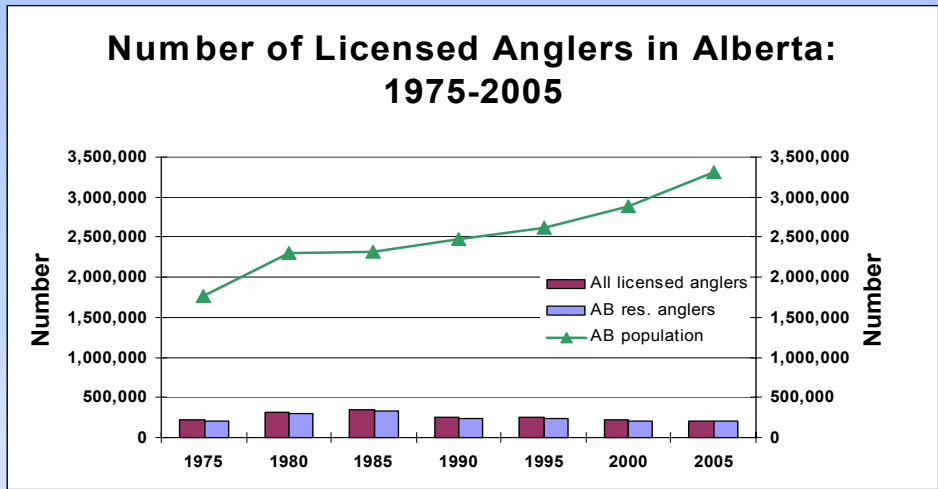


Economic Value

Total Value = direct expenditures + attributable purchases & investments by **licensed** anglers:



Licensed Angler Numbers



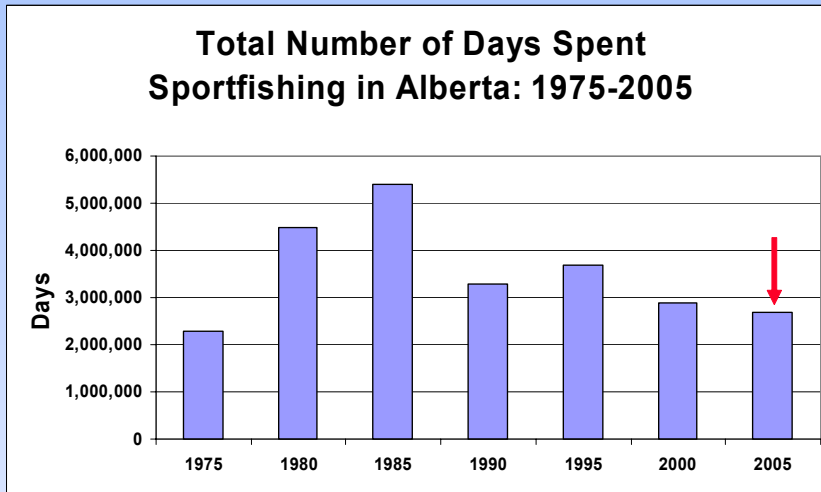
2000: 216,600 licensed anglers

2005: 211,000 -down 2.3%

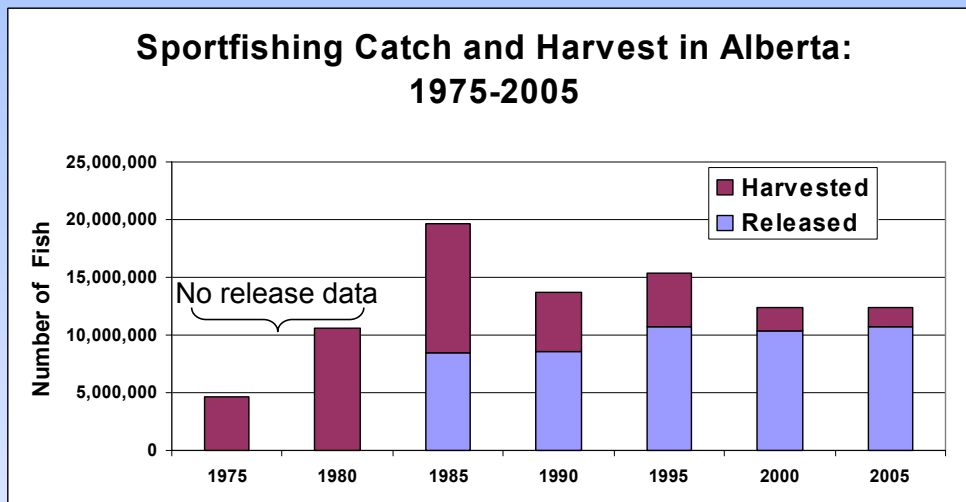
5% of anglers belong to an organization



Angling Effort



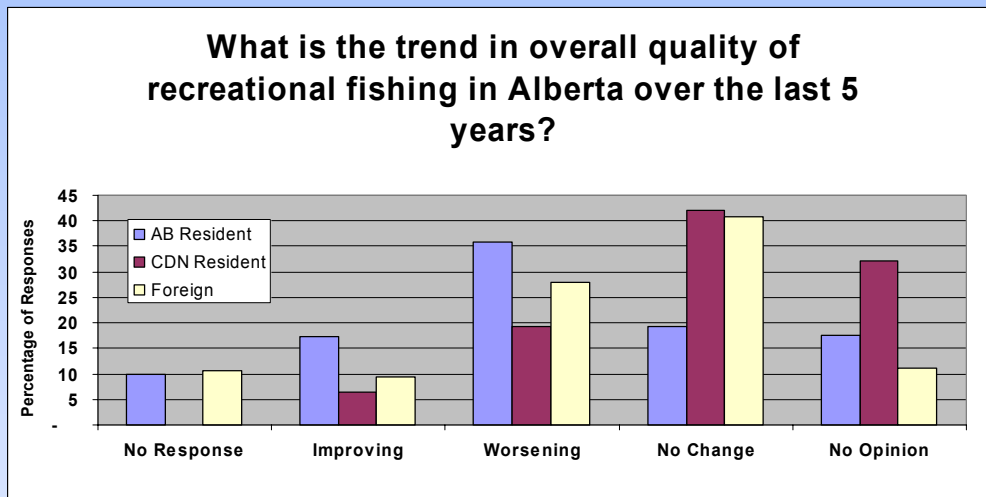
Fish Catch & Harvest



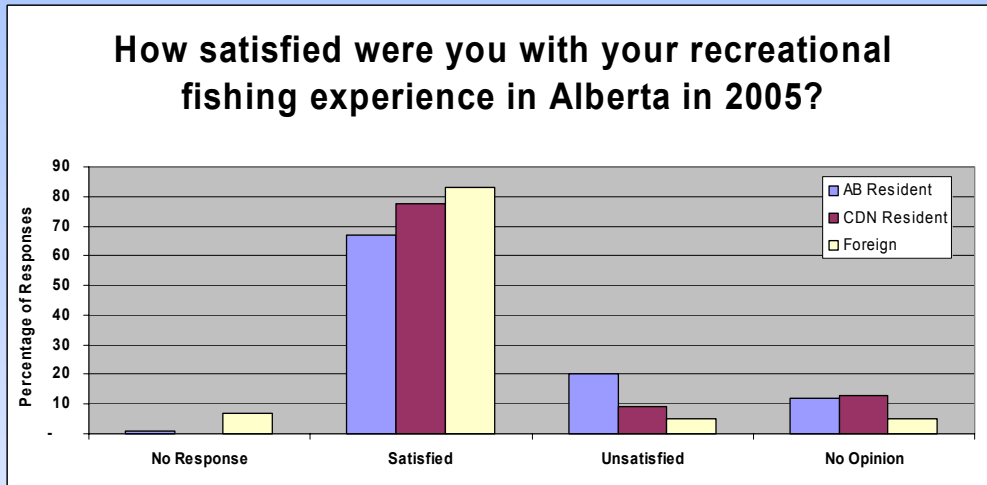
Rating the Fishing Experience



Perception of Trend in Quality



Angler Satisfaction



Summary

- Survey was successfully delivered
- Recreational fishing was economically important
- Angler numbers stable since 1990, but relatively fewer Albertans are sport fishing
- Angling effort relatively stable since 1990, and much lower than in 1980's
- Fish catch relatively stable since 1990; anglers are releasing more fish
- National report in summer 2007; AB report later this winter



Summary

- Majority of anglers rated their fishing experience good or better; Non-resident's ratings were higher than resident's
- Majority of non-resident anglers perceived no change in quality over the past 5 years; about 35% of AB residents perceived worsening
- Strong majority of anglers were satisfied



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