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Abstract

In spring of 2015, 1,800 resident anglers who purchased any type of annual fishing license in 2014 were surveyed by mail to determine angler attitudes regarding fisheries resources, regulations, programs and needs. A total of 780 usable completed questionnaires were returned for a return rate of 48%. Based on the corrected return rate, the margin of error for individual questions is within 4 percentage points of the true value at the 95% confident level.

The typical Kentucky angler is male and Caucasian with a median household income between \$40,000 and \$50,000 USD and a median age of 55. Kentucky anglers began fishing at a median age of 7 and generally consider themselves to be intermediate to advanced anglers. They were introduced to fishing by a parent, grandparent or other family member and they also feel that that person was responsible for teaching them about fishing. Nearly 90% of anglers with children have introduced them to fishing. Kentucky anglers fish primarily for relaxation and to be with family and friends, but also to catch fish for food and sport. Over half of Kentucky anglers own a boat or other watercraft and spent on average about 27.7 days fishing per year. Anglers that did not own a boat averaged 23.2 days of fishing per year. The most popular places to fish were large lakes over 500 acres and the most popular season was summer (June through August). Less than 9% of the anglers had fished in a tournament in the last 12 months.

Over 87.3% of respondents reported that they purchased a license in the 2012 license year and 89.7% reported purchasing a license in the 2013 license year. Approximately 30% of surveyed anglers purchased a trout permit or purchased a permit that included it. Of the surveyed anglers, 26% report having been checked by a KDFWR conservation officer in the previous 12 months.

About half of the anglers indicated that the number of days they fished in Kentucky and their amount of leisure time has stayed about the same over the past three years. As in the previous study, having fishing areas close to home and free time are the most important factors in determining how often anglers fished. Cleanliness of the area and access for bank fishing were the most important factors determining where anglers like to fish. When asked about creel limit preferences for a variety of sportfish, roughly 80% of anglers were either in favor of the current creel limit or had no opinion.

Based on the number of anglers that rated it important or somewhat important, anglers think that the top functions of KDFWR are providing public information about fishing regulations, public stocking programs and enforcing fishing laws/regulations. Only 3.3% of respondents were very dissatisfied or somewhat dissatisfied with the performance of the Fisheries Division.

The data presented in this report should be used as a starting point for more specifically focused analysis to answer future questions regarding program activities and fisheries management in Kentucky.

Introduction

Wildlife-associated recreation is an important leisure activity enjoyed by nearly two million people each year in the state of Kentucky (U.S. Department of Interior 2011). In 2011, there were 554,000 licensed anglers over age 16 in Kentucky, who fished an estimated 10.2 million days resulting in fishing expenditures of \$807 million (U.S. Department of Interior 2011). The Fisheries Division of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) is responsible for the management of fisheries resources in the state. With the diversity of aquatic resources found in Kentucky, and the diversity of the anglers that utilize them, it is critical that we attempt to understand the attitudes and opinions of our constituents.

The Fisheries Division has periodically surveyed constituents to gain insight into angler attitudes regarding fisheries resources, regulations, programs and needs. The Fisheries Division surveyed Kentucky anglers in 2003 using a mail survey, (Dreves, 2008) in 1991 by telephone (Hale et al. 1992) and a mail survey in 1982 (Kinman and Hoyt 1984). The information gathered in each of these surveys is used to assist in deciding where to focus management efforts and where resources can best be utilized to meet the needs and interests of Kentucky anglers.

Methods

The 2015 Kentucky Angler Attitude Survey was designed to gather information from a broad spectrum of Kentucky anglers on their fishing habits and opinions. The principal design was based on the 2003 Kentucky Angler Attitude Survey (Dreves 2008). As in 2003, many of the questions were designed using the Likert scale type of multiple-choice response (Pollock et al., 1994). The Likert scales were set up with 6 possible responses: a “Neutral” answer surrounded with a “Somewhat” for and against and a “Strongly” or “Very” for and against, with an additional “No Opinion” response in most cases. The survey instrument was also designed in a way to maximize response rate by paying particular attention to the ordering of questions and the questionnaire layout. See Appendix A for the layout of the Kentucky Angler Attitude Survey booklet that was mailed to each angler in the sample.

The sample of anglers surveyed in 2015 was selected from the total population of resident anglers who had purchased any type of annual fishing license in 2014 (fishing, joint fishing, combination fishing and hunting, sportsmen’s or senior/disabled licenses). The population of

465,079 anglers used does not include children under age 16 because they are exempt from having to purchase a fishing license. With a population of this size, a minimum of 400 responses were needed for statistical significance at the 95% confidence level. Based on the response rates from the 2003 angler survey it was estimated that the sample size needed would be 1,800 potential respondents. A random sample was obtained by generating random numbers and associating them with an alphabetized mailing list of all qualifying license purchasers from the KDFWR license database. The list was then sorted in ascending order by the random number field and the first 1,800 records were selected as the survey mailing list.

Maximizing the response rate is critical to reduce response bias. To increase response rates, KDFWR released a survey press release (Figure 1). The press release informed anglers about the survey and encouraged those selected to fill out and return the survey. To further increase response rate we also used a methodology that prescribed multiple contacts with each potential respondent to maximize response rate (Dillman 2000). Each person on the mailing list was first sent a notification letter by first class mail that they soon would be receiving the survey (Figure 2). All undelivered mail returned was recorded and no further mailings were sent to that address. One week after mailing the notification letter, each person was sent a packet that included a personalized cover letter (Figure 3), a survey questionnaire (see Appendix A), and a postage paid return envelope. Each survey questionnaire had an identification number printed on the back that allowed us to check off each returned survey from the mailing list as it was received. One week following the first mailing of the survey, each person was sent a reminder/thank you postcard (Figure 4). After an additional two weeks, any person from the original mailing list who hadn't already returned a survey or been checked off as a bad address was mailed another packet that included a different personalized cover letter (Figure 5), another survey and another postage paid return envelope.

All survey questionnaires received were keypunched by KDFWR personnel into a Microsoft Access database. Data from each survey questionnaire was keypunched twice and then the two versions compared to eliminate any keypunching errors. The survey data was then analyzed with Microsoft Access and Excel to determine frequency distributions of responses.

Results

The results discussed below are not intended to be an exhaustive analysis of the 2015 Kentucky Angler Attitude Survey. It only highlights some of the important results from some of the survey questions. Readers may want to carefully review the questionnaire to see if data of interest to them is present but not discussed here. Throughout this report, reference to specific survey questions will be in parentheses in the following format (Qxx). The sum of the “Very” and “Somewhat” answers often times will be reported for the Likert scale type questions during this discussion.

For more detailed analysis, a printout of the survey questions with frequencies, percentages and other statistics analyzed is presented in Appendix B. The standard format for the tables is the question from the survey followed by three columns. The first column is the list of all responses, the second is the frequency or number of responses and the third is the percentage of the total for that response. If a respondent did not reply to a particular question, then it was recorded under “No response.” Similarly, if the respondent did not answer the question correctly such as choosing two choices then it was recorded as “Error.”

Additional analysis of numeric data was necessary to calculate means, medians, etc. and these statistical tables appear after the standard frequency tables for the respective question.

A total of 1,800 surveys were mailed out on January 12, 2015. The follow-up mailing of surveys was sent out on February 5, 2015 to 717 people who hadn't yet returned a survey. A total of 780 usable completed questionnaires were returned. This resulted in an effective response rate of 52% after accounting for bad addresses (288) and deceased (1). No surveys were returned uncompleted. Given the number of usable questionnaires returned, and barring any other bias, we can be 95% confident that the stated results of questions are within 4 percentage points of the true value (exact margin of error for any particular question is dependent on how many respondents answered the particular question).

Every attempt was made to minimize bias and maximize accuracy in the current survey. Low sampling error (or high precision) was obtained because of the high response rate during this

survey. Since our population of interest was licensed, resident Kentucky anglers, coverage error was not a factor as the sample was randomly drawn from the entire population of fishing license purchasers. Measurement error is more difficult to control, but steps were taken to reduce this source of error by substantial staff review of the questionnaire and the survey instrument. Additionally pre-testing was conducted prior to mailing the survey to the sample population. The fourth source of error in any survey is nonresponse error. The corrected response rate of 52% for this survey was equal to the 52% response rate in the 2003 survey (Dreves 2008).

Seventy seven percent (601) of the completed questionnaires came from the first mailing and 23% (179) from the second. The date surveys were returned was recorded in the database to allow an examination of return patterns (Figure 6). The pattern of survey returns demonstrated the importance of the multiple contact method. The number of returns jumped up for a number of days following each time a contact was made through a mailing.

Comparisons of demographic data and follow-up telephone surveys are commonly used methods to check for nonresponse error. A follow-up telephone survey was not conducted as part of the 2015 angler survey. However, a limited amount of demographic data was collected in the 2015 survey. Because of the very high response rate of Kentucky anglers from the 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Recreation (FHWAR; U.S. Department of Interior 2011) it makes for very good comparison with data in the current survey. Responses to similar demographic type questions in both surveys can be compared to give indications whether individuals responded differently based on demographic characteristics. This analysis revealed that there were only slight indications of nonresponse bias. In the current 2016 survey, 80.5% of respondents were male as opposed to 75% male respondents in the FHWAR survey.

This indicates that it is possible that males responded at slightly higher rate than females on the mailing list. The responses in the 2011 national survey for Kentucky for age, income and ethnicity had sample sizes that were too small for meaningful comparisons. The only age comparison possible was the percentage of anglers over 65 years of age. In the 2011 FHWAR it was 22% for anglers and 19% for “sportpersons” (fished or hunted). In this survey it was much higher at 26.5%

Analysis and Discussion of Individual Questions

The following section will be a discussion of the relevant responses to the individual questions in the 2015 survey. In some cases, low frequency responses will be omitted from the discussion. For every question, the complete gamut of responses can be found in Appendix B.

Question 1. At what age did you begin fishing? (n=728)

Age	Number	Percent
0-15	647	88.9%
16-30	44	6.0%
31-45	11	1.5%
46-60	15	2.1%
61+	11	1.5%

The responses from this question ranged from 1 to 73 years old. Eighty nine percent of respondents began fishing before 16 years of age. This indicates that early exposure to fishing may be important to continued recruitment of anglers. There was no comparable question from the 2003 survey.

Question 2. How would you classify yourself as an angler? (Check only one) (n=763)

Category	Frequency	Percent
Beginner	30	3.9%
Novice	59	7.7%
Intermediate	458	60.0%
Advanced	202	26.5%
Expert	14	1.8%

An overwhelming number of Kentucky anglers considered themselves intermediate or advanced anglers (86.5%). The previous survey used different categories, but these results were roughly consistent with the experienced category in 2003 (76.5%).

Question 3. If you could pick only one, which was most responsible for you becoming involved in fishing? (n=755)

Due to the number of possible responses, the table for this question was too lengthy to include here. In general, most people (79.9%) indicated that a parent, grandparent or other family member was responsible for their involvement in fishing. Parent was the number one response (53.8%).

Question 4. If you could pick only one response from the list in the previous question, which was most responsible for teaching you about fishing? (n=735)

This was a follow-up to Question 3. Again, a parent, grandparent or other family member was cited as the person responsible for teaching people to fish (67.5%). In addition, 16.7% of respondents indicated friends were an important source of fishing education.

Question 5. If you have at least one child less than 16 years of age in your household, have you introduced them to fishing? (n=765)

Of the respondents, 61% indicated they had no children. Of those that indicated they had children, 90% have introduced them to fishing.

Question 6. Did you take a child, adult family member or friend fishing in the last 12 months who had never fished before or who had not fished in a long time? (n=764)

A little over half (60.5%) answered yes to this question. The follow-up question of: “How many people?” ranged from 1 to 20 with most indicating 3 or less (81.8%).

Question 7. What was your single most important reason for fishing in 2014? (n=747)

Reason for Fishing	Frequency	Percent
For relaxation	203	27.2%
To be with family and friends	169	22.6%
For the sport	134	17.9%
To catch fresh fish for food	123	16.5%
Others Combined	118	15.8%

In describing their reasons for fishing, most people indicated that it was for relaxation (27.2%) and to be with family and friends (22.6%). This highlights the social and psychological role fishing has for anglers. Several anglers wrote in “all of the above” or combinations of these indicating that many anglers fish for multiple reasons.

Question 8. Do you own any of the following types of watercraft that you use for fishing? (n=780)

Type of Watercraft	Frequency	Percent
float tube/inflatable drift boat	25	3.2%
canoe, kayak or other boat used without a motor	125	16.0%
boat powered only with an electric motor	91	11.7%
boat powered by outboard motor that is 10 hp or less	60	7.7%
boat powered by outboard motor that is greater than 10 hp	287	36.8%
I do not own any of the above watercraft	329	42.2%

A surprising number of respondents (42.2%) indicated that they did not own any type of watercraft. The second most common response was a boat with a motor greater than 10 horsepower (36.8%). Low numbers of anglers owning boats with less than 10 hp motors (7.7%) may indicate that horsepower limits on lakes may restrict access for a significant percentage of the boating public. A significant number of anglers (14.4%) marked multiple watercraft types.

Question 9. Please estimate the number of days you spent fishing in Kentucky in the last 12 months. (n=768)

Days	Frequency	Percent
0	49	6.4%
1-20	467	60.8%
21-40	120	15.6%
41-60	69	9.0%
61-80	12	1.6%
81-100	19	2.5%
>100	32	4.2%

Responses on this question ranged from 0 to 265 days. Over half (67.2%) fished 20 days or less in 2014. A small number of respondents indicated that they hadn't fished in the last year (6.4%).

Question 10. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing in each of the following ways? Your best estimate is fine, but the answers should total 100%. (n=704)

Category	Number of Responses		
	Zero	Non-Zero	100%
From a canoe, kayak, johnboat, inflatable, etc. used without a motor	591	113	6
From a boat powered only with an electric motor	598	106	6
From a boat powered by a gas motor that is 10 horsepower or less	632	72	9
From a boat powered by a gas motor that is greater than 10 horsepower	343	361	100
From the bank or wading	151	553	223

Analysis of this question is complicated since the total of the five categories add up to 100% for each individual and each category can range from 0 to 100%. A good index for popularity is the number of non-zero responses for each category. The most popular categories were bank/wading with 553 non-zero responses and gas motors greater than 10 horsepower with 361 non-zero responses. The least popular category was gas motors 10 horsepower or less. Nearly one third of respondents (31.7%) indicated that they bank/wade fished 100% of the time. Less than 1% exclusively used a canoe or electric motor powered boat.

Question 11. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent at each of the following types of water. Your best estimate is fine, but the answers should total 100%. (n=708)

Category	Number of Responses		
	Zero	Non-Zero	100%
Large lakes or reservoirs (over 500 acres)	281	427	124
Small public lakes (less than 500 acres)	425	283	44
Rivers and streams	397	311	34
Tailwaters (below lakes and reservoirs)	611	97	4
Private lakes and ponds (besides pay lakes)	386	322	46
Pay lakes	642	66	4

Using the number of non-zero responses, large lakes and reservoirs were the most popular with 60.3% non-zero responses. Private lakes, rivers and streams and small public lakes followed closely. Least popular responses were tailwaters and pay lakes.

Question 12. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months you spent in each of the four seasons. Your best estimate is fine, but the answers should total 100%. (n=708)

Category	Number of Responses		
	Zero	Non-Zero	100%
Spring (March through May)	112	596	28
Summer (June through August)	68	640	78
Fall (September through November)	283	425	5
Winter (December through February)	595	113	2

Using the number of non-zero responses, summer was the most popular season with 90.4% non-zero responses. Spring was second with 84.2% and fall was third with 60%. The least popular response was winter (16%).

Question 13. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months you fished with each of the following types of sport fishing gear. Your best estimate is fine, but the answers should total 100%. (n=705)

Category	Number of Responses		
	Zero	Non-Zero	100%
Casting with artificial lures	148	560	71
Still fishing with live or natural baits	99	609	132
Fly fishing	658	50	2
Trolling	588	120	2

Using the number of non-zero responses, still fishing was the most popular fishing method with 86.4% non-zero responses. Casting was a close second with 79.4%. The least popular response was fly fishing (7.1%).

Question 14. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing for any of the following types of fish. Your best estimate is fine, but the answers should total 100%. (n=706)

Category	Number of Responses		
	Zero	Non-Zero	100%
Black bass (largemouth, smallmouth, spotted or Kentucky)	286	420	31
Panfish (bluegill, sunfish, rock bass)	333	373	12
Crappie	344	362	12
Striped bass (rockfish)	628	78	0
White bass or hybrid striped bass	618	88	1
Walleye, sauger, or saugeye	651	55	1
Muskellunge	683	23	0
Trout	633	73	3
Catfish	365	341	11
Any kind of fish (no preference)	514	192	83
Other (please list)	702	4	0

Using the number of non-zero responses, the top 4 species fished for were Black Bass, Panfish, Crappie, and Catfish, respectively. The fifth most popular was No Preference, which also had the highest number of 100% responses (83). A very small number of anglers mentioned species

that weren't listed (4). Two anglers wrote in Carp, one wrote in Paddlefish and the fourth listed Carp and White Sucker. Muskellunge only had 23 non-zero responses, indicating that only a small percentage of the anglers surveyed (3.2%) fished for muskellunge.

Question 15. Have you fished in any of the following types of fishing tournaments in Kentucky in the last 12 months? (n=780)

Tournament Type	Frequency	Percent
Bass tournament	50	6.4%
Catfish tournament	11	1.4%
Crappie tournament	3	0.4%
Muskie tournament	0	0.0%
Walleye tournament	0	0.0%
Kayak tournament	0	0.0%
Bluegill	1	0.1%
Kids at church	1	0.1%
Pleasure	1	0.1%
Private tournament	1	0.1%

Only 7.9% of surveyed anglers reported fishing in some type of organized tournament. Bass tournaments were the most popular followed by catfish and crappie. Six anglers reported fishing in more than one type of tournament.

Question 16. Please indicate whether you participated in each of the following types of fishing activities in Kentucky during the past 12 months. (n=780)

Activity Type	Frequency	Percent
Bowfishing	40	5.1%
Turtle fishing	47	6.0%
Frog gigging	112	14.4%
Fish gigging	11	1.4%
Paddlefish (spoonbill catfish) snagging	13	1.7%
Snagging of any other kinds of fish	15	1.9%
Trotline fishing	58	7.4%
Limblin fishing (line tied to tree limb on bank)	69	8.8%
Jug fishing (line tied to floating jug)	106	13.6%
Grabbing rough fish by hand ("tickling" or "noodling")	12	1.5%
Underwater spearfishing	1	0.1%
Commercial fishing (fish caught and sold for profit)	1	0.1%

This question looks at fishing methods other than tradition angling. The two most popular answers were Frog Giggling and Jug Fishing, respectively. A number of anglers (123) reported using multiple methods. The highest number of fishing methods used by one angler was 8.

Question 17. Check the box below which best describes the percentage of legal fish you kept in the last 12 months. Legal fish are defined as fish you catch that are within the size limit and below your creel limit for the area you are fishing. (n=698)

Response	Frequency	Percent
I kept all or almost all	126	18.1%
I kept about 75%	67	9.6%
I kept about 50%	81	11.6%
I kept about 25%	108	15.5%
I did not keep any or kept a very small percentage	316	45.3%

Nearly half (45.3%) of the anglers indicated that they did not keep more than a small percentage of the fish they caught.

Question 18. When you didn't keep the legal fish you caught in the last 12 months, what is the single most important reason why? (n=560)

Response	Frequency	Percent
I feel that releasing the fish gives me or another person a chance to catch it again	338	60.4%
The fish were too small to clean in my opinion	112	20.0%
I don't want to go to the trouble to clean them	43	7.7%
I am concerned about fish contaminants	14	2.5%
I don't like to eat fish	11	2.0%
Other reasons	42	7.5%

The majority of anglers released fish in order to give themselves or others an opportunity to catch it again. A small percentage (2.5%) were worried about fish contaminants. An additional 7.5% wrote in responses that are detailed in the appendix.

Question 19. On average, about how many meals of fish caught from Kentucky waters did you eat in the last 12 months? (Check one) (n=767)

Response	Frequency	Percent
I did not eat any meals of fish caught from Kentucky waters in the last 12 months	250	32.6%
About 6 meals per year or less	316	41.2%
About 1 meal per month	82	10.7%
About 2 meals per month	88	11.5%
About 1 meal per week	24	3.1%
More than 1 meal per week	7	0.9%

Of the 767 respondents, 73.8% ate less than 6 meals per year of fish from Kentucky waters. This is less than the recommendation of the current fish consumption advisory for the population as a whole, including the sensitive population (women of child-bearing age and children 6 years of age and younger) (Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet-DEP 2015). Only 15.5% of surveyed anglers ate two or more meals per month of fish from Kentucky waters. This exceeds the general population advisories for fish consumption, indicating that a small percentage of anglers may be exposing themselves to higher than recommended levels of contaminants.

Question 20. Check the type of Kentucky fishing license you purchased in 2014. (n=768)

License Type	Frequency	Percent
Annual fishing license	245	31.9%
Combination hunting and fishing license	124	16.1%
Senior/disabled hunting and fishing license	230	29.9%
Sportsman's license	100	13.0%
Joint husband and wife fishing license	69	9.0%

Distributions of license purchases reported by respondents have changed significantly since the 2003 statewide angler survey. Annual fishing licenses dropped from 38.9% to 31.9% at the same time as combination licenses dropped by half from 32.1% to 16.1%. Senior/Disabled licenses more than doubled, from 14.3% to 29.9% and Sportsman's licenses increased from 3.4% to 13.0%. Joint licenses dropped slightly from 11.3% to 9.0%

Question 21. Did you purchase some type of Kentucky fishing license in the two years previous to 2014?

2012 (n=770)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	672	87.3%
No	98	12.7%

2013 (n=747)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	670	89.7%
No	77	10.3%

The results of these questions (2012-87.3%, 2013-89.7%) are almost identical to the responses in 2003 (2001-88.2%, 2002-90.5%). This indicates on average, only about 10% of the anglers on both surveys didn't purchase a license in the year previous to the survey year.

Question 22. Please check the single most important reason why didn't you purchase a Kentucky fishing license in 2012 and/or 2013? (n= 92)

Response	Frequency	Percent
I didn't have enough time to fish	38	41.3%
I was more active in other forms of recreation	15	16.3%
I was physically unable to fish due to health-related issues	9	9.8%
I didn't live in Kentucky in both 2012 and 2013	7	7.6%
Fishing license is too expensive	4	4.3%
Nobody invited me to go fishing	4	4.3%
I didn't have a fishing partner	3	3.3%
Fishing isn't as good as it used to be	3	3.3%
Poor public bank fishing access	3	3.3%
Was under age 16	3	3.3%
Regulations are too confusing	1	1.1%
Had not been a hobby before	1	1.1%
I usually fish in Tennessee	1	1.1%

In this survey, the single most important reason anglers didn't consistently buy a license was due to lack of time for fishing. The second reason was also due to choosing other recreation over fishing. Fishing is increasingly in competition with other leisure time activities that may be less expensive and more organized. Comparing these results to the 2003 survey is difficult as the questions were posed in the form of a Likert scale. However, in 2003, 65.1% of respondents indicated that the statement "I didn't have enough time to fish" was Very important or Somewhat important to their decision not to buy a license.

Question 23. Did you purchase a Kentucky trout permit in 2014? Check only one response. (n=762)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	61	8.0%
No	534	70.1%
It was included in my license purchase	167	21.9%

Of anglers that responded, 70.1% didn't specifically purchase a trout permit. It was included in the permit of 21.9% indicating that they were Senior/Disabled licenses or Sportsmen's permits. Only 8.0% indicated that they had purchased a trout permit.

Question 24. During the past three years, would you say the number of days per year that you fished in Kentucky has: (Check only one) (n=770)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Decreased greatly	77	10.0%
Decreased	169	21.9%
Stayed about the same	374	48.6%
Increased	131	17.0%
Increased greatly	19	2.5%

Approximately half of surveyed anglers said that the number of days per year they fished had stayed about the same. Looking at combined percentages for those that had indicated a change showed that 31.9% thought their fishing days had decreased, while only 19.5% thought that they had increased.

Question 25. During the past three years, would you say your leisure time has: (Check only one) (n=772)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Decreased greatly	73	9.5%
Decreased	193	25.0%
Stayed about the same	372	48.2%
Increased	105	13.6%
Increased greatly	29	3.8%

The results from this question were essentially identical to the preceding question.

Approximately half of surveyed anglers said that the number of days per year they fished had stayed about the same. The responses of those that thought there had been a change were skewed a little more to a decrease in leisure time than the previous question.

Question 26. Have you been checked by a KY Fish & Wildlife conservation officer (game warden) while fishing in the past 12 months? (n=774)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	202	26.1%
No	572	73.9%

A little over one quarter of surveyed anglers said that they had been checked by a conservation officer in the last year. This is substantially lower than was reported in the 2003 survey (35.6%).

Question 27. Were you aware that KY Fish & Wildlife does not receive any state tax dollars? (n=772)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	288	37.3%
No	484	62.7%

Over one third of anglers were aware that KDFWR receives no general fund tax dollars. There was no similar question in the 2003 angler survey to compare with.

Question 28. The Federal Aid in Sportfish Restoration Act (also called the Dingle-Johnson Act) is a federal government program which uses money received from excise taxes on fishing equipment, fish finders, motorboat fuels, small engine fuels, and import duties and provides that money back to state agencies for sport fish management, fish stocking, boating access, and aquatic education. Each state’s share of this federal money varies annually as it is based on their number of fishing licenses sold and their land area. Choose the best response below that reflects your knowledge prior to reading this question. (n=773)

Response	Frequency	Percent
I have been aware of this program and understand how it works.	140	18.1%
I have been aware KDFWR receives federal monies, but do not know how.	193	25.0%
I have not been aware that KDFWR receives federal monies.	436	56.4%

As indicated by the preceding question, a substantial portion of the angling public does not have a clear understanding of where KDFWR obtains its operating funds. Continued and increased education of the public about our sources of funding is important for promoting license purchases and encouraging support of the Federal Aid in Sportfish Restoration Act.

Question 29. KY Fish & Wildlife places stake beds, Christmas trees, pallets, and various other types of fish attractors in both small state-owned lakes and large Corps of Engineers reservoirs. Before reading this question, were you aware of this program? (n=773)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	514	66.5%
No	259	33.5%

Question 30. Were you aware that aerial lake maps and GPS coordinates of these fish attractors can be found on the KY Fish & Wildlife website? (n=773)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	268	34.7%
No	505	65.3%

Question 31. If you have fished any of the KY Fish & Wildlife fish attractors, do you think fishing these areas has improved your catch rates? (n=771)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	196	25.4%
No	79	10.2%
I have not fished around KY Fish & Wildlife fish attractors	496	64.3%

The responses from Question 29 show that the majority of anglers surveyed were aware that KDFWR has an active fish attractor/habitat program. A much smaller percentage were aware that GPS locations and maps of these fish attractors are on the KDFWR website. Only about 35% actively fish the attractors, but 70% of those respondents think that they have improved catch rates. It may be important, with the implementation of the new fish habitat section of KDFWR, to increase education and promotion about KDFWR's fish attractor program.

Question 32. KY Fish & Wildlife provides free on-site technical guidance to private farm pond owners on request and as time allows. Please check the one statement below that best reflects your opinion. (n=766)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Keep the on-site technical guidance program as a free service	374	48.8%
Charge a fee for on-site technical guidance	66	8.6%
Eliminate the on-site technical guidance program	9	1.2%
No opinion	317	41.4%

Nearly 42% of anglers had no opinion regarding the in-site technical guidance program. This is substantially different from the 2003 survey where only 30.0% had no opinion. In 2015, of those

that had an opinion, 82.4% thought that KDFWR should keep this as a free service. In 2003, 73.6% thought it should be kept as is. In 2003, 5.7% of anglers with an opinion thought the program should be eliminated, whereas in 2015, only 2.0% thought elimination of the program was a good option.

Question 33. KY Fish & Wildlife’s Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINS) Program is designed to create quality fishing opportunities in lakes near cities of all sizes around the state through regular stockings and more intensive management. Prior to receiving this survey, were you aware of the FINS program? (n=771)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	285	37.0%
No	486	63.0%

Only 37% of surveyed anglers were aware of the FINS program.

Question 34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of the following functions of KY Fish and Wildlife.

Question 34 was divided up into several statements that were answered separately by respondents. In this analysis the responses were treated as if they were asked separately, even though they were asked as part of a multi-part question. The original question format can be found in the appendix.

34a. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Increasing opportunities for catching large fish. (n=762)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	54	7.1%
Somewhat Unimportant	55	7.2%
Neutral	114	15.0%
Somewhat Important	195	25.6%
Very Important	313	41.1%
No Opinion	31	4.1%

34b. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Increasing opportunities for catching lots of fish. (n=760)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	48	6.3%
Somewhat Unimportant	43	5.7%
Neutral	106	13.9%
Somewhat Important	217	28.6%
Very Important	319	42.0%
No Opinion	27	3.6%

34c. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Increasing opportunities for catching native or wild fish. (n=756)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	47	6.2%
Somewhat Unimportant	44	5.8%
Neutral	150	19.8%
Somewhat Important	184	24.3%
Very Important	268	35.4%
No Opinion	63	8.3%

34d. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Increasing opportunities for catch and release fishing. (n=753)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	55	7.3%
Somewhat Unimportant	49	6.5%
Neutral	149	19.8%
Somewhat Important	169	22.4%
Very Important	286	38.0%
No Opinion	45	6.0%

34e. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Buying or leasing land along high quality streams to protect stream banks and ensure fisherman access. (n=760)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	47	6.2%
Somewhat Unimportant	57	7.5%
Neutral	131	17.2%
Somewhat Important	167	22.0%
Very Important	299	39.3%
No Opinion	59	7.8%

34f. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Increasing public access for fishing from bank or shoreline. (n=758)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	56	7.4%
Somewhat Unimportant	44	5.8%
Neutral	94	12.4%
Somewhat Important	160	21.1%
Very Important	374	49.3%
No Opinion	30	4.0%

34g. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Increasing fishing opportunities in urban areas. (n=756)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	53	7.0%
Somewhat Unimportant	58	7.7%
Neutral	139	18.4%
Somewhat Important	225	29.8%
Very Important	234	31.0%
No Opinion	47	6.2%

34h. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Providing boat launching access. (n=762)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	63	8.3%
Somewhat Unimportant	38	5.0%
Neutral	111	14.6%
Somewhat Important	174	22.8%
Very Important	328	43.0%
No Opinion	48	6.3%

34i. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Lake and pond research and management. (n=762)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	43	5.6%
Somewhat Unimportant	52	6.8%
Neutral	99	13.0%
Somewhat Important	209	27.4%
Very Important	312	40.9%
No Opinion	47	6.2%

34j. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: River and stream research and management. (n=762)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	43	5.6%
Somewhat Unimportant	48	6.3%
Neutral	77	10.1%
Somewhat Important	175	23.0%
Very Important	373	49.0%
No Opinion	46	6.0%

34k. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Public fish stocking programs. (n=762)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	59	7.7%
Somewhat Unimportant	40	5.2%
Neutral	44	5.8%
Somewhat Important	156	20.5%
Very Important	431	56.6%
No Opinion	32	4.2%

34l. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Controlling nonnative, invasive fish and aquatic plants. (n=755)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	80	10.6%
Somewhat Unimportant	28	3.7%
Neutral	45	6.0%
Somewhat Important	80	10.6%
Very Important	470	62.3%
No Opinion	52	6.9%

34m. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Providing fish for stocking private farm ponds. (n=763)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	77	10.1%
Somewhat Unimportant	59	7.7%
Neutral	150	19.7%
Somewhat Important	205	26.9%
Very Important	224	29.4%
No Opinion	48	6.3%

34n. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Technical guidance to private pond owners program.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	52	6.8%
Somewhat Unimportant	71	9.3%
Neutral	168	22.0%
Somewhat Important	208	27.3%
Very Important	197	25.8%
No Opinion	67	8.8%

34o. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Review and comment on environmental concerns.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	49	6.4%
Somewhat Unimportant	45	5.9%
Neutral	116	15.3%
Somewhat Important	188	24.7%
Very Important	309	40.7%
No Opinion	53	7.0%

34p. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Habitat improvement (stake beds, brush piles, fish attractors).

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	63	8.3%
Somewhat Unimportant	38	5.0%
Neutral	68	8.9%
Somewhat Important	193	25.3%
Very Important	350	45.9%
No Opinion	51	6.7%

34q. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Protecting and enhancing threatened and endangered aquatic species.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	65	8.5%
Somewhat Unimportant	39	5.1%
Neutral	64	8.4%
Somewhat Important	144	18.9%
Very Important	406	53.4%
No Opinion	43	5.7%

34r. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Providing information about fishing regulations.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	78	10.2%
Somewhat Unimportant	18	2.4%
Neutral	46	6.0%
Somewhat Important	130	17.1%
Very Important	461	60.6%
No Opinion	28	3.7%

34s. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Providing information about fish consumption advisories.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	70	9.2%
Somewhat Unimportant	32	4.2%
Neutral	75	9.8%
Somewhat Important	142	18.6%
Very Important	401	52.6%
No Opinion	42	5.5%

34t. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Aquatic resource education – teaching fishing skills.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	48	6.3%
Somewhat Unimportant	53	7.0%
Neutral	125	16.4%
Somewhat Important	235	30.8%
Very Important	253	33.2%
No Opinion	48	6.3%

34u. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of: Enforcing fishing laws/regulations.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	76	10.0%
Somewhat Unimportant	20	2.6%
Neutral	56	7.4%
Somewhat Important	125	16.4%
Very Important	451	59.3%
No Opinion	33	4.3%

Due to the broad nature of this question, it is difficult to draw any definitive conclusions. After combining the responses for “Very Important” and “Somewhat Important”, the four most

important functions of the department were providing information about fishing regulations, public fish stocking programs, enforcing fishing laws/regulations and controlling nonnative, invasive fish and aquatic plants. No question had less than 50% of the combined responses as “Very Important” and “Somewhat Important” but the two lowest rated functions were providing fish for stocking private farm ponds and providing technical guidance to private pond owners.

The survey also provided an opportunity for anglers to list other important functions. Written responses were provided by 35 anglers and these are detailed in the appendix. The top 4 responses were: increase stocking programs, better interaction with the public, educational programs on techniques and conservation.

Question 35. The following species of fish currently have a statewide daily creel limit (how many fish a person may legally keep each day). Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit (listed in parentheses below) is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all? Mark only one answer on each line that best reflects your opinion. If you don’t know, never fish for, or are not interested in a particular species, check “No opinion”.

This question concerned daily creel limits for fish that were answered separately by respondents for each species. In this analysis the responses were treated as if they were asked separately, even though they were asked as part of a multi-part question. The original question format can be found in the appendix.

35a. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for **bass** is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all? (n=756)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Keep Current Creel Limit	424	56.1%
Lower	69	9.1%
Higher	85	11.2%
No Limit	9	1.2%
No Opinion	169	22.4%

35b. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for **crappie** is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all? (n=754)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Keep Current Creel Limit	413	54.8%
Lower	109	14.5%
Higher	55	7.3%
No Limit	28	3.7%
No Opinion	149	19.8%

35c. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for **rock bass** is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all? (n=748)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Keep Current Creel Limit	378	50.5%
Lower	66	8.8%
Higher	44	5.9%
No Limit	21	2.8%
No Opinion	239	32.0%

35d. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for **redear sunfish** is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all? (n=754)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Keep Current Creel Limit	377	50.0%
Lower	42	5.6%
Higher	80	10.6%
No Limit	40	5.3%
No Opinion	215	28.5%

35e. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for **striped bass** is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all? (n=751)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Keep Current Creel Limit	386	51.4%
Lower	32	4.3%
Higher	97	12.9%
No Limit	20	2.7%
No Opinion	216	28.8%

35f. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for **hybrid and white bass** is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all? (n=751)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Keep Current Creel Limit	398	53.0%
Lower	50	6.7%
Higher	55	7.3%
No Limit	20	2.7%
No Opinion	228	30.4%

35g. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for **yellow bass** is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all? (n=749)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Keep Current Creel Limit	339	45.3%
Lower	62	8.3%
Higher	32	4.3%
No Limit	25	3.3%
No Opinion	291	38.9%

35h. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for **walleye, sauger, etc.** is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all? (n=748)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Keep Current Creel Limit	367	49.1%
Lower	28	3.7%
Higher	73	9.8%
No Limit	9	1.2%
No Opinion	271	36.2%

35i. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for **muskellunge** is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all? (n=748)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Keep Current Creel Limit	315	42.1%
Lower	9	1.2%
Higher	80	10.7%
No Limit	8	1.1%
No Opinion	336	44.9%

35j. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for **chain pickerel** is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all? (n=745)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Keep Current Creel Limit	322	43.2%
Lower	7	0.9%
Higher	26	3.5%
No Limit	5	0.7%
No Opinion	385	51.7%

35k. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for **rainbow trout** is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all? (n=751)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Keep Current Creel Limit	357	47.5%
Lower	41	5.5%
Higher	61	8.1%
No Limit	11	1.5%
No Opinion	281	37.4%

35l. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for **brown trout** is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all? (n=751)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Keep Current Creel Limit	346	46.1%
Lower	23	3.1%
Higher	79	10.5%
No Limit	8	1.1%
No Opinion	295	39.3%

Question 36. The following species of fish do not currently have a statewide daily creel limit. If you think there should be a statewide creel limit for any species then write in the number of fish each person should be allowed to keep each day, or check “No limit” if you think that should remain. If you don’t know, never fish for, or are not interested in a particular species, check “No opinion”.

This question concerned daily creel limits for fish that were answered separately by respondents for each species. In this analysis the responses were treated as if they were asked separately, even though they were asked as part of a multi-part question. Due to the large number of written responses, only the top five were included in this section. The original question format as well as the complete list of responses can be found in the appendix.

36a. What should the statewide daily creel limit be for **bluegill**, or should there be no limit at all?
(n=753)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Limit	483	64.3%
No Opinion	145	19.3%
30	40	5.3%
20	27	3.6%
15	13	1.7%
10	9	1.2%
25	8	1.1%

36b. What should the statewide daily creel limit be for **blue catfish**, or should there be no limit at all? (n=747)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Limit	361	48.3%
No Opinion	227	30.4%
5	39	5.2%
10	34	4.6%
6	24	3.2%
15	12	1.6%
20	10	1.3%

36c. What should the statewide daily creel limit be for **channel catfish**, or should there be no limit at all? (n=749)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Limit	379	50.6%
No Opinion	203	27.1%
10	40	5.3%
5	36	4.8%
6	22	2.9%
20	14	1.9%
15	12	1.6%

36d. What should the statewide daily creel limit be for **flathead catfish**, or should there be no limit at all?

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Limit	354	47.4%
No Opinion	229	30.7%
5	48	6.4%
10	30	4.0%
6	17	2.3%
15	15	2.0%
2	9	1.2%

37. Would you support or oppose a 12 inch minimum size limit on channel catfish in all public lakes and reservoirs, except Kentucky and Barkley Lakes?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Support	454	59.5%
Oppose	110	14.4%
No Opinion	199	26.1%

Question 38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper and trophy size for each of the following fish species. Keeper size is the smallest size fish you would take home. Trophy size is the smallest size at which you would be proud to mount or have a replica made of a catch of that particular species. If you don't know, never fish for, or are not interested in a particular species, check "No opinion".

This question concerned angler attitudes regarding the minimum “keeper” and trophy sizes for a variety of species. In this analysis the responses were treated as if they were asked separately, even though they were asked as part of a multi-part question. Due to the large number of written responses, only the top five were included in this section. The original question format as well as the complete list of responses can be found in the appendix.

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **keeper** size for **largemouth bass**? (n=726)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	369	50.8%
12	135	18.6%
15	105	14.5%
14	36	5.0%
16	23	3.2%
18	16	2.2%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **trophy** size for **largemouth bass**? (n=658)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	369	56.1%
20	71	10.8%
24	47	7.1%
22	35	5.3%
25	24	3.6%
18	23	3.5%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **keeper** size for **smallmouth bass**? (n=721)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	414	57.4%
12	119	16.5%
15	68	9.4%
14	28	3.9%
10	19	2.6%
18	18	2.5%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **trophy** size for **smallmouth bass**? (n=666)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	414	62.2%
20	81	12.2%
18	33	5.0%
15	21	3.2%
24	19	2.9%
21	18	2.7%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **keeper** size for **Kentucky/spotted bass**? (n=721)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	504	69.9%
12	117	16.2%
10	29	4.0%
15	23	3.2%
14	17	2.4%
8	8	1.1%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **trophy** size for **Kentucky/spotted bass**? (n=674)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	504	74.8%
20	45	6.7%
18	40	5.9%
15	18	2.7%
16	13	1.9%
19	9	1.3%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **keeper** size for **crappie**? (n=726)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	414	57.0%
10	139	19.1%
9	50	6.9%
8	47	6.5%
12	30	4.1%
6	21	2.9%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **trophy** size for **crappie**? (n=648)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	414	63.9%
15	45	6.9%
18	44	6.8%
16	30	4.6%
14	24	3.7%
12	22	3.4%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **keeper** size for **rock bass**?

(n=722)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	608	84.2%
8	29	4.0%
10	18	2.5%
12	15	2.1%
6	14	1.9%
7	7	1.0%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **trophy** size for **rock bass**?
(n=689)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	608	88.2%
12	19	2.8%
15	12	1.7%
10	10	1.5%
14	8	1.2%
16	8	1.2%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **keeper** size for **bluegill**? (n=726)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	508	70.0%
6	76	10.5%
8	55	7.6%
5	24	3.3%
7	23	3.2%
9	10	1.4%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **trophy** size for **bluegill**? (n=674)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	508	75.4%
12	58	8.6%
10	50	7.4%
8	10	1.5%
14	8	1.2%
15	8	1.2%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **keeper** size for **redeer sunfish**?
(n=725)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	575	79.3%
8	46	6.3%
6	38	5.2%
10	16	2.2%
7	15	2.1%
5	9	1.2%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **trophy** size for **redeer sunfish**?
(n=691)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	575	83.2%
12	35	5.1%
10	21	3.0%
14	20	2.9%
15	10	1.4%
13	8	1.2%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **keeper** size for **striped bass**?
(n=722)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	570	78.9%
12	40	5.5%
15	39	5.4%
18	13	1.8%
16	10	1.4%
20	10	1.4%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **trophy** size for **striped bass**?
(n=681)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	570	83.7%
30	17	2.5%
25	15	2.2%
20	13	1.9%
18	10	1.5%
36	8	1.2%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **keeper** size for **hybrid striped bass**? (n=724)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	580	80.1%
12	41	5.7%
15	40	5.5%
16	11	1.5%
20	11	1.5%
18	9	1.2%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **trophy** size for **hybrid striped bass**? (n=688)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	580	80.1%
20	14	1.9%
24	13	1.8%
30	12	1.7%
25	11	1.5%
18	8	1.1%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **keeper** size for **white bass**?
(n=722)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	599	83.0%
12	46	6.4%
10	33	4.6%
15	9	1.2%
14	8	1.1%
8	6	0.8%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **trophy** size for **white bass**?
(n=690)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	599	86.8%
18	19	2.8%
15	16	2.3%
20	15	2.2%
16	10	1.4%
12	7	1.0%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **keeper** size for **walleye**? (n=727)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	592	81.4%
15	48	6.6%
12	31	4.3%
14	12	1.7%
16	10	1.4%
18	9	1.2%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **trophy** size for **walleye**? (n=699)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	592	84.7%
24	25	3.6%
20	16	2.3%
30	12	1.7%
25	11	1.6%
28	8	1.1%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **keeper** size for **sauger**? (n=727)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	632	86.9%
12	34	4.7%
10	14	1.9%
15	14	1.9%
14	10	1.4%
9	5	0.7%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **trophy** size for **sauger**? (n=707)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	632	89.4%
18	18	2.5%
20	18	2.5%
15	8	1.1%
24	7	1.0%
30	5	0.7%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **keeper** size for **muskellunge**?
(n=726)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	635	87.5%
30	30	4.1%
36	9	1.2%
12	7	1.0%
15	6	0.8%
20	5	0.7%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **trophy** size for **muskellunge**?
(n=710)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	635	89.4%
40	19	2.7%
50	8	1.1%
42	7	1.0%
36	6	0.8%
48	5	0.7%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **keeper** size for **brook trout**?
(n=729)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	654	89.7%
12	29	4.0%
10	13	1.8%
8	8	1.1%
15	6	0.8%
14	4	0.5%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **trophy** size for **brook trout**?
(n=704)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	654	92.9%
20	12	1.7%
15	11	1.6%
14	6	0.9%
18	5	0.7%
12	4	0.6%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **keeper** size for **brown trout**?
(n=729)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	647	88.8%
12	25	3.4%
10	15	2.1%
15	13	1.8%
8	5	0.7%
16	5	0.7%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **trophy** size for **brown trout**?
(n=702)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	647	92.2%
20	14	2.0%
24	9	1.3%
15	5	0.7%
16	5	0.7%
12	3	0.4%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **keeper** size for **rainbow trout**?
(n=719)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	618	86.0%
10	29	4.0%
12	28	3.9%
8	10	1.4%
15	10	1.4%
9	5	0.7%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **trophy** size for **rainbow trout**?
(n=692)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	618	89.3%
20	21	3.0%
24	14	2.0%
16	7	1.0%
15	6	0.9%
14	5	0.7%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **keeper** size for **blue catfish**?
(n=728)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	552	75.8%
12	81	11.1%
15	25	3.4%
20	15	2.1%
10	9	1.2%
18	9	1.2%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **trophy** size for **blue catfish**?
(n=660)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	552	83.6%
30	26	3.9%
36	13	2.0%
48	10	1.5%
24	6	0.9%
25	6	0.9%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **keeper** size for **channel catfish**?
(n=729)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	525	72.0%
12	108	14.8%
15	29	4.0%
14	11	1.5%
16	11	1.5%
10	10	1.4%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **trophy** size for **channel catfish**?
(n=650)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	525	80.8%
30	37	5.7%
20	11	1.7%
24	11	1.7%
36	11	1.7%
25	8	1.2%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **keeper** size for **flathead catfish**?
(n=729)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	553	75.9%
12	76	10.4%
15	24	3.3%
20	14	1.9%
16	11	1.5%
14	10	1.4%

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider **trophy** size for **flathead catfish**?
(n=664)

Response	Frequency	Percent
No Opinion	553	83.3%
30	28	4.2%
40	16	2.4%
36	11	1.7%
24	6	0.9%
48	6	0.9%

Question 39. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for each of the following types of fish. Please check “No Opinion” if you don’t know or do not fish for a particular species.

This question concerned angler attitudes regarding the quality of fishing for a variety of species. In this analysis the responses were treated as if they were asked separately, even though they were asked as part of a multi-part question. The original question format can be found in the appendix.

39a. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for **largemouth bass**. (n=754)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Poor	8	1.1%
Poor	32	4.2%
Fair	147	19.5%
Good	257	34.1%
Very Good	141	18.7%
No Opinion	169	22.4%

39b. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for **smallmouth bass**. (n=749)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Poor	9	1.2%
Poor	44	5.9%
Fair	178	23.8%
Good	220	29.4%
Very Good	91	12.1%
No Opinion	207	27.6%

39c. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for **crappie**. (n=754)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Poor	11	1.5%
Poor	27	3.6%
Fair	129	17.1%
Good	263	34.9%
Very Good	176	23.3%
No Opinion	148	19.6%

39d. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for **rock bass**. (n=739)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Poor	2	0.3%
Poor	36	4.9%
Fair	115	15.6%
Good	154	20.8%
Very Good	51	6.9%
No Opinion	381	51.6%

39e. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for **bluegill**. (n=754)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Poor	3	0.4%
Poor	8	1.1%
Fair	78	10.3%
Good	219	29.0%
Very Good	301	39.9%
No Opinion	145	19.2%

39f. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for **redear sunfish (shellcracker)**. (n=746)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Poor	4	0.5%
Poor	21	2.8%
Fair	112	15.0%
Good	175	23.5%
Very Good	120	16.1%
No Opinion	314	42.1%

39g. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for **striped bass**. (n=745)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Poor	5	0.7%
Poor	31	4.2%
Fair	128	17.2%
Good	152	20.4%
Very Good	69	9.3%
No Opinion	360	48.3%

39h. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for **hybrid striped or white bass**. (n=746)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Poor	8	1.1%
Poor	32	4.3%
Fair	118	15.8%
Good	156	20.9%
Very Good	60	8.0%
No Opinion	372	49.9%

39i. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for **walleye**. (n=750)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Poor	13	1.7%
Poor	83	11.1%
Fair	99	13.2%
Good	63	8.4%
Very Good	24	3.2%
No Opinion	468	62.4%

39j. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for **sauger**. (n=747)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Poor	13	1.7%
Poor	59	7.9%
Fair	86	11.5%
Good	63	8.4%
Very Good	17	2.3%
No Opinion	509	68.1%

39k. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for **muskellunge**. (n=746)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Poor	11	1.5%
Poor	43	5.8%
Fair	81	10.9%
Good	109	14.7%
Very Good	46	6.2%
No Opinion	453	61.0%

39l. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for **trout**. (n=743)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Poor	11	1.5%
Poor	43	5.8%
Fair	81	10.9%
Good	109	14.7%
Very Good	46	6.2%
No Opinion	453	61.0%

39m. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for **blue catfish**. (n=744)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Poor	3	0.4%
Poor	18	2.4%
Fair	101	13.6%
Good	201	27.0%
Very Good	101	13.6%
No Opinion	320	43.0%

39n. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for **channel catfish**. (n=750)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Poor	1	0.1%
Poor	10	1.3%
Fair	93	12.4%
Good	226	30.1%
Very Good	156	20.8%
No Opinion	264	35.2%

39o. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for **flathead catfish**. (n=748)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Poor	5	0.7%
Poor	20	2.7%
Fair	120	16.0%
Good	173	23.1%
Very Good	106	14.2%
No Opinion	324	43.3%

Question 40. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items in determining how often you fish in Kentucky.

This question concerned factors affecting how often anglers fish. In this analysis the responses were treated as if they were asked separately, even though they were asked as part of a multi-part question. The original question format can be found in the appendix as well as written responses.

40a. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Having fishing areas close to home (n=764)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	71	9.3%
Somewhat Unimportant	40	5.2%
Neutral	56	7.3%
Somewhat Important	173	22.6%
Very Important	421	55.1%

40b. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Having family or friends available to go fishing with me (n=759)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	67	8.8%
Somewhat Unimportant	58	7.6%
Neutral	92	12.1%
Somewhat Important	215	28.3%
Very Important	327	43.1%

40c. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Having fishing areas with few recreational boaters (n=759)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	56	7.4%
Somewhat Unimportant	75	9.9%
Neutral	155	20.4%
Somewhat Important	228	30.0%
Very Important	245	32.3%

40d. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Having free time to fish (n=750)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	68	9.1%
Somewhat Unimportant	27	3.6%
Neutral	65	8.7%
Somewhat Important	169	22.5%
Very Important	421	56.1%

40e. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Having fishing areas with regulations that are not complex (n=750)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	56	7.5%
Somewhat Unimportant	49	6.5%
Neutral	144	19.2%
Somewhat Important	201	26.8%
Very Important	300	40.0%

40f. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Having fishing areas with large fish (n=755)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	49	6.5%
Somewhat Unimportant	62	8.2%
Neutral	112	14.8%
Somewhat Important	260	34.4%
Very Important	272	36.0%

40g. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Having fishing areas with many fish (number of fish) (n=759)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	44	5.8%
Somewhat Unimportant	46	6.1%
Neutral	81	10.7%
Somewhat Important	262	34.5%
Very Important	326	43.0%

40h. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Having fishing areas with several kinds of fish (variety) (n=759)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	47	6.2%
Somewhat Unimportant	59	7.8%
Neutral	100	13.2%
Somewhat Important	277	36.5%
Very Important	276	36.4%

40i. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Having extra spending money for fishing license, equipment, and transportation (n=760)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	74	9.7%
Somewhat Unimportant	60	7.9%
Neutral	135	17.8%
Somewhat Important	170	22.4%
Very Important	321	42.2%

Other items that were important to anglers in deciding how often they fish were having clean water bodies to fish and having easily accessible bank and handicap fishing areas. Many other individual responses were written in and are included in the appendix.

Question 41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky.

This question concerned factors affecting where anglers decide to fish. In this analysis the responses were treated as if they were asked separately, even though they were asked as part of a multi-part question. The original question format can be found in the appendix as well as written responses.

41a. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Access for bank fishing (n=757)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	75	9.9%
Somewhat Unimportant	54	7.1%
Neutral	105	13.9%
Somewhat Important	166	21.9%
Very Important	357	47.2%

41b. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Boat ramp/access area (n=761)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	75	9.9%
Somewhat Unimportant	39	5.1%
Neutral	139	18.3%
Somewhat Important	179	23.5%
Very Important	329	43.2%

41c. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Fishing access for disabled anglers (n=755)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	74	9.8%
Somewhat Unimportant	36	4.8%
Neutral	180	23.8%
Somewhat Important	161	21.3%
Very Important	304	40.3%

41d. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Adequate parking at the area (n=758)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	55	7.3%
Somewhat Unimportant	45	5.9%
Neutral	89	11.7%
Somewhat Important	216	28.5%
Very Important	353	46.6%

41e. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Restroom facilities available (n=758)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	64	8.5%
Somewhat Unimportant	59	7.8%
Neutral	147	19.4%
Somewhat Important	204	27.0%
Very Important	282	37.3%

41f. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Campground facilities available (n=751)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	78	10.4%
Somewhat Unimportant	78	10.4%
Neutral	259	34.5%
Somewhat Important	184	24.5%
Very Important	152	20.2%

41g. Identify the importance or unimportance of: The area is clean (litter free) (n=759)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	50	6.6%
Somewhat Unimportant	24	3.2%
Neutral	54	7.1%
Somewhat Important	191	25.2%
Very Important	440	58.0%

41h. Identify the importance or unimportance of: The area is not crowded (n=757)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	34	4.5%
Somewhat Unimportant	34	4.5%
Neutral	88	11.6%
Somewhat Important	301	39.8%
Very Important	300	39.6%

41i. Identify the importance or unimportance of: The area is close to home (n=754)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	43	5.7%
Somewhat Unimportant	42	5.6%
Neutral	105	13.9%
Somewhat Important	281	37.3%
Very Important	283	37.5%

41j. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Familiarity with the area (n=755)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	37	4.9%
Somewhat Unimportant	48	6.4%
Neutral	138	18.3%
Somewhat Important	295	39.1%
Very Important	237	31.4%

41k. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Fish are stocked regularly (n=751)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	50	6.7%
Somewhat Unimportant	36	4.8%
Neutral	158	21.0%
Somewhat Important	221	29.4%
Very Important	286	38.1%

41l. Identify the importance or unimportance of: The area does not have a fish consumption advisory (n=755)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	56	7.4%
Somewhat Unimportant	46	6.1%
Neutral	233	30.9%
Somewhat Important	154	20.4%
Very Important	266	35.2%

41m. Identify the importance or unimportance of: The area does not have special restrictive regulations (n=751)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	57	7.6%
Somewhat Unimportant	60	8.0%
Neutral	270	36.0%
Somewhat Important	210	28.0%
Very Important	154	20.5%

41n. Identify the importance or unimportance of: The area has large fish (n=755)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	41	5.4%
Somewhat Unimportant	49	6.5%
Neutral	133	17.6%
Somewhat Important	283	37.5%
Very Important	249	33.0%

41o. Identify the importance or unimportance of: The area has many fish (number of fish)
(n=754)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	38	5.0%
Somewhat Unimportant	29	3.8%
Neutral	76	10.1%
Somewhat Important	290	38.5%
Very Important	321	42.6%

41p. Identify the importance or unimportance of: The area has many species (variety) (n=752)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	29	3.9%
Somewhat Unimportant	52	6.9%
Neutral	152	20.2%
Somewhat Important	277	36.8%
Very Important	242	32.2%

Other items that were important to anglers in deciding where they fish were security and lighting at ramps and more law enforcement. Many other individual responses were written in and are included in the appendix.

Question 42. Please indicate the best ways for KY Fish & Wildlife to communicate fishing information to you by rating the importance or unimportance of each of the following sources.

This question looks at how the agency provides information to the public. In this analysis the responses were treated as if they were asked separately, even though they were asked as part of a multi-part question. The original question format can be found in the appendix as well as written responses.

42a. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Kentucky Afield television show (n=753)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	65	8.6%
Somewhat Unimportant	41	5.4%
Neutral	193	25.6%
Somewhat Important	216	28.7%
Very Important	238	31.6%

42b. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Kentucky Afield magazine (n=748)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	55	7.4%
Somewhat Unimportant	53	7.1%
Neutral	206	27.5%
Somewhat Important	224	29.9%
Very Important	210	28.1%

42c. Identify the importance or unimportance of: KY Fish & Wildlife Fishing and Boating Guide (regulation booklet) (n=753)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	45	6.0%
Somewhat Unimportant	28	3.7%
Neutral	114	15.1%
Somewhat Important	178	23.6%
Very Important	388	51.5%

42d. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Other KY Fish & Wildlife pamphlets/publications (n=746)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	42	5.6%
Somewhat Unimportant	27	3.6%
Neutral	170	22.8%
Somewhat Important	259	34.7%
Very Important	248	33.2%

42e. Identify the importance or unimportance of: KY Fish & Wildlife website (n=752)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	54	7.2%
Somewhat Unimportant	31	4.1%
Neutral	167	22.2%
Somewhat Important	210	27.9%
Very Important	290	38.6%

42f. Identify the importance or unimportance of: KY Fish & Wildlife mobile website (n=750)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	61	8.1%
Somewhat Unimportant	36	4.8%
Neutral	267	35.6%
Somewhat Important	179	23.9%
Very Important	207	27.6%

42g. Identify the importance or unimportance of: KY Fish & Wildlife Facebook page (n=754)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	86	11.4%
Somewhat Unimportant	54	7.2%
Neutral	323	42.8%
Somewhat Important	149	19.8%
Very Important	142	18.8%

42h. Identify the importance or unimportance of: KY Fish & Wildlife Twitter feed (n=754)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	104	13.9%
Somewhat Unimportant	68	9.1%
Neutral	388	52.0%
Somewhat Important	106	14.2%
Very Important	80	10.7%

42i. Identify the importance or unimportance of: KY Fish & Wildlife Staff (n=748)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	50	6.7%
Somewhat Unimportant	34	4.5%
Neutral	234	31.3%
Somewhat Important	184	24.6%
Very Important	246	32.9%

42j. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Newspapers (n=749)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	53	7.1%
Somewhat Unimportant	48	6.4%
Neutral	279	37.2%
Somewhat Important	222	29.6%
Very Important	147	19.6%

42k. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Radio programs (n=747)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	64	8.6%
Somewhat Unimportant	56	7.5%
Neutral	327	43.8%
Somewhat Important	171	22.9%
Very Important	129	17.3%

42l. Identify the importance or unimportance of: Booths or displays at boat and outdoor shows
(n=752)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	58	7.7%
Somewhat Unimportant	47	6.3%
Neutral	231	30.7%
Somewhat Important	214	28.5%
Very Important	202	26.9%

Other ways that KY Fish & Wildlife could communicate fishing information were e-mails and mobile apps. Many other individual responses were written in and are included in the appendix.

Question 43. When you need to reference the Kentucky Fishing & Boating Guide (regulation booklet), what percentage of the time do you: Refer to the printed guide or Refer to an electronic copy downloaded from the KDFWR website or viewed online.

This question concerned the relative use by anglers of the printed guide and the online or electronic copy. In this analysis the responses were designed to add up to 100%. To simplify the responses, they were arranged into categories. The complete list of responses can be found in the appendix.

Paper	Electronic	Frequency	Percent
81%-100%	0%-20%	355	50.9%
61%-80%	21%-40%	74	10.6%
41%-60%		132	18.9%
21%-40%	61%-80%	30	4.3%
0%-20%	81%-100%	107	15.3%

Question 44. Please respond to each of the following statements regarding the Fisheries Division of KY Fish & Wildlife.

This question looks at general attitudes about how the agency performs its mission. In this analysis the responses were treated as if they were asked separately, even though they were

asked as part of a multi-part question. The original question format can be found in the appendix as well as written responses.

44a. The staff of the Fisheries Division provides knowledgeable service to their customers.
(n=753)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	9	1.2%
Somewhat Disagree	16	2.1%
Neutral	137	18.2%
Somewhat Agree	177	23.5%
Strongly Agree	278	36.9%
No Opinion	136	18.1%

44b. The Fisheries Division does a good job of making anglers aware of current fishing regulations and providing other fishing information. (n=751)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	14	1.9%
Somewhat Disagree	18	2.4%
Neutral	107	14.2%
Somewhat Agree	201	26.8%
Strongly Agree	314	41.8%
No Opinion	97	12.9%

44c. The Fisheries Division provides good solutions to fisheries problems. (n=751)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	19	2.5%
Somewhat Disagree	33	4.4%
Neutral	157	20.9%
Somewhat Agree	212	28.2%
Strongly Agree	200	26.6%
No Opinion	131	17.4%

44d. The Fisheries Division is responsive to the wants and needs of the angling public. (n=752)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	19	2.5%
Somewhat Disagree	33	4.4%
Neutral	157	20.9%
Somewhat Agree	212	28.2%
Strongly Agree	200	26.6%
No Opinion	131	17.4%

44e. The Fisheries Division is mostly unknown to me and I am unfamiliar with their programs.
(n=745)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	99	13.3%
Somewhat Disagree	96	12.9%
Neutral	180	24.2%
Somewhat Agree	136	18.3%
Strongly Agree	101	13.6%
No Opinion	133	17.9%

Question 45. What is your level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with the overall performance of the Fisheries Division of KY Fish & Wildlife? (n=761)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Satisfied	270	35.5%
Somewhat Satisfied	256	33.6%
Neutral	107	14.1%
Somewhat Dissatisfied	19	2.5%
Very Dissatisfied	6	0.8%
No Opinion	103	13.5%

Question 49. What is your marital status? (n=762)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Single, never married	93	12.2%
Married	571	74.9%
Separated or Divorced	74	9.7%
Widowed	24	3.1%

Question 50. What is your gender? (n=763)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Male	614	80.5%
Female	149	19.5%

Question 51. What is your age?

Age	Frequency	Percent
16-20	22	2.9%
21-30	53	6.9%
31-40	97	12.7%
41-50	128	16.8%
51-60	195	25.6%
61-70	189	24.8%
71-80	67	8.8%
81-90	12	1.6%

Comparisons of angler profile of respondents from the 1982, 1991, 2003 and 2015 Kentucky Angler Attitude surveys.

	1982 KY Survey (%)	1991 KY Survey (%)	2003 KY Survey (%)	2015 KY Survey (%)
Percent Male	81.5	82.2	80.4	80.5
Age				
under 24	21.0	8.6	7.0	4.7
25-34	31.2	22.8	15.9	8.8
35-44	19.9	30.3	20.0	15.2
45-54	14.7	22.3	25.2	19.5
55-64	13.0	12.8	18.5	25.4
65 and Over	0.1	3.2	13.4	26.5
Mean Age (years)	36.3	41.2	47.2	52.9

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Figure 1. Press release distributed to media outlets prior to the implementation of the 2015 Kentucky Angler Attitude Survey.

Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources News

**Jan. 13, 2015
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Contact: Lee McClellan
1-800-858-1549, ext. 4443**

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife to survey anglers across the state

FRANKFORT, Ky. – The fisheries division of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is conducting a survey to assess angler attitudes, opinions and fishing habits.

A random sample of 1,800 resident anglers who purchased an annual fishing license in 2014 will receive a survey booklet in the mail. The fisheries division mailed surveys Jan. 12.

“Even if fishing isn’t particularly important to them or they are not experienced anglers, we still want their opinion,” said Dave Dreves, fisheries research biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. “For this survey to accurately represent all persons fishing in Kentucky, it is vitally important for each angler who receives a survey to complete it.”

Anglers will be asked the types of areas they fish, species pursued, fishing frequency and their motivations. The survey also includes questions about their beliefs concerning policies and regulations of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Responses from survey participants will help guide the future direction of fisheries programs.

Dreves encourages those who receive a survey to fill it out completely and return it to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife with the envelope provided as soon as possible.

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The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources manages, regulates, enforces and promotes responsible use of all fish and wildlife species, their habitats, public wildlife areas and waterways for the benefit of those resources and for public enjoyment. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife is an agency of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet. For more information on the department, visit our website at fw.ky.gov.

Figure 2. First letter sent to recipients of the 2015 Kentucky Angler Attitude Survey notifying them of the impending mail out of the questionnaire.

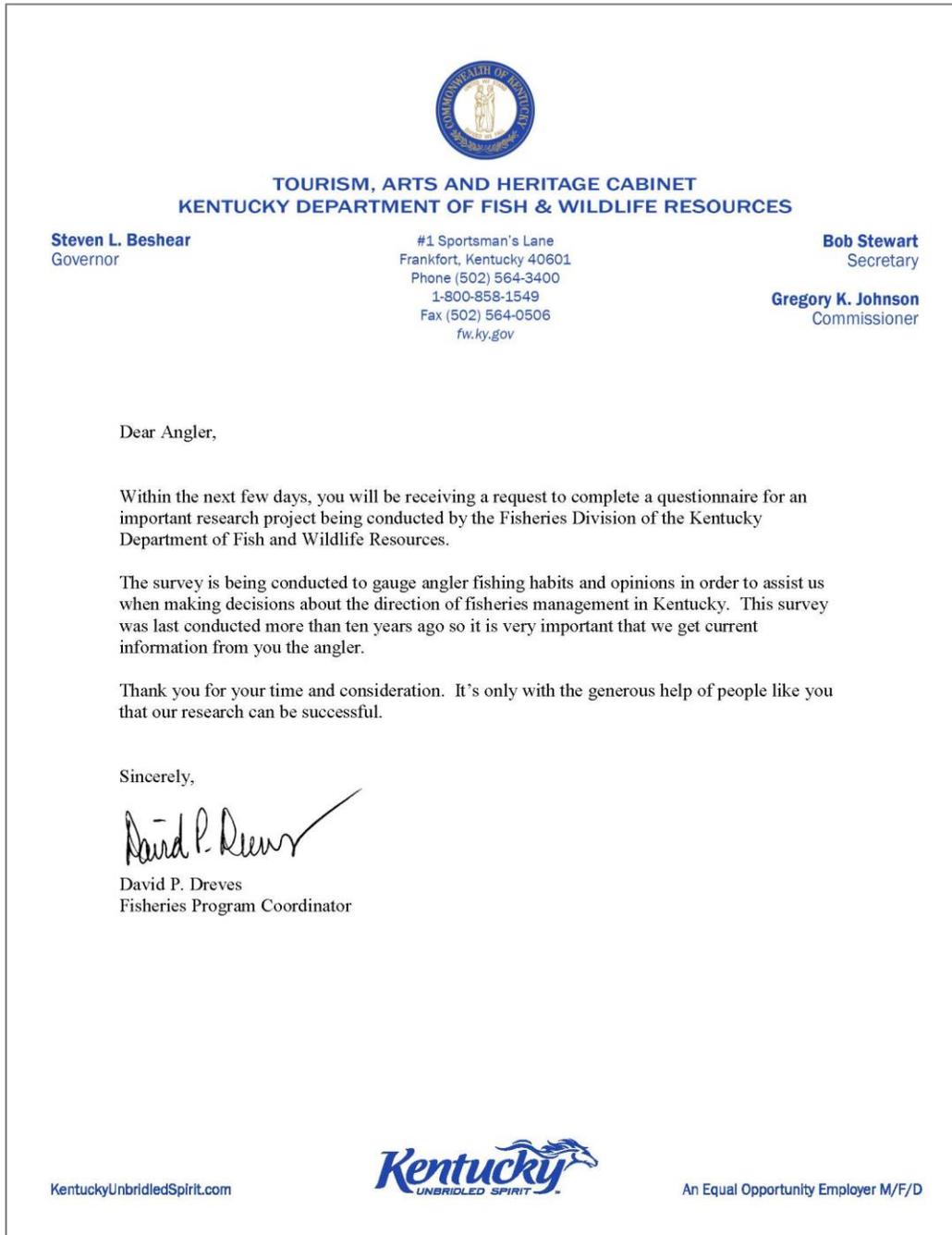


Figure 3. Cover letter included with the initial mailing of the 2003 Kentucky Angler Attitude Survey.

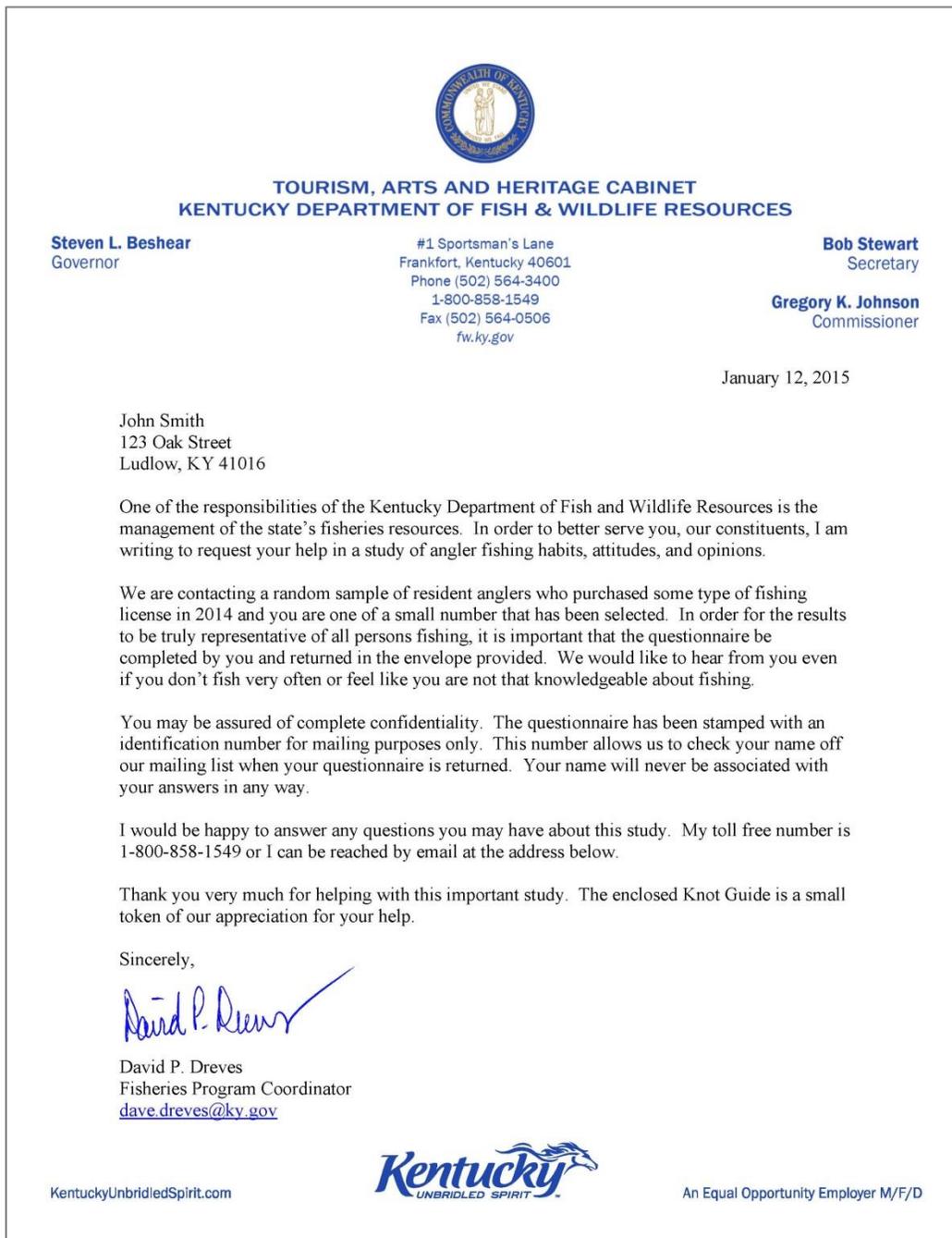


Figure 4. Thank you / reminder postcard sent to the 2015 Kentucky Angler Attitude Survey recipients one week following first mail out of questionnaire.

Last week, a questionnaire seeking your opinions about fishing in Kentucky was mailed to you. Your name was randomly drawn from a list of all people who purchased some type of fishing license in 2014.

If you have already completed and returned the questionnaire to us, please accept our sincere thanks. If not, please do so today. We are especially grateful for your help because your response helps determine the future direction of the fisheries management program in Kentucky.

If you did not receive a questionnaire, or if it was misplaced, please call us at 1-800-858-1549 and we will get another one in the mail to you today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David P. Dreves", with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

David P. Dreves
Fisheries Program Coordinator
Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
1 Sportsman's Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601

Figure 5. Cover letter included with the second follow-up mailing of the questionnaire to previous non-respondents in the 2015 Kentucky Angler Attitude Survey.

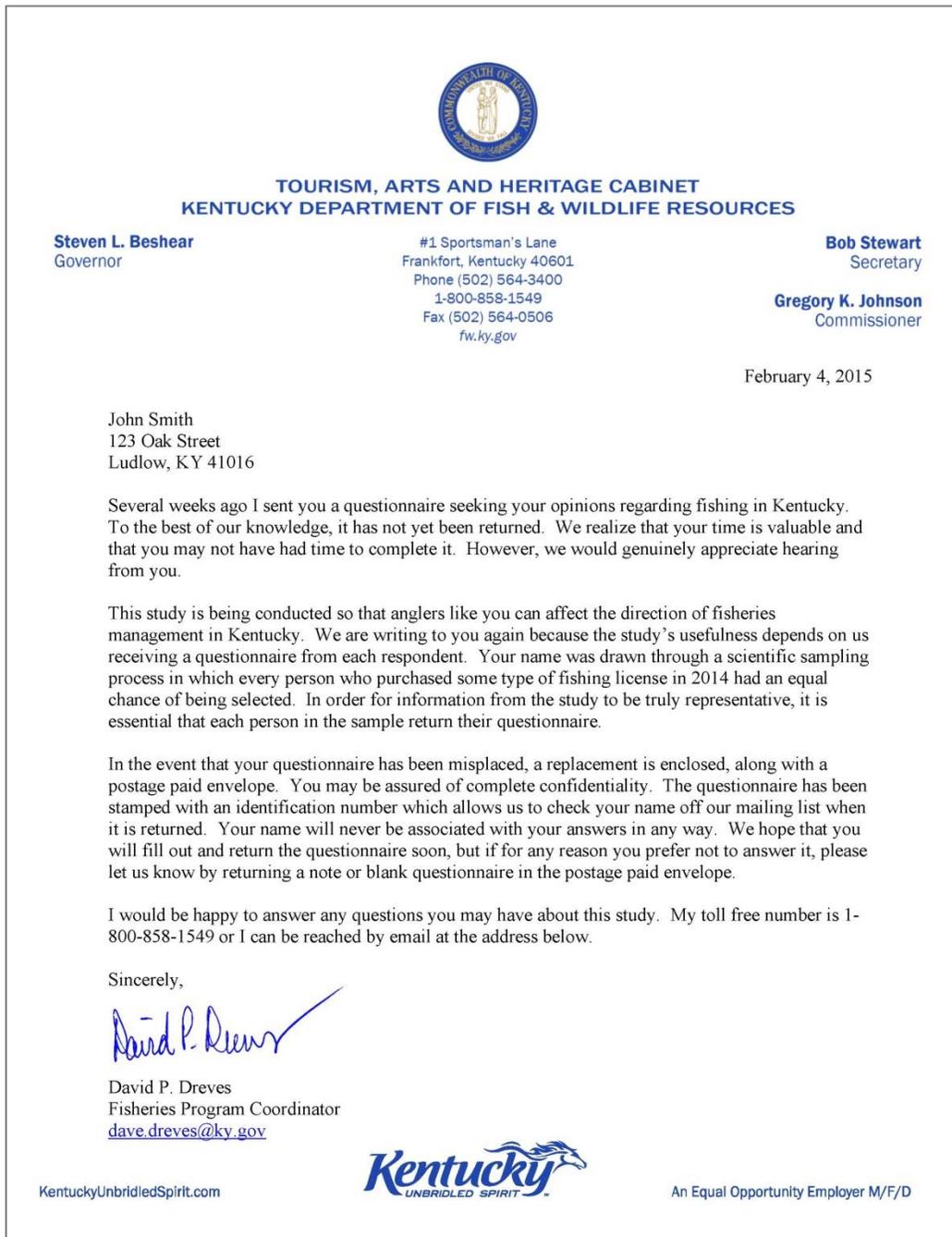
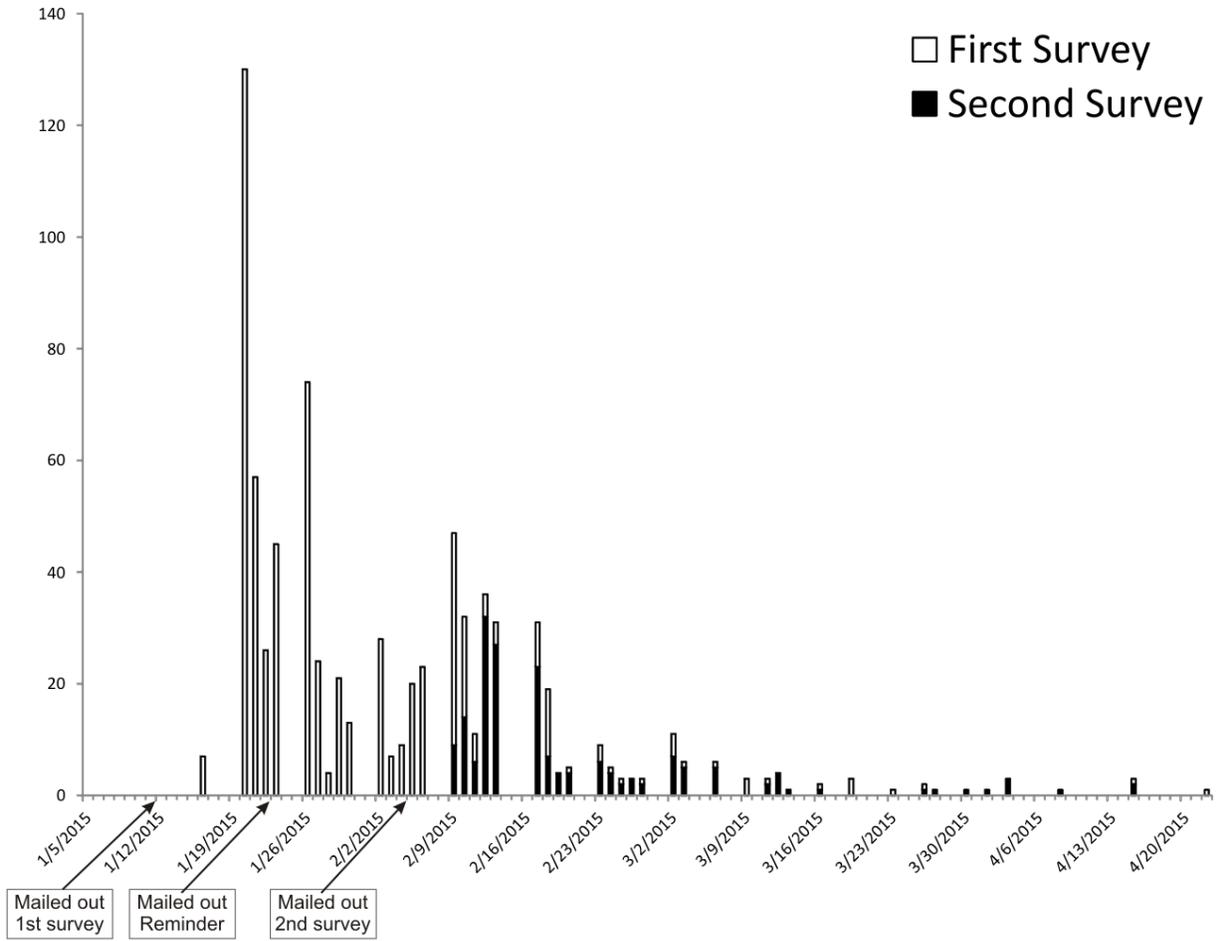


Figure 6. Frequency by date of the number of completed questionnaires returned for the 2015 Kentucky Angler Attitude Survey through April 22, 2015.



Appendix A. Final version of 2015 angler attitude survey. The survey was printed as a booklet with a page size of 7 by 8.5 inches.

KENTUCKY FISHING ATTITUDES AND OPINIONS



2015 ANGLER SURVEY

Please return your completed questionnaire
in the enclosed envelope to:

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

1 Sportsman's Ln



Frankfort, KY

1. At what age did you begin fishing?

_____ years old

2. How would you classify yourself as an angler? (Check only one)

- Beginner (new to fishing; still not very knowledgeable)
- Novice (been fishing at least five times, but still learning each time out)
- Intermediate (been fishing many times, but pick up new skills occasionally)
- Advanced (have a lot of fishing experience; others seek my advice)
- Expert (decades of fishing experience; I am a recognized authority)

3. If you could pick only one, which was most responsible for you becoming involved in fishing? Please check only one response.

- a) Grandparent
- b) Parent
- c) Other family member
- d) Boyfriend, girlfriend, or spouse
- e) Friend
- f) KY Fish & Wildlife Conservation Camp
- g) Public fishing event at a lake or pond
- h) Fishing seminars at a boat/fishing show
- i) TV/radio shows about fishing
- j) Books about fishing
- k) Magazine articles about fishing
- l) Newspaper articles about fishing
- m) Websites about fishing
- n) Other (please specify) _____

4. If you could pick only one response from the list in the previous question, which was most responsible for teaching you about fishing?

Please write the letter of the appropriate response from the previous list. _____

5. If you have at least one child less than 16 years of age in your household, have you introduced them to fishing?

- No
 Yes
 I don't currently have any children less than 16 years of age in my household

6. Did you take a child, adult family member, or friend fishing in the last 12 months who had never fished before or who had not fished in a long time?

- No
 Yes  How many people? _____

7. What was your single most important reason for fishing in 2014? Please check only one response.

- For the sport
 To catch fresh fish for food
 To be with family and friends
 For relaxation
 To catch large fish
 To be close to nature
 Don't know
 Other (please specify) _____

8. Do you own any of the following types of watercraft that you use for fishing?

I own the following watercraft. (Please check any that apply)

- float tube/inflatable drift boat
- canoe, kayak or other boat used without a motor
- boat powered only with an electric motor
- boat powered by outboard motor that is 10 horsepower or less
- boat powered by outboard motor that is greater than 10 horsepower

- I do not own any of the above watercraft

9. Please estimate the number of days you spent fishing in Kentucky in the last 12 months.

_____ days

- Did not fish in Kentucky in the last 12 months → Skip to Question 19

10. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing in each of the following ways? Your best estimate is fine, but the answers should total 100%.

- a) From a canoe, kayak, johnboat, inflatable, etc. used without a motor. ____%
- b) From a boat powered only with an electric motor ____%
- c) From a boat powered by a gas motor that is 10 horsepower or less ____%
- d) From a boat powered by a gas motor that is greater than 10 horsepower ____%
- e) From the bank or wading ____%

Total = 100%

11. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent at each of the following types of water. Your best estimate is fine, but the answers should total 100%.

- a) Large lakes or reservoirs (over 500 acres) ____%
- b) Small public lakes (less than 500 acres) ____%
- c) Rivers and streams ____%
- d) Tailwaters (below lakes and reservoirs). ____%
- e) Private lakes and ponds (besides pay lakes) ____%
- f) Pay lakes ____%

Total = 100%

12. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months you spent in each of the four seasons. Your best estimate is fine, but the answers should total 100%.

- Spring (March through May) ____%
- Summer (June through August) ____%
- Fall (September through November) ____%
- Winter (December through February) ____%

Total = 100%

13. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months you fished with each of the following types of sport fishing gear. Your best estimate is fine, but the answers should total 100%.

- Casting with artificial lures ____%
- Still fishing with live or natural baits. ____%
- Fly fishing ____%
- Trolling. ____%

Total = 100%

14. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing for any of the following types of fish. Your best estimate is fine, but the answers should total 100%.

- a) Black bass (largemouth, smallmouth, spotted or Kentucky) ____%
- b) Panfish (bluegill, sunfish, rock bass) ____%
- c) Crappie ____%
- d) Striped bass (rockfish) ____%
- e) White bass or hybrid striped bass ____%
- f) Walleye, sauger, or saugeye ____%
- g) Muskellunge ____%
- h) Trout ____%
- i) Catfish ____%
- j) Any kind of fish (no preference) ____%
- k) Other (please list) _____ ____%
- _____ ____%
- _____ ____%

Total = 100%

15. Have you fished in any of the following types of fishing tournaments in Kentucky in the last 12 months?

- | | Yes | No |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) Bass tournament | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Catfish tournament | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Crappie tournament | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Muskie tournament | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Walleye tournament | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Kayak tournament | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g) Other tournament (please specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

16. Please indicate whether you participated in each of the following types of fishing activities in Kentucky during the past 12 months.

- | | Yes | No |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) Bowfishing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Turtle fishing..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Frog gigging | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Fish gigging | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Paddlefish (spoonbill catfish) snagging | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Snagging of any other kinds of fish..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g) Trotline fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h) Limbline fishing (line tied to tree limb on bank) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i) Jug fishing (line tied to floating jug) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| j) Grabbing rough fish by hand (“tickling” or “noodling”)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| k) Underwater spearfishing..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| l) Commercial fishing (fish caught and sold for profit) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

17. Check the box below which best describes the percentage of legal fish you kept in the last 12 months. Legal fish are defined as fish you catch that are within the size limit and below your creel limit for the area you are fishing.

- I kept all or almost all → Skip to Question 19
 - I kept about 25%
 - I kept about 50%
 - I kept about 75%
 - I did not keep any or kept a very small percentage
- ↓ Continue to Question 18

18. When you didn't keep the legal fish you caught in the last 12 months, what is the single most important reason why?

- The fish were too small to clean in my opinion
- I don't like to eat fish
- I don't want to go to the trouble to clean them
- I am concerned about fish contaminants
- I feel that releasing the fish gives me or another person a chance to catch it again
- Other _____

19. On average, about how many meals of fish caught from Kentucky waters did you eat in the last 12 months? (Check one)

- I did not eat any meals of fish caught from Kentucky waters in the last 12 months
- About 6 meals per year or less
- About 1 meal per month
- About 2 meals per month
- About 1 meal per week
- More than 1 meal per week

20. Check the type of Kentucky fishing license you purchased in 2014.

- Annual fishing license
- Combination hunting and fishing license
- Senior/disabled hunting and fishing license
- Sportsman's license
- Joint husband and wife fishing license

21. Did you purchase some type of Kentucky fishing license in the two years previous to 2014?

	Yes	No
2012	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2013	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you purchased some type of Kentucky fishing license every year from 2012 through 2014, please skip to Question 23.

22. Please check the single most important reason why didn't you purchase a Kentucky fishing license in 2012 and/or 2013?

- Fishing license is too expensive
- I didn't have enough time to fish
- I didn't have a fishing partner
- Nobody invited me to go fishing
- I was more active in other forms of recreation
- I was physically unable to fish due to health-related issues
- Fishing isn't as good as it used to be
- Poor spring weather conditions
- Regulations are too confusing
- Poor public bank fishing access
- Fish contamination has made fish unsafe to eat
- I didn't have access to a boat
- I didn't live in Kentucky in both 2012 and 2013
- Other (please specify) _____

23. Did you purchase a Kentucky trout permit in 2014? Check only one response.

- No
- Yes
- It was included in my license purchase (Sportsman's or Senior/disabled)

24. During the past three years, would you say the number of days per year that you fished in Kentucky has: (Check only one)

- Decreased greatly
- Decreased
- Stayed about the same
- Increased
- Increased greatly

25. During the past three years, would you say your leisure time has: (Check only one)

- Decreased greatly
- Decreased
- Stayed about the same
- Increased
- Increased greatly

26. Have you been checked by a KY Fish & Wildlife conservation officer (game warden) while fishing in the past 12 months?

No

Yes

27. Were you aware that KY Fish & Wildlife does not receive any state tax dollars?

No

Yes

28. The Federal Aid in Sportfish Restoration Act (also called the Dingle-Johnson Act) is a federal government program which uses money received from excise taxes on fishing equipment, fish finders, motorboat fuels, small engine fuels, and import duties and provides that money back to state agencies for sport fish management, fish stocking, boating access, and aquatic education. Each state's share of this federal money varies annually as it is based on their number of fishing licenses sold and their land area. Choose the best response below that reflects your knowledge prior to reading this question.

I have been aware of this program and understand how it works.

I have been aware KDFWR receives federal monies, but do not know how.

I have not been aware that KDFWR receives federal monies.

29. KY Fish & Wildlife places stake beds, Christmas trees, pallets, and various other types of fish attractors in both small state-owned lakes and large Corps of Engineers reservoirs. Before reading this question, were you aware of this program?

No

Yes

30. Were you aware that aerial lake maps and GPS coordinates of these fish attractors can be found on the KY Fish & Wildlife website?

No

Yes

31. If you have fished any of the KY Fish & Wildlife fish attractors, do you think fishing these areas has improved your catch rates?

No

Yes

I have not fished around KY Fish & Wildlife fish attractors

32. KY Fish & Wildlife provides free on-site technical guidance to private farm pond owners on request and as time allows. Please check the one statement below that best reflects your opinion.

Keep the on-site technical guidance program as a free service

Charge a fee for on-site technical guidance

Eliminate the on-site technical guidance program

No opinion

33. KY Fish & Wildlife's Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINS) Program is designed to create quality fishing opportunities in lakes near cities of all sizes around the state through regular stockings and more intensive management. Prior to receiving this survey, were you aware of the FINS program?

No

Yes

35. The following species of fish currently have a statewide daily creel limit (how many fish a person may legally keep each day). Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit (listed in parentheses below) is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all? Mark only one answer on each line that best reflects your opinion. If you don't know, never fish for, or are not interested in a particular species, check "No opinion".

Fish Species or Group	Keep Current Creel Limit	Lower	Higher	No Limit	No Opinion
a) Black bass (largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, Kentucky (spotted) bass, Coosa bass)	<input type="checkbox"/> (6 fish)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Crappie	<input type="checkbox"/> (30 fish)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Rock bass	<input type="checkbox"/> (15 fish)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Redear sunfish (shellcracker)	<input type="checkbox"/> (20 fish)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Striped bass	<input type="checkbox"/> (5 fish)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) White bass and hybrid striped bass	<input type="checkbox"/> (15 fish, 5 over 15")	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Yellow bass	<input type="checkbox"/> (30 fish)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Walleye, sauger, and saugeye	<input type="checkbox"/> (6 fish)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Muskellunge	<input type="checkbox"/> (1 fish)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) Chain Pickerel	<input type="checkbox"/> (5 fish)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k) Rainbow trout	<input type="checkbox"/> (8 fish)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l) Brown trout	<input type="checkbox"/> (3 fish)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

36. The following species of fish do not currently have a statewide daily creel limit. If you think there should be a statewide creel limit for any species then write in the number of fish each person should be allowed to keep each day, or check "No limit" if you think that should remain. If you don't know, never fish for, or are not interested in a particular species, check "No opinion".

Fish Species	The daily limit should be	No Limit	No Opinion
a) Bluegill	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Blue Catfish	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Channel Catfish	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Flathead Catfish	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

37. Would you support or oppose a 12 inch minimum size limit on channel catfish in all public lakes and reservoirs, except Kentucky and Barkley Lakes?

- Support
- Oppose
- No opinion

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper and trophy size for each of the following fish species. Keeper size is the smallest size fish you would take home. Trophy size is the smallest size at which you would be proud to mount or have a replica made of a catch of that particular species. If you don't know, never fish for, or are not interested in a particular species, check "No opinion".

	Keeper	Trophy	No Opinion
a) Largemouth bass	_____ inches	_____ inches	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Smallmouth bass	_____ inches	_____ inches	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Kentucky (spotted) bass	_____ inches	_____ inches	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Crappie	_____ inches	_____ inches	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Rock bass	_____ inches	_____ inches	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Bluegill	_____ inches	_____ inches	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Redear sunfish (shellcracker)	_____ inches	_____ inches	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Striped bass	_____ inches	_____ inches	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Hybrid striped bass	_____ inches	_____ inches	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) White bass	_____ inches	_____ inches	<input type="checkbox"/>
k) Walleye	_____ inches	_____ inches	<input type="checkbox"/>
l) Sauger	_____ inches	_____ inches	<input type="checkbox"/>
m) Muskellunge	_____ inches	_____ inches	<input type="checkbox"/>
n) Brook trout	_____ inches	_____ inches	<input type="checkbox"/>
o) Brown trout	_____ inches	_____ inches	<input type="checkbox"/>
p) Rainbow trout	_____ inches	_____ inches	<input type="checkbox"/>
q) Blue catfish	_____ inches	_____ inches	<input type="checkbox"/>
r) Channel catfish	_____ inches	_____ inches	<input type="checkbox"/>
s) Flathead catfish	_____ inches	_____ inches	<input type="checkbox"/>

40. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items in determining how often you fish in Kentucky.

	Very Unimportant	Somewhat Unimportant	Neutral	Somewhat Important	Very Important
a) Having fishing areas close to home	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b) Family or friends are available to go fishing with me	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c) Having fishing areas with few recreational boaters	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d) Having free time to fish.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
e) Having fishing areas with regulations that are not complex.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
f) Having fishing areas with large fish	<input type="checkbox"/>				
g) Having fishing areas with many fish (number of fish)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
h) Having fishing areas with several kinds of fish (variety).	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I) Having extra spending money for fishing license, equipment, and transportation.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
j) Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>				

41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky.

	Very Unimportant	Somewhat Unimportant	Neutral	Somewhat Important	Very Important
a) Access for bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b) Boat ramp/access area	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c) Fishing access for disabled anglers	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d) Adequate parking at the area	<input type="checkbox"/>				
e) Restroom facilities available	<input type="checkbox"/>				
f) Campground facilities available.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
g) The area is clean (litter free)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
h) The area is not crowded	<input type="checkbox"/>				
i) The area is close to home.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
j) Familiarity with the area	<input type="checkbox"/>				
k) Fish are stocked regularly	<input type="checkbox"/>				
l) The area does not have a fish consumption advisory	<input type="checkbox"/>				
m) The area does not have special restrictive regulations	<input type="checkbox"/>				
n) The area has large fish	<input type="checkbox"/>				
o) The area has many fish (number of fish)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
p) The area has many species (variety)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
q) Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>				

42. Please indicate the best ways for KY Fish & Wildlife to communicate fishing information to you by rating the importance or unimportance of each of the following sources.

	Very Unimportant	Somewhat Unimportant	Neutral	Somewhat Important	Very Important
a) Kentucky Afield television show	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b) Kentucky Afield magazine	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c) KY Fish & Wildlife Fishing and Boating Guide (regulation booklet)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d) Other KY Fish & Wildlife pamphlets/publications .	<input type="checkbox"/>				
e) KY Fish & Wildlife website	<input type="checkbox"/>				
f) KY Fish & Wildlife mobile website	<input type="checkbox"/>				
g) KY Fish & Wildlife Facebook page	<input type="checkbox"/>				
h) KY Fish & Wildlife Twitter feed	<input type="checkbox"/>				
i) KY Fish & Wildlife staff	<input type="checkbox"/>				
j) Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/>				
k) Radio programs	<input type="checkbox"/>				
l) Booths or displays at boat and outdoor shows.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
m) Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>				

43. When you need to reference the Kentucky Fishing & Boating Guide (regulation booklet), what percentage of the time do you:

Refer to the printed guide _____%

Refer to an electronic copy downloaded from the KDFWR website or
viewed online _____%

Total = 100%

44. Please respond to each of the following statements regarding the Fisheries Division of KY Fish & Wildlife.

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	No Opinion
a) The staff of the Fisheries Division provides knowledgeable service to their customers	<input type="checkbox"/>					
b) The Fisheries Division does a good job of making anglers aware of current fishing regulations and providing other fishing information.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
c) The Fisheries Division provides good solutions to fisheries problems	<input type="checkbox"/>					
d) The Fisheries Division is responsive to the wants and needs of the angling public	<input type="checkbox"/>					
e) The Fisheries Division is mostly unknown to me and I am unfamiliar with their programs	<input type="checkbox"/>					

45. What is your level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with the overall performance of the Fisheries Division of KY Fish & Wildlife.

- Very Satisfied
- Somewhat Satisfied
- Neutral
- Somewhat Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied
- No Opinion

46. Finally, we would like to ask you a little about yourself. In what county is your permanent residence?

_____ County

47. Which of the following best describes the area where you now live?

- A city or urban area of 500,000 or more people
- A city or urban area of 100,000 to 499,999 people
- A city of 50,000 to 99,999 people
- A city of 10,000 to 49,999 people
- A city or community of less than 10,000 people

48. What is the highest level of formal education you have completed?

- Some high school or less
- High school diploma/GED
- Vocational or technical degree
- Some college, no degree
- Associates degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Post-graduate degree

49. What is your marital status?

- Single, never married
- Married
- Separated or Divorced
- Widowed

50. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

51. What is your age?

_____ years old

52. Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic/Latino?

No

Yes

53. What is your race? Mark one or more to describe yourself.

Asian

Black or African American

White/Caucasian

Native American or Alaska Native

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Other (Please specify) _____

54. Which of the following broad categories best describes your annual total household income?

Less than \$10,000

\$10,000 – \$19,999

\$20,000 – \$29,999

\$30,000 – \$39,999

\$40,000 – \$49,999

\$50,000 – \$59,999

\$60,000 – \$69,999

\$70,000 – \$79,999

\$80,000 – \$89,999

\$90,000 – \$99,999

\$100,000 or more

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY!

Your contribution to this effort is very much appreciated. The responses you have given during this survey will help guide us in our fisheries management decisions for years to come. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about angling in Kentucky?

COMMENTS _____

Please return your completed questionnaire in the postage paid envelope provided to:

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
1 Sportsman's Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601

Results of this survey will be available by Fall 2015 on the KDFWR website at (fw.ky.gov).
If you have questions regarding this survey, please contact Dave Dreves at the above address,
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Appendix B. Compiled responses for all questions.

1. At what age did you begin fishing?

Response	Frequency	Percent
1	1	0.1%
2	14	1.9%
3	37	5.1%
4	47	6.5%
5	131	18.0%
6	92	12.6%
7	45	6.2%
8	75	10.3%
9	26	3.6%
10	99	13.6%
11	8	1.1%
12	42	5.8%
13	10	1.4%
14	9	1.2%
15	11	1.5%
16	13	1.8%
17	2	0.3%
18	7	1.0%
20	8	1.1%
21	1	0.1%
22	2	0.3%
23	1	0.1%
24	2	0.3%
25	1	0.1%
28	3	0.4%
29	1	0.1%
30	3	0.4%
33	1	0.1%
35	1	0.1%
36	1	0.1%
38	1	0.1%
39	1	0.1%

1. Continued.

Response	Frequency	Percent	
	40	2	0.3%
	43	2	0.3%
	44	1	0.1%
	45	1	0.1%
	46	1	0.1%
	47	1	0.1%
	49	1	0.1%
	50	5	0.7%
	52	2	0.3%
	53	1	0.1%
	56	1	0.1%
	59	3	0.4%
	61	2	0.3%
	62	2	0.3%
	64	1	0.1%
	65	2	0.3%
	68	1	0.1%
	71	1	0.1%
	72	1	0.1%
	73	1	0.1%
Total		728	
No Response		52	

2. How would you classify yourself as an angler?

Category	Frequency	Percent
Beginner	30	3.9%
Novice	59	7.7%
Intermediate	458	60.0%
Advanced	202	26.5%
Expert	14	1.8%
Total	763	
Error	2	
No Response	15	

3. If you could pick only one, which was most responsible for you becoming involved in fishing

Response	Frequency	Percent
Grandparent	99	13.1%
Parent	406	53.8%
Other family member	98	13.0%
Boyfriend, girlfriend, or spouse	40	5.3%
Friend	85	11.3%
KY Fish & Wildlife Conservation Camp	2	0.3%
Public fishing event at a lake or pond	3	0.4%
Fishing seminars at a boat/fishing show	2	0.3%
TV/radio shows about fishing	5	0.7%
Magazine articles about fishing	2	0.3%
A special desire after a 23 year military career	1	0.1%
Hobby/Leisure	1	0.1%
Just went	1	0.1%
Learning an important life skill	1	0.1%
More Time	1	0.1%
self	6	0.8%
Wanted to eat fish	2	0.3%
Total	755	
No Response	25	

4. If you could pick only one response from the list in the previous question, which was most responsible for teaching you about fishing?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Grandparent	74	10.1%
Parent	326	44.4%
Other family member	96	13.1%
Boyfriend, girlfriend, or spouse	51	6.9%
Friend	123	16.7%
KY Fish & Wildlife Conservation Camp	7	1.0%
Public fishing event at a lake or pond	4	0.5%
Fishing seminars at a boat/fishing show	1	0.1%
TV/radio shows about fishing	10	1.4%
Books about fishing	6	0.8%
Magazine articles about fishing	21	2.9%
Newspaper articles about fishing	1	0.1%
Websites about fishing	2	0.3%
Other	13	1.8%
Total	735	
Error	11	
No Response	34	

5. If you have at least one child less than 16 years of age in your household, have you introduced them to fishing?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Yes	267	34.9%	89.6%
No	31	4.1%	10.4%
No children	467	61.0%	
Total	765	100.0%	
No Response	15		

6. Did you take a child, adult family member, or friend fishing in the last 12 months who had never fished before or who had not fished in a long time?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	462	60.5%
No	302	39.5%
Total	764	
No Response	16	

6. Did you take a child, adult family member... How many people?

Response	Frequency	Percent
1	132	29.0%
2	153	33.6%
3	87	19.1%
4	41	9.0%
5	10	2.2%
6	11	2.4%
7	3	0.7%
8	6	1.3%
9	1	0.2%
10	10	2.2%
20	1	0.2%
Total	455	
No Response	325	

7. What was your single most important reason for fishing in 2014?

Response	Frequency	Percent
For the sport	134	17.9%
To catch fresh fish for food	123	16.5%
To be with family and friends	169	22.6%
For relaxation	203	27.2%
To catch large fish	19	2.5%
To be close to nature	56	7.5%
Did not fish in 2014	18	2.4%
Don't know	5	0.7%
All of the above	3	0.4%
For fun	3	0.4%
Sport and food	2	0.3%
To introduce family members to fishing	2	0.3%
Catch fish and be with friends	1	0.1%
For relaxation in nature and to eat	1	0.1%
It is the greatest mental therapy	1	0.1%
Just love to fish	1	0.1%
Only fished once	1	0.1%
sport, food, family & friends, relaxation	1	0.1%
Sport/Food/Relaxation	1	0.1%
Top three answers above	1	0.1%
Tournaments	1	0.1%
Went camping with grandkids at Dix River	1	0.1%
Total	747	
Error	21	
No Response	12	

8. Do you own any of the following types of watercraft that you use for fishing?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
float tube/inflatable drift boat	25	3.2%	4.3%
canoe, kayak or other boat used without a motor	125	16.0%	21.3%
boat powered only with an electric motor	91	11.7%	15.5%
boat powered by outboard motor that is 10 hp or less	60	7.7%	10.2%
boat powered by outboard motor that is greater than 10 hp	287	36.8%	48.8%
I do not own any of the above watercraft	329	42.2%	

9. Please estimate the number of days you spent fishing in Kentucky in the last 12 months

Response	Frequency	Percent
1	17	2.2%
2	36	4.7%
3	38	4.9%
4	24	3.1%
5	40	5.2%
6	21	2.7%
7	10	1.3%
8	21	2.7%
9	1	0.1%
10	83	10.8%
12	30	3.9%
13	1	0.1%
14	10	1.3%
15	29	3.8%
16	2	0.3%
17	5	0.7%
18	4	0.5%
20	95	12.4%
21	2	0.3%
23	1	0.1%
24	4	0.5%
25	20	2.6%
27	1	0.1%
28	1	0.1%
30	61	7.9%
32	1	0.1%
35	9	1.2%
40	20	2.6%
45	14	1.8%
50	30	3.9%
52	2	0.3%
55	1	0.1%
57	1	0.1%
60	21	2.7%
65	4	0.5%
70	3	0.4%
75	4	0.5%
80	1	0.1%
90	2	0.3%
100	17	2.2%

9. Continued

Response	Frequency	Percent
	102	1 0.1%
	104	1 0.1%
	106	1 0.1%
	110	1 0.1%
	120	5 0.7%
	125	1 0.1%
	130	1 0.1%
	140	1 0.1%
	150	4 0.5%
	160	1 0.1%
	170	1 0.1%
	175	2 0.3%
	180	3 0.4%
	182	1 0.1%
	190	1 0.1%
	200	4 0.5%
	210	1 0.1%
	215	1 0.1%
	265	1 0.1%
Did not fish in Kentucky in the last 12 months	49	6.4%
Total	768	
Error	1	
No Response	11	

10. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing from a canoe, kayak, johnboat, inflatable, etc. used without a motor.

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	591	83.9%
1	1	0.1%
2	2	0.3%
4	1	0.1%
5	16	2.3%
7	1	0.1%
10	27	3.8%
11	1	0.1%
15	4	0.6%
20	14	2.0%
25	8	1.1%
30	4	0.6%
35	2	0.3%
40	3	0.4%
50	14	2.0%
60	5	0.7%
70	1	0.1%
75	1	0.1%
80	1	0.1%
95	1	0.1%
100	6	0.9%
Total	704	
No Response	76	

10. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing from a boat powered only with an electric motor.

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	598	84.9%
1	1	0.1%
2	1	0.1%
3	1	0.1%
5	11	1.6%
10	24	3.4%
11	1	0.1%
15	2	0.3%
20	11	1.6%
22	1	0.1%
25	6	0.9%
30	4	0.6%
38	1	0.1%
40	4	0.6%
44	1	0.1%
47	1	0.1%
50	15	2.1%
60	2	0.3%
67	1	0.1%
70	1	0.1%
75	1	0.1%
80	2	0.3%
89	1	0.1%
90	4	0.6%
95	3	0.4%
100	6	0.9%
Total	704	
No Response	76	

10. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing from a boat powered by a gas motor that is 10 hp or less.

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	632	89.8%
5	7	1.0%
10	14	2.0%
15	3	0.4%
20	9	1.3%
25	5	0.7%
30	2	0.3%
40	4	0.6%
43	1	0.1%
45	1	0.1%
50	9	1.3%
60	2	0.3%
70	1	0.1%
75	1	0.1%
80	2	0.3%
90	2	0.3%
100	9	1.3%
Total	704	
No Response	76	

10. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing from a boat powered by a gas motor that is greater than 10 hp.

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	343	48.7%
1	3	0.4%
2	1	0.1%
5	9	1.3%
10	29	4.1%
11	1	0.1%
15	5	0.7%
20	17	2.4%
25	10	1.4%
30	14	2.0%
33	2	0.3%
39	1	0.1%
40	6	0.9%
44	2	0.3%
45	1	0.1%
50	34	4.8%
53	1	0.1%
55	1	0.1%
57	1	0.1%
60	11	1.6%
65	2	0.3%
70	9	1.3%
75	18	2.6%
80	20	2.8%
85	2	0.3%
90	41	5.8%
94	1	0.1%
95	11	1.6%
98	4	0.6%
99	4	0.6%
100	100	14.2%
Total	704	
No Response	76	

10. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing from the bank or wading.

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	151	21.4%
1	4	0.6%
2	3	0.4%
5	23	3.3%
8	1	0.1%
10	51	7.2%
11	1	0.1%
12	2	0.3%
15	4	0.6%
20	25	3.6%
25	19	2.7%
30	12	1.7%
35	1	0.1%
39	1	0.1%
40	18	2.6%
43	1	0.1%
45	3	0.4%
50	53	7.5%
60	9	1.3%
67	2	0.3%
70	15	2.1%
75	9	1.3%
80	24	3.4%
85	2	0.3%
90	32	4.5%
95	8	1.1%
96	1	0.1%
97	1	0.1%
98	2	0.3%
99	3	0.4%
100	223	31.7%
Total	704	
No Response	76	

11. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent at Large lakes or reservoirs (over 500 acres).

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	281	39.7%
1	6	0.8%
5	9	1.3%
8	1	0.1%
10	36	5.1%
11	1	0.1%
12	1	0.1%
15	5	0.7%
20	24	3.4%
25	15	2.1%
28	1	0.1%
30	16	2.3%
40	11	1.6%
43	1	0.1%
45	3	0.4%
48	1	0.1%
50	51	7.2%
58	1	0.1%
60	15	2.1%
65	2	0.3%
70	14	2.0%
75	16	2.3%
80	25	3.5%
84	1	0.1%
85	5	0.7%
89	1	0.1%
90	27	3.8%
95	10	1.4%
98	4	0.6%
100	124	17.5%
Total	708	
No Response	72	

11. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent at Small public lakes (less than 500 acres).

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	425	60.0%
1	1	0.1%
2	1	0.1%
3	1	0.1%
5	18	2.5%
8	2	0.3%
10	36	5.1%
11	1	0.1%
15	9	1.3%
20	29	4.1%
21	1	0.1%
25	17	2.4%
30	20	2.8%
35	1	0.1%
39	1	0.1%
40	13	1.8%
47	1	0.1%
50	50	7.1%
60	4	0.6%
65	1	0.1%
70	6	0.8%
75	4	0.6%
80	4	0.6%
85	1	0.1%
89	1	0.1%
90	13	1.8%
95	2	0.3%
99	1	0.1%
100	44	6.2%
Total	708	
No Response	72	

11. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent at Rivers and streams.

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	397	56.1%
1	3	0.4%
5	14	2.0%
8	2	0.3%
9	3	0.4%
10	58	8.2%
15	9	1.3%
17	1	0.1%
20	28	4.0%
25	29	4.1%
29	1	0.1%
30	18	2.5%
35	1	0.1%
40	11	1.6%
50	47	6.6%
53	1	0.1%
60	7	1.0%
70	6	0.8%
75	8	1.1%
79	1	0.1%
80	14	2.0%
83	1	0.1%
90	11	1.6%
95	3	0.4%
100	34	4.8%
Total	708	
No Response	72	

11. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent at Tailwaters (below lakes and reservoirs).

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	611	86.3%
1	1	0.1%
5	17	2.4%
8	1	0.1%
9	1	0.1%
10	27	3.8%
15	9	1.3%
20	9	1.3%
25	5	0.7%
30	5	0.7%
33	1	0.1%
40	1	0.1%
50	8	1.1%
60	3	0.4%
70	1	0.1%
75	1	0.1%
80	2	0.3%
90	1	0.1%
100	4	0.6%
Total	708	
No Response	72	

11. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent at Private lakes and ponds (besides pay lakes).

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	386	54.5%
2	3	0.4%
4	2	0.3%
5	31	4.4%
6	1	0.1%
8	1	0.1%
9	1	0.1%
10	62	8.8%
15	3	0.4%
18	1	0.1%
20	25	3.5%
25	22	3.1%
30	17	2.4%
35	2	0.3%
40	13	1.8%
48	1	0.1%
49	1	0.1%
50	37	5.2%
57	1	0.1%
60	8	1.1%
65	1	0.1%
70	5	0.7%
71	1	0.1%
75	4	0.6%
80	7	1.0%
85	3	0.4%
89	1	0.1%
90	17	2.4%
95	3	0.4%
99	2	0.3%
100	46	6.5%
Total	708	
No Response	72	

11. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent at Pay lakes.

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	642	90.7%
1	2	0.3%
2	3	0.4%
4	1	0.1%
5	8	1.1%
6	1	0.1%
10	19	2.7%
15	1	0.1%
20	8	1.1%
25	5	0.7%
30	5	0.7%
40	1	0.1%
50	2	0.3%
60	1	0.1%
70	1	0.1%
80	3	0.4%
95	1	0.1%
100	4	0.6%
Total	708	
No Response	72	

12. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months you spent in Spring (March through May).

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	112	15.8%
1	2	0.3%
2	1	0.1%
5	4	0.6%
10	38	5.4%
15	8	1.1%
17	2	0.3%
20	53	7.5%
24	2	0.3%
25	75	10.6%
27	1	0.1%
30	75	10.6%
33	9	1.3%
34	3	0.4%
35	7	1.0%
37	1	0.1%
38	1	0.1%
40	52	7.3%
45	5	0.7%
50	155	21.9%
55	1	0.1%
60	22	3.1%
65	2	0.3%
70	13	1.8%
75	19	2.7%
80	11	1.6%
90	4	0.6%
95	1	0.1%
99	1	0.1%
100	28	4.0%
Total	708	
No Response	72	

12. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months you spent in Summer (June through August).

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	68	9.6%
1	1	0.1%
5	3	0.4%
10	26	3.7%
15	3	0.4%
20	44	6.2%
25	49	6.9%
30	57	8.1%
33	10	1.4%
34	2	0.3%
35	2	0.3%
38	1	0.1%
39	1	0.1%
40	51	7.2%
44	1	0.1%
45	4	0.6%
48	2	0.3%
50	171	24.2%
55	2	0.3%
60	36	5.1%
63	1	0.1%
64	1	0.1%
65	1	0.1%
66	1	0.1%
70	21	3.0%
75	20	2.8%
80	32	4.5%
83	1	0.1%
85	2	0.3%
90	12	1.7%
95	1	0.1%
98	2	0.3%
99	1	0.1%
100	78	11.0%
Total	708	
No Response	72	

12. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months you spent in Fall (September through November).

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	283	40.0%
1	1	0.1%
5	13	1.8%
9	2	0.3%
10	70	9.9%
12	2	0.3%
15	19	2.7%
17	1	0.1%
19	1	0.1%
20	74	10.5%
23	1	0.1%
25	89	12.6%
29	1	0.1%
30	61	8.6%
33	6	0.8%
34	6	0.8%
35	7	1.0%
40	24	3.4%
45	3	0.4%
50	34	4.8%
60	2	0.3%
70	3	0.4%
100	5	0.7%
Total	708	
No Response	72	

12. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months you spent in Winter (December through February).

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	595	84.0%
1	4	0.6%
5	17	2.4%
7	1	0.1%
9	2	0.3%
10	41	5.8%
15	2	0.3%
20	10	1.4%
25	24	3.4%
30	4	0.6%
35	1	0.1%
45	1	0.1%
50	3	0.4%
70	1	0.1%
100	2	0.3%
Total	708	
No Response	72	

13. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months you fished with each of the following types of sport fishing gear. Casting with artificial lures.

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	148	21.0%
1	1	0.1%
2	3	0.4%
5	10	1.4%
10	46	6.5%
12	1	0.1%
15	5	0.7%
20	22	3.1%
25	33	4.7%
30	23	3.3%
33	2	0.3%
35	3	0.4%
38	1	0.1%
40	24	3.4%
45	1	0.1%
47	1	0.1%
49	1	0.1%
50	142	20.1%
55	1	0.1%
58	1	0.1%
60	22	3.1%
65	3	0.4%
70	18	2.6%
75	31	4.4%
78	1	0.1%
80	28	4.0%
85	7	1.0%
88	1	0.1%
90	35	5.0%
93	1	0.1%
95	14	2.0%
98	1	0.1%
99	3	0.4%
100	71	10.1%
Total	705	
No Response	75	

13. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months you fished with each of the following types of sport fishing gear. Still fishing with live or natural baits.

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	98	13.9%
1	3	0.4%
2	1	0.1%
3	1	0.1%
4	1	0.1%
5	18	2.6%
7	1	0.1%
10	44	6.2%
15	5	0.7%
20	38	5.4%
25	40	5.7%
30	14	2.0%
34	1	0.1%
35	2	0.3%
40	17	2.4%
44	1	0.1%
45	4	0.6%
50	142	20.1%
53	1	0.1%
55	1	0.1%
60	18	2.6%
65	3	0.4%
67	2	0.3%
70	17	2.4%
75	26	3.7%
79	1	0.1%
80	19	2.7%
88	1	0.1%
89	1	0.1%
90	38	5.4%
95	10	1.4%
98	3	0.4%
99	1	0.1%
100	132	18.7%
Total	705	
No Response	75	

13. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months you fished with each of the following types of sport fishing gear. Fly fishing.

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	657	93.2%
1	1	0.1%
2	1	0.1%
5	4	0.6%
7	1	0.1%
9	1	0.1%
10	13	1.8%
15	2	0.3%
20	6	0.9%
25	6	0.9%
30	2	0.3%
40	3	0.4%
50	3	0.4%
80	2	0.3%
90	1	0.1%
100	2	0.3%
Total	705	
No Response	75	

13. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months you fished with each of the following types of sport fishing gear. Trolling.

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	585	83.0%
1	4	0.6%
2	2	0.3%
5	14	2.0%
9	1	0.1%
10	37	5.2%
15	6	0.9%
20	13	1.8%
25	15	2.1%
30	5	0.7%
35	1	0.1%
40	4	0.6%
45	1	0.1%
50	9	1.3%
65	1	0.1%
75	2	0.3%
80	2	0.3%
95	1	0.1%
100	2	0.3%
Total	705	
No Response	75	

14. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing for any of the following types of fish. Black bass (largemouth, smallmouth, spotted or Kentucky).

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	286	40.5%
1	1	0.1%
2	2	0.3%
3	1	0.1%
4	2	0.3%
5	17	2.4%
10	43	6.1%
11	1	0.1%
15	6	0.8%
20	46	6.5%
21	1	0.1%
25	34	4.8%
28	1	0.1%
30	30	4.2%
31	1	0.1%
33	2	0.3%
34	2	0.3%
35	3	0.4%
40	25	3.5%
45	6	0.8%
46	2	0.3%
50	47	6.7%
60	13	1.8%
65	3	0.4%
67	1	0.1%
70	21	3.0%
72	1	0.1%
75	18	2.5%
76	1	0.1%
80	22	3.1%
85	4	0.6%
90	17	2.4%
95	13	1.8%
98	2	0.3%
100	31	4.4%
Total	706	
No Response	74	

14. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing for any of the following types of fish. Panfish (bluegill, sunfish, rock bass).

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	333	47.2%
1	1	0.1%
2	2	0.3%
3	1	0.1%
5	30	4.2%
9	2	0.3%
10	83	11.8%
12	1	0.1%
15	16	2.3%
16	1	0.1%
17	1	0.1%
18	1	0.1%
20	51	7.2%
22	1	0.1%
24	1	0.1%
25	38	5.4%
27	1	0.1%
28	1	0.1%
30	19	2.7%
33	3	0.4%
34	1	0.1%
35	2	0.3%
40	24	3.4%
45	1	0.1%
50	43	6.1%
60	10	1.4%
65	1	0.1%
70	5	0.7%
75	5	0.7%
80	8	1.1%
85	1	0.1%
90	5	0.7%
99	1	0.1%
100	12	1.7%
Total	706	
No Response	74	

14. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing for any of the following types of fish. Crappie.

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	344	48.7%
1	1	0.1%
2	3	0.4%
3	2	0.3%
4	1	0.1%
5	42	5.9%
9	2	0.3%
10	71	10.1%
13	1	0.1%
14	1	0.1%
15	12	1.7%
20	46	6.5%
22	1	0.1%
25	36	5.1%
28	1	0.1%
30	28	4.0%
33	1	0.1%
34	2	0.3%
35	2	0.3%
39	1	0.1%
40	12	1.7%
45	2	0.3%
50	40	5.7%
60	9	1.3%
65	1	0.1%
70	8	1.1%
71	1	0.1%
75	4	0.6%
76	1	0.1%
80	9	1.3%
85	1	0.1%
90	6	0.8%
95	2	0.3%
100	12	1.7%
Total	706	
No Response	74	

14. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing for any of the following types of fish. Striped bass (rockfish).

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	628	89.0%
1	2	0.3%
2	1	0.1%
4	1	0.1%
5	12	1.7%
6	1	0.1%
9	1	0.1%
10	35	5.0%
11	1	0.1%
14	1	0.1%
15	3	0.4%
20	7	1.0%
25	6	0.8%
30	1	0.1%
35	1	0.1%
40	2	0.3%
50	2	0.3%
96	1	0.1%
Total	706	
No Response	74	

14. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing for any of the following types of fish. White bass or hybrid striped bass.

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	618	87.5%
2	1	0.1%
3	1	0.1%
4	1	0.1%
5	19	2.7%
6	1	0.1%
10	28	4.0%
11	1	0.1%
15	2	0.3%
18	1	0.1%
20	9	1.3%
25	5	0.7%
30	3	0.4%
33	1	0.1%
40	2	0.3%
50	10	1.4%
60	1	0.1%
75	1	0.1%
100	1	0.1%
Total	706	
No Response	74	

14. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing for any of the following types of fish. Walleye, sauger, or saugeye.

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	651	92.2%
1	2	0.3%
5	14	2.0%
6	1	0.1%
10	15	2.1%
11	1	0.1%
12	1	0.1%
14	1	0.1%
15	3	0.4%
20	8	1.1%
25	2	0.3%
30	2	0.3%
50	3	0.4%
80	1	0.1%
100	1	0.1%
Total	706	
No Response	74	

14. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing for any of the following types of fish. Muskellunge.

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	683	96.7%
1	2	0.3%
5	6	0.8%
10	8	1.1%
15	1	0.1%
20	2	0.3%
25	1	0.1%
30	1	0.1%
40	2	0.3%
Total	706	
No Response	74	

14. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing for any of the following types of fish. Trout.

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	633	89.7%
1	2	0.3%
2	3	0.4%
5	9	1.3%
9	1	0.1%
10	20	2.8%
12	2	0.3%
15	1	0.1%
20	11	1.6%
25	7	1.0%
30	4	0.6%
33	1	0.1%
35	1	0.1%
40	1	0.1%
50	4	0.6%
60	1	0.1%
80	2	0.3%
100	3	0.4%
Total	706	
No Response	74	

14. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing for any of the following types of fish. Catfish.

Response	Frequency	Percent	
	0	365	51.7%
	2	1	0.1%
	4	1	0.1%
	5	26	3.7%
	6	1	0.1%
	9	1	0.1%
	10	68	9.6%
	11	1	0.1%
	14	1	0.1%
	15	8	1.1%
	16	1	0.1%
	18	2	0.3%
	20	36	5.1%
	25	35	5.0%
	30	20	2.8%
	33	3	0.4%
	35	2	0.3%
	40	18	2.5%
	45	1	0.1%
	46	1	0.1%
	47	1	0.1%
	50	53	7.5%
	52	1	0.1%
	53	1	0.1%
	56	1	0.1%
	60	9	1.3%
	67	1	0.1%
	70	3	0.4%
	75	10	1.4%
	80	11	1.6%
	85	2	0.3%
	90	8	1.1%
	95	1	0.1%
	97	1	0.1%
	100	11	1.6%
Total		706	
No Response		74	

14. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing for any of the following types of fish. Any kind of fish (no preference).

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	514	72.8%
1	1	0.1%
5	7	1.0%
6	1	0.1%
9	1	0.1%
10	28	4.0%
14	1	0.1%
15	4	0.6%
20	12	1.7%
23	1	0.1%
24	1	0.1%
25	13	1.8%
30	6	0.8%
40	5	0.7%
50	16	2.3%
60	2	0.3%
70	1	0.1%
75	1	0.1%
80	4	0.6%
90	3	0.4%
95	1	0.1%
100	83	11.8%
Total	706	
No Response	74	

14. Please estimate what percentage of your total Kentucky fishing time over the past 12 months was spent fishing for any of the following types of fish. Other (please list).

Response	Frequency	Percent
Carp	2	50.0%
Paddlefish	1	25.0%
white sucker, carp	1	25.0%
Total	4	

15. Have you fished in any of the following types of fishing tournaments in Kentucky in the last 12 months?

Tournament Type	Frequency	Percent
Bass tournament	50	6.4%
Catfish tournament	11	1.4%
Crappie tournament	3	0.4%
Muskie tournament	0	0.0%
Walleye tournament	0	0.0%
Kayak tournament	0	0.0%
Bluegill	1	0.1%
Kids at church	1	0.1%
Pleasure	1	0.1%
Private tournament	1	0.1%

16. Please indicate whether you participated in each of the following types of fishing activities in Kentucky during the past 12 months.

Activity Type	Frequency	Percent
Bowfishing	40	5.1%
Turtle fishing	47	6.0%
Frog gigging	112	14.4%
Fish gigging	11	1.4%
Paddlefish (spoonbill catfish) snagging	13	1.7%
Snagging of any other kinds of fish	15	1.9%
Trotline fishing	58	7.4%
Limblime fishing (line tied to tree limb on bank)	69	8.8%
Jug fishing (line tied to floating jug)	106	13.6%
Grabbing rough fish by hand ("tickling" or "noodling")	12	1.5%
Underwater spearfishing	1	0.1%
Commercial fishing (fish caught and sold for profit)	1	0.1%

17. Check the box below which best describes the percentage of legal fish you kept in the last 12 months.

Response	Frequency	Percent
I kept all or almost all	126	18.1%
I kept about 75%	67	9.6%
I kept about 50%	81	11.6%
I kept about 25%	108	15.5%
I did not keep any or kept a very small percentage	316	45.3%
Total	698	
Error	1	
No Response	81	

18. When you didn't keep the legal fish you caught in the last 12 months, what is the single most important reason why?

Response	Frequency	Percent
The fish were too small to clean in my opinion	112	20.0%
I don't like to eat fish	11	2.0%
I don't want to go to the trouble to clean them	43	7.7%
I am concerned about fish contaminants	14	2.5%
I feel that releasing the fish gives me or another person a chance to catch it again	338	60.4%
Did not catch enough for a meal	8	1.4%
Didn't catch any fish	3	0.5%
Don't keep largemouth bass	5	0.9%
enjoy catching and putting back, don't have knowledge how to clean them	1	0.2%
Fish for sport only	5	0.9%
Fishing with grandchildren, they did not want to keep	1	0.2%
Gave to other people	2	0.4%
Had already caught limit	2	0.4%
I didn't want to kill them	3	0.5%
I like fresh-caught fish not frozen	1	0.2%
Just enjoy killing them	1	0.2%
Lakes keep what we need, Ohio River release everything because of contamination	1	0.2%
most came from family owned lake	1	0.2%
No bucket	1	0.2%
None	1	0.2%
Only keep big fish to put in own pond	2	0.4%
Released all but catfish	1	0.2%
size below legal length	1	0.2%
staying in hotel no way to eat	1	0.2%
wasn't what I was fishing for	1	0.2%
Total	560	
Error	13	
No Response	207	

19. On average, about how many meals of fish caught from Kentucky waters did you eat in the last 12 months?

Response	Frequency	Percent
I did not eat any meals of fish caught from Kentucky waters	250	32.6%
About 6 meals per year or less	316	41.2%
About 1 meal per month	82	10.7%
About 2 meals per month	88	11.5%
About 1 meal per week	24	3.1%
More than 1 meal per week	7	0.9%
Total	767	
Error	2	
No Response	11	

20. Check the type of Kentucky fishing license you purchased in 2014.

License Type	Frequency	Percent
Annual fishing license	245	31.9%
Combination hunting and fishing license	124	16.1%
Senior/disabled hunting and fishing license	230	29.9%
Sportsman's license	100	13.0%
Joint husband and wife fishing license	69	9.0%
Total	768	
Error	3	
No Response	9	

21. Did you purchase some type of Kentucky fishing license in 2012?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	672	87.3%
No	98	12.7%
Total	770	
No Response	10	

21. Did you purchase some type of Kentucky fishing license in 2013?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	670	89.7%
No	77	10.3%
Total	747	100.0%
No Response	33	

22. Please check the single most important reason why didn't you purchase a Kentucky fishing license in 2012 and/or 2013?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Fishing license is too expensive	4	4.3%
I didn't have enough time to fish	38	41.3%
I didn't have a fishing partner	3	3.3%
Nobody invited me to go fishing	4	4.3%
I was more active in other forms of recreation	15	16.3%
I was physically unable to fish due to health-related issues	9	9.8%
Fishing isn't as good as it used to be	3	3.3%
Poor spring weather conditions	0	0.0%
Regulations are too confusing	1	1.1%
Poor public bank fishing access	3	3.3%
Fish contamination has made fish unsafe to eat	0	0.0%
I didn't have access to a boat	0	0.0%
I didn't live in Kentucky in both 2012 and 2013	7	7.6%
Had not been a hobby before	1	1.1%
I usually fish in Tennessee	1	1.1%
Was under age 16	3	3.3%
Total	92	
Error	1	
No Response	687	

23. Did you purchase a Kentucky trout permit in 2014?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	61	8.0%
No	534	70.1%
It was included in my license purchase	167	21.9%
Total	762	100.0%
Error	2	
No Response	16	

24. During the past three years, would you say the number of days per year that you fished in Kentucky has:

Response	Frequency	Percent
Decreased greatly	77	10.0%
Decreased	169	21.9%
Stayed about the same	374	48.6%
Increased	131	17.0%
Increased greatly	19	2.5%
Total	770	
Error	1	
No Response	9	

25. During the past three years, would you say your leisure time has:

Response	Frequency	Percent
Decreased greatly	73	9.5%
Decreased	193	25.0%
Stayed about the same	372	48.2%
Increased	105	13.6%
Increased greatly	29	3.8%
Total	772	
Error	1	
No Response	7	

26. Have you been checked by a KY Fish & Wildlife conservation officer (game warden) while fishing in the past 12 months?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	202	26.1%
No	572	73.9%
Total	774	
No Response	6	

27. Were you aware that KY Fish & Wildlife does not receive any state tax dollars?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	288	37.3%
No	484	62.7%
Total	772	
No Response	8	

28. Choose the best response below that reflects your knowledge of the Federal Aid in Sportfish Restoration Act prior to reading this question.

Response	Frequency	Percent
I have been aware of this program and understand how it works.	140	18.1%
I have been aware KDFWR receives federal monies, but do not know how.	193	25.0%
I have not been aware that KDFWR receives federal monies.	436	56.4%
Total	773	
Error	4	
No Response	7	

29. Before reading this question, were you aware of the fish attractors program?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	514	66.5%
No	259	33.5%
Total	773	
No Response	7	

30. Were you aware that aerial lake maps and GPS coordinates of these fish attractors can be found on the KY Fish & Wildlife website?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	268	34.7%
No	505	65.3%
Total	773	
No Response	7	

31. If you have fished any of the KY Fish & Wildlife fish attractors, do you think fishing these areas has improved your catch rates?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Yes	196	25.4%	71.3%
No	79	10.2%	28.7%
I have not fished around KY Fish & Wildlife fish attractors	496	64.3%	
Total	771		
No Response	9		

32. Please check the one statement that best reflects your opinion of the Technical Guidance program.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Keep the on-site technical guidance program as a free service	374	48.8%	83.3%
Charge a fee for on-site technical guidance	66	8.6%	14.7%
Eliminate the on-site technical guidance program	9	1.2%	2.0%
No opinion	317	41.4%	
Total	766		
Error	1		
No Response	13		

33. Prior to receiving this survey, were you aware of the FINS program?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	285	37.0%
No	486	63.0%
Total	771	
No Response	9	

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Increasing opportunities for catching large fish.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	54	7.1%	7.4%
Somewhat Unimportant	55	7.2%	7.5%
Neutral	114	15.0%	15.6%
Somewhat Important	195	25.6%	26.7%
Very Important	313	41.1%	42.8%
No Opinion	31	4.1%	
Total	762		
Error	4		
No Response	14		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Increasing opportunities for catching lots of fish

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	48	6.3%	6.5%
Somewhat Unimportant	43	5.7%	5.9%
Neutral	106	13.9%	14.5%
Somewhat Important	217	28.6%	29.6%
Very Important	319	42.0%	43.5%
No Opinion	27	3.6%	
Total	760		
Error	6		
No Response	14		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Increasing opportunities for catching native or wild fish

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	47	6.2%	6.8%
Somewhat Unimportant	44	5.8%	6.3%
Neutral	150	19.8%	21.6%
Somewhat Important	184	24.3%	26.6%
Very Important	268	35.4%	38.7%
No Opinion	63	8.3%	
Total	756		
Error	5		
No Response	19		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Increasing opportunities for catch and release fishing.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	55	7.3%	7.8%
Somewhat Unimportant	49	6.5%	6.9%
Neutral	149	19.8%	21.0%
Somewhat Important	169	22.4%	23.9%
Very Important	286	38.0%	40.4%
No Opinion	45	6.0%	
Total	753		
Error	4		
No Response	23		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Buying or leasing land along high quality streams to protect stream banks and ensure fisherman access.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	47	6.2%	6.7%
Somewhat Unimportant	57	7.5%	8.1%
Neutral	131	17.2%	18.7%
Somewhat Important	167	22.0%	23.8%
Very Important	299	39.3%	42.7%
No Opinion	59	7.8%	
Total	760		
Error	3		
No Response	17		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Increasing public access for fishing from bank or shoreline.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	56	7.4%	7.7%
Somewhat Unimportant	44	5.8%	6.0%
Neutral	94	12.4%	12.9%
Somewhat Important	160	21.1%	22.0%
Very Important	374	49.3%	51.4%
No Opinion	30	4.0%	
Total	758		
Error	7		
No Response	15		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Increasing fishing opportunities in urban areas.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	53	7.0%	7.2%
Somewhat Unimportant	58	7.7%	7.9%
Neutral	139	18.4%	19.0%
Somewhat Important	225	29.8%	30.7%
Very Important	234	31.0%	31.9%
No Opinion	47	6.2%	
Total	756		
Error	6		
No Response	18		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Providing boat launching access.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	63	8.3%	8.6%
Somewhat Unimportant	38	5.0%	5.2%
Neutral	111	14.6%	15.1%
Somewhat Important	174	22.8%	23.7%
Very Important	328	43.0%	44.7%
No Opinion	48	6.3%	
Total	762		
Error	3		
No Response	15		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Lake and pond research and management.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	43	5.6%	5.9%
Somewhat Unimportant	52	6.8%	7.1%
Neutral	99	13.0%	13.5%
Somewhat Important	209	27.4%	28.5%
Very Important	312	40.9%	42.6%
No Opinion	47	6.2%	
Total	762		
Error	4		
No Response	14		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of River and stream research and management.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	43	5.6%	5.9%
Somewhat Unimportant	48	6.3%	6.5%
Neutral	77	10.1%	10.5%
Somewhat Important	175	23.0%	23.9%
Very Important	373	49.0%	50.9%
No Opinion	46	6.0%	
Total	762		
Error	3		
No Response	15		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Public fish stocking programs.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	59	7.7%	8.0%
Somewhat Unimportant	40	5.2%	5.5%
Neutral	44	5.8%	6.0%
Somewhat Important	156	20.5%	21.3%
Very Important	431	56.6%	58.8%
No Opinion	32	4.2%	
Total	762		
Error	6		
No Response	12		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Controlling nonnative, invasive fish and aquatic plants.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	80	10.6%	10.9%
Somewhat Unimportant	28	3.7%	3.8%
Neutral	45	6.0%	6.1%
Somewhat Important	80	10.6%	10.9%
Very Important	470	62.3%	64.1%
No Opinion	52	6.9%	
Total	755		
Error	8		
No Response	17		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Providing fish for stocking private farm ponds.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	77	10.1%	10.5%
Somewhat Unimportant	59	7.7%	8.0%
Neutral	150	19.7%	20.5%
Somewhat Important	205	26.9%	28.0%
Very Important	224	29.4%	30.6%
No Opinion	48	6.3%	
Total	763		
Error	1		
No Response	16		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Technical guidance to private pond owners program.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	52	6.8%	7.1%
Somewhat Unimportant	71	9.3%	9.7%
Neutral	168	22.0%	22.9%
Somewhat Important	208	27.3%	28.4%
Very Important	197	25.8%	26.9%
No Opinion	67	8.8%	
Total	763		
Error	1		
No Response	16		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Review and comment on environmental concerns.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	49	6.4%	6.7%
Somewhat Unimportant	45	5.9%	6.1%
Neutral	116	15.3%	15.8%
Somewhat Important	188	24.7%	25.6%
Very Important	309	40.7%	42.2%
No Opinion	53	7.0%	
Total	760		
Error	3		
No Response	17		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Habitat improvement (stake beds, brush piles, fish attractors).

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	63	8.3%	8.6%
Somewhat Unimportant	38	5.0%	5.2%
Neutral	68	8.9%	9.3%
Somewhat Important	193	25.3%	26.3%
Very Important	350	45.9%	47.7%
No Opinion	51	6.7%	
Total	763		
Error	1		
No Response	16		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Protecting and enhancing threatened and endangered aquatic species.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	65	8.5%	8.9%
Somewhat Unimportant	39	5.1%	5.3%
Neutral	64	8.4%	8.7%
Somewhat Important	144	18.9%	19.6%
Very Important	406	53.4%	55.4%
No Opinion	43	5.7%	
Total	761		
Error	2		
No Response	17		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Providing information about fishing regulations.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	78	10.2%	10.6%
Somewhat Unimportant	18	2.4%	2.5%
Neutral	46	6.0%	6.3%
Somewhat Important	130	17.1%	17.7%
Very Important	461	60.6%	62.9%
No Opinion	28	3.7%	
Total	761		
Error	2		
No Response	17		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Providing information about fish consumption advisories.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	70	9.2%	9.5%
Somewhat Unimportant	32	4.2%	4.4%
Neutral	75	9.8%	10.2%
Somewhat Important	142	18.6%	19.4%
Very Important	401	52.6%	54.7%
No Opinion	42	5.5%	
Total	762		
Error	3		
No Response	15		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Aquatic resource education – teaching fishing skills.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	48	6.3%	6.5%
Somewhat Unimportant	53	7.0%	7.2%
Neutral	125	16.4%	17.1%
Somewhat Important	235	30.8%	32.1%
Very Important	253	33.2%	34.5%
No Opinion	48	6.3%	
Total	762		
Error	3		
No Response	15		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Enforcing fishing laws/regulations.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Unimportant	76	10.0%	10.4%
Somewhat Unimportant	20	2.6%	2.7%
Neutral	56	7.4%	7.6%
Somewhat Important	125	16.4%	17.1%
Very Important	451	59.3%	61.5%
No Opinion	33	4.3%	
Total	761		
Error	2		
No Response	17		

34. In your opinion, please rate the importance or unimportance of Other Functions.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Increase stocking programs	4	11.4%
Better interaction with the public	3	8.6%
Educational programs on techniques and conservation	3	8.6%
Increase river access	2	5.7%
Increased law enforcement	2	5.7%
Keeping water bodies clean	2	5.7%
Build a large lake in jackson co	1	2.9%
Charge boats to dock on rivers to help with costs	1	2.9%
Crane droppings are ruining farm ponds and small lakes	1	2.9%
Don't sell off Peabody strip pits, places to fish old pits about gone	1	2.9%
Eliminate grass carp	1	2.9%
Encourage mentoring	1	2.9%
God provides	1	2.9%
If stocking private ponds, they should be accessible to the public	1	2.9%
Local pond management	1	2.9%
Maintaining ramps/access	1	2.9%
More urban fishing ponds and more walleye and muskellunge in them	1	2.9%
Most will obey laws/regs	1	2.9%
Piers/ dock access to non boaters	1	2.9%
Put more tagged fish for FINS program	1	2.9%
Reduce number of river otters in creeks and streams	1	2.9%
Stop throwing nets	1	2.9%
Take good care of everything	1	2.9%
Use local anglers advice improving	1	2.9%
Wake speed limits	1	2.9%
Total	35	

35. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for bass is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Keep Current Creel Limit	424	56.1%	72.2%
Lower	69	9.1%	11.8%
Higher	85	11.2%	14.5%
No Limit	9	1.2%	1.5%
No Opinion	169	22.4%	
Total	756		
Error	5		
No Response	19		

35. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for crappie is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Keep Current Creel Limit	413	54.8%	68.3%
Lower	109	14.5%	18.0%
Higher	55	7.3%	9.1%
No Limit	28	3.7%	4.6%
No Opinion	149	19.8%	
Total	754		
Error	5		
No Response	21		

35. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for rock bass is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Keep Current Creel Limit	378	50.5%	74.3%
Lower	66	8.8%	13.0%
Higher	44	5.9%	8.6%
No Limit	21	2.8%	4.1%
No Opinion	239	32.0%	
Total	748		
Error	5		
No Response	27		

35. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for redear sunfish is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Keep Current Creel Limit	377	50.0%	69.9%
Lower	42	5.6%	7.8%
Higher	80	10.6%	14.8%
No Limit	40	5.3%	7.4%
No Opinion	215	28.5%	
Total	754		
Error	5		
No Response	21		

35. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for striped bass is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Keep Current Creel Limit	386	51.4%	72.1%
Lower	32	4.3%	6.0%
Higher	97	12.9%	18.1%
No Limit	20	2.7%	3.7%
No Opinion	216	28.8%	
Total	751		
Error	4		
No Response	25		

35. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for hybrid and white bass is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Keep Current Creel Limit	398	53.0%	76.1%
Lower	50	6.7%	9.6%
Higher	55	7.3%	10.5%
No Limit	20	2.7%	3.8%
No Opinion	228	30.4%	
Total	751		
Error	3		
No Response	26		

35. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for yellow bass is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Keep Current Creel Limit	339	45.3%	74.0%
Lower	62	8.3%	13.5%
Higher	32	4.3%	7.0%
No Limit	25	3.3%	5.5%
No Opinion	291	38.9%	
Total	749		
Error	4		
No Response	27		

35. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for walleye, sauger, etc. is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Keep Current Creel Limit	367	49.1%	76.9%
Lower	28	3.7%	5.9%
Higher	73	9.8%	15.3%
No Limit	9	1.2%	1.9%
No Opinion	271	36.2%	
Total	748		
Error	7		
No Response	25		

35. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for muskellunge is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Keep Current Creel Limit	315	42.1%	76.5%
Lower	9	1.2%	2.2%
Higher	80	10.7%	19.4%
No Limit	8	1.1%	1.9%
No Opinion	336	44.9%	
Total	748		
Error	7		
No Response	25		

35. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for chain pickerel is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Keep Current Creel Limit	322	43.2%	89.4%
Lower	7	0.9%	1.9%
Higher	26	3.5%	7.2%
No Limit	5	0.7%	1.4%
No Opinion	385	51.7%	
Total	745		
Error	5		
No Response	30		

35. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for rainbow trout is just right or should it be lower, higher or should there be no limit at all?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Keep Current Creel Limit	357	47.5%	76.0%
Lower	41	5.5%	8.7%
Higher	61	8.1%	13.0%
No Limit	11	1.5%	2.3%
No Opinion	281	37.4%	
Total	751		
Error	4		
No Response	25		

35. Do you believe the current statewide daily creel limit for brown trout is just right or should it be lower, higher, or should there be no limit at all?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Keep Current Creel Limit	346	46.1%	75.9%
Lower	23	3.1%	5.0%
Higher	79	10.5%	17.3%
No Limit	8	1.1%	1.8%
No Opinion	295	39.3%	
Total	751		
Error	4		
No Response	25		

36. What should the statewide daily creel limit be for bluegill, or should there be no limit at all?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
1	1	0.1%	0.2%
5	3	0.4%	0.5%
6	3	0.4%	0.5%
8	1	0.1%	0.2%
10	9	1.2%	1.5%
12	3	0.4%	0.5%
14	2	0.3%	0.3%
15	13	1.7%	2.1%
17	1	0.1%	0.2%
20	27	3.6%	4.4%
25	8	1.1%	1.3%
30	40	5.3%	6.6%
40	4	0.5%	0.7%
50	7	0.9%	1.2%
60	3	0.4%	0.5%
No Limit	483	64.1%	79.4%
No Opinion	145	19.3%	
Total	753		
Error	6		
No Response	21		

36. What should the statewide daily creel limit be for blue catfish, or should there be no limit at all?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
1	3	0.4%	0.6%
2	5	0.7%	1.0%
3	7	0.9%	1.3%
4	8	1.1%	1.5%
5	39	5.2%	7.5%
6	24	3.2%	4.6%
7	2	0.3%	0.4%
8	7	0.9%	1.3%
10	34	4.6%	6.5%
12	2	0.3%	0.4%
15	12	1.6%	2.3%
20	10	1.3%	1.9%
25	2	0.3%	0.4%
30	4	0.5%	0.8%
No Limit	361	48.3%	69.4%
No Opinion	227	30.4%	
Total	747		
Error	6		
No Response	27		

36. What should the statewide daily creel limit be for channel catfish, or should there be no limit at all?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
1	2	0.3%	0.4%
2	3	0.4%	0.5%
3	3	0.4%	0.5%
4	8	1.1%	1.5%
5	36	4.8%	6.6%
6	22	2.9%	4.0%
7	3	0.4%	0.5%
8	10	1.3%	1.8%
10	40	5.3%	7.3%
12	7	0.9%	1.3%
15	12	1.6%	2.2%
20	14	1.9%	2.6%
25	3	0.4%	0.5%
30	4	0.5%	0.7%
No Limit	379	50.6%	69.4%
No Opinion	203	27.1%	
Total	749		
Error	7		
No Response	24		

36. What should the statewide daily creel limit be for flathead catfish, or should there be no limit at all?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	1	0.1%	0.2%
1	6	0.8%	1.2%
2	9	1.2%	1.7%
3	8	1.1%	1.5%
4	8	1.1%	1.5%
5	48	6.4%	9.3%
6	17	2.3%	3.3%
7	2	0.3%	0.4%
8	4	0.5%	0.8%
10	30	4.0%	5.8%
12	2	0.3%	0.4%
15	15	2.0%	2.9%
20	9	1.2%	1.7%
25	1	0.1%	0.2%
30	4	0.5%	0.8%
No Limit	354	47.4%	68.3%
No Opinion	229	30.7%	
Total	747		
Error	6		
No Response	27		

37. Would you support or oppose a 12 inch minimum size limit on channel catfish in all public lakes and reservoirs, except Kentucky and Barkley Lakes?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Support	454	59.5%	80.5%
Oppose	110	14.4%	19.5%
No Opinion	199	26.1%	
Total	763		
No Response	17		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper size for largemouth bass?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	1	0.1%	0.3%
6	1	0.1%	0.3%
8	5	0.7%	1.4%
10	14	1.9%	3.9%
11	3	0.4%	0.8%
12	135	18.6%	37.8%
13	8	1.1%	2.2%
14	36	5.0%	10.1%
15	105	14.5%	29.4%
16	23	3.2%	6.4%
17	1	0.1%	0.3%
18	16	2.2%	4.5%
20	8	1.1%	2.2%
25	1	0.1%	0.3%
No Opinion	369	50.8%	
Total	726		
No Response	54		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider trophy size for largemouth bass?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
12	4	0.6%	1.4%
13	1	0.2%	0.3%
14	1	0.2%	0.3%
15	11	1.7%	3.8%
16	6	0.9%	2.1%
17	1	0.2%	0.3%
18	23	3.5%	8.0%
19	5	0.8%	1.7%
20	71	10.8%	24.6%
21	14	2.1%	4.8%
22	35	5.3%	12.1%
23	20	3.0%	6.9%
24	47	7.1%	16.3%
25	24	3.6%	8.3%
26	7	1.1%	2.4%
27	4	0.6%	1.4%
28	6	0.9%	2.1%
30	6	0.9%	2.1%
36	2	0.3%	0.7%
50	1	0.2%	0.3%
No Opinion	369	56.1%	
Total	658		
No Response	122		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper size for smallmouth bass?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	1	0.1%	0.3%
6	2	0.3%	0.7%
8	10	1.4%	3.3%
9	1	0.1%	0.3%
10	19	2.6%	6.2%
11	2	0.3%	0.7%
12	119	16.5%	38.8%
13	10	1.4%	3.3%
14	28	3.9%	9.1%
15	68	9.4%	22.1%
16	17	2.4%	5.5%
17	6	0.8%	2.0%
18	18	2.5%	5.9%
20	4	0.6%	1.3%
22	2	0.3%	0.7%
No Opinion	414	57.4%	
Total	721		
No Response	59		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider trophy size for smallmouth bass?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
9	1	0.2%	0.4%
10	2	0.3%	0.8%
11	1	0.2%	0.4%
12	3	0.5%	1.2%
14	3	0.5%	1.2%
15	21	3.2%	8.3%
16	14	2.1%	5.6%
17	3	0.5%	1.2%
18	33	5.0%	13.1%
19	6	0.9%	2.4%
20	81	12.2%	32.1%
21	18	2.7%	7.1%
22	16	2.4%	6.3%
23	9	1.4%	3.6%
24	19	2.9%	7.5%
25	11	1.7%	4.4%
26	2	0.3%	0.8%
27	1	0.2%	0.4%
28	3	0.5%	1.2%
30	3	0.5%	1.2%
36	1	0.2%	0.4%
50	1	0.2%	0.4%
No Opinion	414	62.2%	
Total	666		
No Response	114		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper size for spotted bass?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	1	0.1%	0.5%
5	1	0.1%	0.5%
6	2	0.3%	0.9%
8	8	1.1%	3.7%
9	1	0.1%	0.5%
10	29	4.0%	13.4%
11	2	0.3%	0.9%
12	117	16.2%	53.9%
13	5	0.7%	2.3%
14	17	2.4%	7.8%
15	23	3.2%	10.6%
16	7	1.0%	3.2%
17	1	0.1%	0.5%
18	3	0.4%	1.4%
No Opinion	504	69.9%	
Total	721		
No Response	59		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider trophy size for spotted bass?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
8	1	0.1%	0.6%
10	3	0.4%	1.8%
12	6	0.9%	3.5%
14	2	0.3%	1.2%
15	18	2.7%	10.6%
16	13	1.9%	7.6%
17	7	1.0%	4.1%
18	40	5.9%	23.5%
19	9	1.3%	5.3%
20	45	6.7%	26.5%
21	1	0.1%	0.6%
22	8	1.2%	4.7%
23	2	0.3%	1.2%
24	8	1.2%	4.7%
25	4	0.6%	2.4%
30	2	0.3%	1.2%
50	1	0.1%	0.6%
No Opinion	504	74.8%	
Total	674		
No Response	106		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper size for crappie?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	2	0.3%	0.6%
3	1	0.1%	0.3%
5	2	0.3%	0.6%
6	21	2.9%	6.7%
7	6	0.8%	1.9%
8	47	6.5%	15.1%
9	50	6.9%	16.0%
10	139	19.1%	44.6%
11	5	0.7%	1.6%
12	30	4.1%	9.6%
13	2	0.3%	0.6%
14	2	0.3%	0.6%
15	3	0.4%	1.0%
16	1	0.1%	0.3%
18	1	0.1%	0.3%
No Opinion	414	57.0%	
Total	726		
Error	1		
No Response	53		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider trophy size for crappie?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
6	2	0.3%	0.9%
7	2	0.3%	0.9%
8	1	0.2%	0.4%
9	1	0.2%	0.4%
10	8	1.2%	3.4%
11	2	0.3%	0.9%
12	22	3.4%	9.4%
13	6	0.9%	2.6%
14	24	3.7%	10.3%
15	45	6.9%	19.2%
16	30	4.6%	12.8%
17	19	2.9%	8.1%
18	44	6.8%	18.8%
19	5	0.8%	2.1%
20	14	2.2%	6.0%
21	3	0.5%	1.3%
22	1	0.2%	0.4%
24	4	0.6%	1.7%
25	1	0.2%	0.4%
No Opinion	414	63.9%	
Total	648		
No Response	132		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper size for rock bass?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	5	0.7%	4.4%
4	1	0.1%	0.9%
5	6	0.8%	5.3%
6	14	1.9%	12.3%
7	7	1.0%	6.1%
8	29	4.0%	25.4%
9	7	1.0%	6.1%
10	18	2.5%	15.8%
12	15	2.1%	13.2%
14	4	0.6%	3.5%
15	5	0.7%	4.4%
16	2	0.3%	1.8%
20	1	0.1%	0.9%
No Opinion	608	84.2%	
Total	722		
No Response	58		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider trophy size for rock bass?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	1	0.1%	1.2%
6	1	0.1%	1.2%
7	1	0.1%	1.2%
8	3	0.4%	3.7%
9	2	0.3%	2.5%
10	10	1.5%	12.3%
11	1	0.1%	1.2%
12	19	2.8%	23.5%
13	4	0.6%	4.9%
14	8	1.2%	9.9%
15	12	1.7%	14.8%
16	8	1.2%	9.9%
18	4	0.6%	4.9%
19	1	0.1%	1.2%
20	1	0.1%	1.2%
24	1	0.1%	1.2%
26	1	0.1%	1.2%
28	1	0.1%	1.2%
30	2	0.3%	2.5%
No Opinion	608	88.2%	
Total	689		
No Response	91		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper size for bluegill?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	7	1.0%	3.2%
2	1	0.1%	0.5%
3	2	0.3%	0.9%
4	9	1.2%	4.1%
5	24	3.3%	11.0%
6	76	10.5%	34.9%
7	23	3.2%	10.6%
8	55	7.6%	25.2%
9	10	1.4%	4.6%
10	7	1.0%	3.2%
12	4	0.6%	1.8%
No Opinion	508	70.0%	
Total	726		
No Response	54		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider trophy size for bluegill?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	1	0.1%	0.6%
6	3	0.4%	1.8%
7	2	0.3%	1.2%
8	10	1.5%	6.0%
9	6	0.9%	3.6%
10	50	7.4%	30.1%
11	6	0.9%	3.6%
12	58	8.6%	34.9%
13	5	0.7%	3.0%
14	8	1.2%	4.8%
15	8	1.2%	4.8%
16	8	1.2%	4.8%
20	1	0.1%	0.6%
No Opinion	508	75.4%	
Total	674		
No Response	106		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper size for redear sunfish?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	6	0.8%	4.0%
3	1	0.1%	0.7%
4	6	0.8%	4.0%
5	9	1.2%	6.0%
6	38	5.2%	25.3%
7	15	2.1%	10.0%
8	46	6.3%	30.7%
9	6	0.8%	4.0%
10	16	2.2%	10.7%
12	7	1.0%	4.7%
No Opinion	575	79.3%	
Total	725		
No Response	55		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider trophy size for redear sunfish?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	1	0.1%	0.9%
4	1	0.1%	0.9%
6	1	0.1%	0.9%
7	1	0.1%	0.9%
8	6	0.9%	5.2%
9	2	0.3%	1.7%
10	21	3.0%	18.1%
11	3	0.4%	2.6%
12	35	5.1%	30.2%
13	8	1.2%	6.9%
14	20	2.9%	17.2%
15	10	1.4%	8.6%
16	4	0.6%	3.4%
18	2	0.3%	1.7%
20	1	0.1%	0.9%
No Opinion	575	83.2%	
Total	691		
No Response	89		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper size for striped bass?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
6	3	0.4%	2.0%
8	2	0.3%	1.3%
9	2	0.3%	1.3%
10	5	0.7%	3.3%
12	40	5.5%	26.3%
14	8	1.1%	5.3%
15	39	5.4%	25.7%
16	10	1.4%	6.6%
17	1	0.1%	0.7%
18	13	1.8%	8.6%
20	10	1.4%	6.6%
21	2	0.3%	1.3%
22	3	0.4%	2.0%
23	1	0.1%	0.7%
24	7	1.0%	4.6%
25	2	0.3%	1.3%
26	1	0.1%	0.7%
27	1	0.1%	0.7%
28	1	0.1%	0.7%
36	1	0.1%	0.7%
No Opinion	570	78.9%	
Total	722		
Error	1		
No Response	57		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider trophy size for striped bass?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
9	1	0.1%	0.9%
12	3	0.4%	2.7%
14	2	0.3%	1.8%
15	3	0.4%	2.7%
16	2	0.3%	1.8%
17	1	0.1%	0.9%
18	10	1.5%	9.0%
20	13	1.9%	11.7%
22	2	0.3%	1.8%
23	1	0.1%	0.9%
24	4	0.6%	3.6%
25	15	2.2%	13.5%
26	5	0.7%	4.5%
28	3	0.4%	2.7%
30	17	2.5%	15.3%
32	4	0.6%	3.6%
34	1	0.1%	0.9%
35	2	0.3%	1.8%
36	8	1.2%	7.2%
38	3	0.4%	2.7%
40	8	1.2%	7.2%
48	2	0.3%	1.8%
50	1	0.1%	0.9%
No Opinion	570	83.7%	
Total	681		
Error	1		
No Response	98		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper size for hybrid striped bass?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	1	0.1%	0.7%
6	2	0.3%	1.4%
8	2	0.3%	1.4%
9	3	0.4%	2.1%
10	6	0.8%	4.2%
12	41	5.7%	28.5%
13	1	0.1%	0.7%
14	6	0.8%	4.2%
15	40	5.5%	27.8%
16	11	1.5%	7.6%
17	1	0.1%	0.7%
18	9	1.2%	6.3%
20	11	1.5%	7.6%
22	2	0.3%	1.4%
23	1	0.1%	0.7%
24	4	0.6%	2.8%
28	1	0.1%	0.7%
30	2	0.3%	1.4%
No Opinion	580	80.1%	
Total	724		
No Response	56		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider trophy size for hybrid striped bass?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
10	1	0.1%	0.9%
12	1	0.1%	0.9%
14	1	0.1%	0.9%
15	7	1.0%	6.5%
16	3	0.4%	2.8%
18	8	1.1%	7.4%
20	14	1.9%	13.0%
21	1	0.1%	0.9%
22	6	0.8%	5.6%
23	1	0.1%	0.9%
24	13	1.8%	12.0%
25	11	1.5%	10.2%
26	6	0.8%	5.6%
27	1	0.1%	0.9%
28	5	0.7%	4.6%
29	1	0.1%	0.9%
30	12	1.7%	11.1%
32	4	0.6%	3.7%
35	1	0.1%	0.9%
36	7	1.0%	6.5%
40	4	0.6%	3.7%
No Opinion	580	80.1%	
Total	688		
No Response	92		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper size for white bass?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	3	0.4%	2.4%
6	1	0.1%	0.8%
7	2	0.3%	1.6%
8	6	0.8%	4.9%
9	6	0.8%	4.9%
10	33	4.6%	26.8%
12	46	6.4%	37.4%
13	2	0.3%	1.6%
14	8	1.1%	6.5%
15	9	1.2%	7.3%
16	4	0.6%	3.3%
18	2	0.3%	1.6%
20	1	0.1%	0.8%
No Opinion	599	83.0%	
Total	722		
No Response	58		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider trophy size for white bass?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
10	1	0.1%	1.1%
12	7	1.0%	7.7%
14	4	0.6%	4.4%
15	16	2.3%	17.6%
16	10	1.4%	11.0%
17	2	0.3%	2.2%
18	19	2.8%	20.9%
19	1	0.1%	1.1%
20	15	2.2%	16.5%
22	3	0.4%	3.3%
24	3	0.4%	3.3%
25	5	0.7%	5.5%
26	1	0.1%	1.1%
27	1	0.1%	1.1%
28	1	0.1%	1.1%
30	2	0.3%	2.2%
No Opinion	599	86.8%	
Total	690		
No Response	90		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper size for walleye?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
9	1	0.1%	0.7%
10	7	1.0%	5.2%
12	31	4.3%	23.0%
14	12	1.7%	8.9%
15	48	6.6%	35.6%
16	10	1.4%	7.4%
17	1	0.1%	0.7%
18	9	1.2%	6.7%
20	8	1.1%	5.9%
22	3	0.4%	2.2%
24	1	0.1%	0.7%
25	1	0.1%	0.7%
28	1	0.1%	0.7%
30	1	0.1%	0.7%
33	1	0.1%	0.7%
No Opinion	592	81.4%	
Total	727		
No Response	53		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider trophy size for walleye?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
10	1	0.1%	0.9%
12	1	0.1%	0.9%
15	2	0.3%	1.9%
18	6	0.9%	5.6%
19	2	0.3%	1.9%
20	16	2.3%	15.0%
21	2	0.3%	1.9%
22	5	0.7%	4.7%
23	1	0.1%	0.9%
24	25	3.6%	23.4%
25	11	1.6%	10.3%
26	1	0.1%	0.9%
27	1	0.1%	0.9%
28	8	1.1%	7.5%
29	2	0.3%	1.9%
30	12	1.7%	11.2%
32	3	0.4%	2.8%
33	1	0.1%	0.9%
34	1	0.1%	0.9%
36	2	0.3%	1.9%
39	1	0.1%	0.9%
40	2	0.3%	1.9%
45	1	0.1%	0.9%
No Opinion	592	84.7%	
Total	699		
No Response	81		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper size for sauger?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	4	0.6%	4.2%
7	1	0.1%	1.1%
8	4	0.6%	4.2%
9	5	0.7%	5.3%
10	14	1.9%	14.7%
11	2	0.3%	2.1%
12	34	4.7%	35.8%
13	2	0.3%	2.1%
14	10	1.4%	10.5%
15	14	1.9%	14.7%
16	3	0.4%	3.2%
18	1	0.1%	1.1%
20	1	0.1%	1.1%
No Opinion	632	86.9%	
Total	727		
No Response	53		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider trophy size for sauger?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	1	0.1%	1.3%
10	1	0.1%	1.3%
12	2	0.3%	2.7%
15	8	1.1%	10.7%
16	3	0.4%	4.0%
18	18	2.5%	24.0%
19	1	0.1%	1.3%
20	18	2.5%	24.0%
21	2	0.3%	2.7%
22	3	0.4%	4.0%
23	1	0.1%	1.3%
24	7	1.0%	9.3%
25	3	0.4%	4.0%
26	1	0.1%	1.3%
30	5	0.7%	6.7%
36	1	0.1%	1.3%
No Opinion	632	89.4%	
Total	707		
No Response	73		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper size for muskellunge?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	1	0.1%	1.1%
9	1	0.1%	1.1%
12	7	1.0%	7.7%
14	2	0.3%	2.2%
15	6	0.8%	6.6%
16	2	0.3%	2.2%
18	1	0.1%	1.1%
20	5	0.7%	5.5%
21	1	0.1%	1.1%
24	4	0.6%	4.4%
25	4	0.6%	4.4%
26	1	0.1%	1.1%
28	5	0.7%	5.5%
29	1	0.1%	1.1%
30	30	4.1%	33.0%
31	1	0.1%	1.1%
32	3	0.4%	3.3%
33	1	0.1%	1.1%
35	2	0.3%	2.2%
36	9	1.2%	9.9%
38	1	0.1%	1.1%
40	1	0.1%	1.1%
45	1	0.1%	1.1%
48	1	0.1%	1.1%
No Opinion	635	87.5%	
Total	726		
No Response	54		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider trophy size for muskellunge?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
18	3	0.4%	4.0%
24	3	0.4%	4.0%
25	1	0.1%	1.3%
30	4	0.6%	5.3%
32	2	0.3%	2.7%
35	1	0.1%	1.3%
36	6	0.8%	8.0%
37	1	0.1%	1.3%
38	1	0.1%	1.3%
39	1	0.1%	1.3%
40	19	2.7%	25.3%
42	7	1.0%	9.3%
44	1	0.1%	1.3%
45	4	0.6%	5.3%
48	5	0.7%	6.7%
50	8	1.1%	10.7%
52	4	0.6%	5.3%
54	1	0.1%	1.3%
55	1	0.1%	1.3%
56	1	0.1%	1.3%
60	1	0.1%	1.3%
No Opinion	635	89.4%	
Total	710		
No Response	70		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper size for brook trout?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	2	0.3%	2.7%
5	1	0.1%	1.3%
6	2	0.3%	2.7%
8	8	1.1%	10.7%
9	3	0.4%	4.0%
10	13	1.8%	17.3%
11	1	0.1%	1.3%
12	29	4.0%	38.7%
14	4	0.5%	5.3%
15	6	0.8%	8.0%
16	2	0.3%	2.7%
18	2	0.3%	2.7%
20	2	0.3%	2.7%
No Opinion	654	89.7%	
Total	729		
No Response	51		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider trophy size for brook trout?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	1	0.1%	2.0%
10	1	0.1%	2.0%
12	4	0.6%	8.0%
14	6	0.9%	12.0%
15	11	1.6%	22.0%
16	4	0.6%	8.0%
18	5	0.7%	10.0%
20	12	1.7%	24.0%
21	1	0.1%	2.0%
22	1	0.1%	2.0%
26	1	0.1%	2.0%
30	3	0.4%	6.0%
No Opinion	654	92.9%	
Total	704		
No Response	76		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper size for brown trout?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	1	0.1%	1.2%
6	3	0.4%	3.7%
8	5	0.7%	6.1%
9	4	0.5%	4.9%
10	15	2.1%	18.3%
11	1	0.1%	1.2%
12	25	3.4%	30.5%
13	1	0.1%	1.2%
14	4	0.5%	4.9%
15	13	1.8%	15.9%
16	5	0.7%	6.1%
18	2	0.3%	2.4%
20	2	0.3%	2.4%
22	1	0.1%	1.2%
No Opinion	647	88.8%	
Total	729		
No Response	51		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider trophy size for brown trout?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	1	0.1%	1.8%
10	2	0.3%	3.6%
12	3	0.4%	5.5%
14	3	0.4%	5.5%
15	5	0.7%	9.1%
16	5	0.7%	9.1%
18	2	0.3%	3.6%
20	14	2.0%	25.5%
21	1	0.1%	1.8%
22	1	0.1%	1.8%
23	1	0.1%	1.8%
24	9	1.3%	16.4%
25	2	0.3%	3.6%
26	1	0.1%	1.8%
28	1	0.1%	1.8%
30	3	0.4%	5.5%
36	1	0.1%	1.8%
No Opinion	647	92.2%	
Total	702		
No Response	78		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper size for rainbow trout?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	2	0.3%	2.0%
6	3	0.4%	3.0%
7	1	0.1%	1.0%
8	10	1.4%	9.9%
9	5	0.7%	5.0%
10	29	4.0%	28.7%
11	1	0.1%	1.0%
12	28	3.9%	27.7%
13	2	0.3%	2.0%
14	4	0.6%	4.0%
15	10	1.4%	9.9%
16	2	0.3%	2.0%
18	3	0.4%	3.0%
22	1	0.1%	1.0%
No Opinion	618	86.0%	
Total	719		
No Response	61		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider trophy size for rainbow trout?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
10	2	0.3%	2.7%
12	2	0.3%	2.7%
14	5	0.7%	6.8%
15	6	0.9%	8.1%
16	7	1.0%	9.5%
18	5	0.7%	6.8%
19	1	0.1%	1.4%
20	21	3.0%	28.4%
21	1	0.1%	1.4%
22	3	0.4%	4.1%
24	14	2.0%	18.9%
25	1	0.1%	1.4%
26	2	0.3%	2.7%
30	2	0.3%	2.7%
36	2	0.3%	2.7%
No Opinion	618	89.3%	
Total	692		
No Response	88		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper size for blue catfish?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	8	1.1%	4.5%
5	1	0.1%	0.6%
6	1	0.1%	0.6%
7	1	0.1%	0.6%
8	5	0.7%	2.8%
10	9	1.2%	5.1%
12	81	11.1%	46.0%
13	1	0.1%	0.6%
14	6	0.8%	3.4%
15	25	3.4%	14.2%
16	8	1.1%	4.5%
17	1	0.1%	0.6%
18	9	1.2%	5.1%
20	15	2.1%	8.5%
22	1	0.1%	0.6%
24	1	0.1%	0.6%
30	2	0.3%	1.1%
36	1	0.1%	0.6%
No Opinion	552	75.8%	
Total	728		
No Response	52		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider trophy size for blue catfish?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
12	1	0.2%	0.9%
15	3	0.5%	2.8%
16	2	0.3%	1.9%
17	2	0.3%	1.9%
18	4	0.6%	3.7%
20	4	0.6%	3.7%
22	1	0.2%	0.9%
24	6	0.9%	5.6%
25	6	0.9%	5.6%
26	3	0.5%	2.8%
28	3	0.5%	2.8%
30	26	3.9%	24.1%
32	1	0.2%	0.9%
35	3	0.5%	2.8%
36	13	2.0%	12.0%
38	2	0.3%	1.9%
40	6	0.9%	5.6%
45	1	0.2%	0.9%
48	10	1.5%	9.3%
50	6	0.9%	5.6%
55	1	0.2%	0.9%
60	2	0.3%	1.9%
72	1	0.2%	0.9%
100	1	0.2%	0.9%
No Opinion	552	83.6%	
Total	660		
No Response	120		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper size for channel catfish?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	8	1.1%	3.9%
6	1	0.1%	0.5%
8	7	1.0%	3.4%
9	1	0.1%	0.5%
10	10	1.4%	4.9%
12	108	14.8%	52.9%
14	11	1.5%	5.4%
15	29	4.0%	14.2%
16	11	1.5%	5.4%
17	1	0.1%	0.5%
18	5	0.7%	2.5%
20	10	1.4%	4.9%
24	1	0.1%	0.5%
36	1	0.1%	0.5%
No Opinion	525	72.0%	
Total	729		
No Response	51		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider trophy size for channel catfish?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
12	2	0.3%	1.6%
15	3	0.5%	2.4%
16	2	0.3%	1.6%
17	1	0.2%	0.8%
18	6	0.9%	4.8%
20	11	1.7%	8.8%
22	1	0.2%	0.8%
24	11	1.7%	8.8%
25	8	1.2%	6.4%
28	3	0.5%	2.4%
30	37	5.7%	29.6%
32	5	0.8%	4.0%
35	5	0.8%	4.0%
36	11	1.7%	8.8%
38	1	0.2%	0.8%
40	5	0.8%	4.0%
42	1	0.2%	0.8%
45	1	0.2%	0.8%
48	3	0.5%	2.4%
50	3	0.5%	2.4%
55	1	0.2%	0.8%
60	3	0.5%	2.4%
100	1	0.2%	0.8%
No Opinion	525	80.8%	
Total	650		
No Response	130		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider keeper size for flathead catfish?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	9	1.2%	5.1%
6	1	0.1%	0.6%
8	6	0.8%	3.4%
9	1	0.1%	0.6%
10	8	1.1%	4.5%
12	76	10.4%	43.2%
14	10	1.4%	5.7%
15	24	3.3%	13.6%
16	11	1.5%	6.3%
17	1	0.1%	0.6%
18	9	1.2%	5.1%
20	14	1.9%	8.0%
24	3	0.4%	1.7%
26	1	0.1%	0.6%
30	1	0.1%	0.6%
36	1	0.1%	0.6%
No Opinion	553	75.9%	
Total	729		
No Response	51		

38. What minimum length, to the nearest inch, do you consider trophy size for flathead catfish?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
0	1	0.2%	0.9%
12	1	0.2%	0.9%
14	1	0.2%	0.9%
15	3	0.5%	2.7%
16	1	0.2%	0.9%
18	5	0.8%	4.5%
20	4	0.6%	3.6%
24	6	0.9%	5.4%
25	5	0.8%	4.5%
26	1	0.2%	0.9%
28	1	0.2%	0.9%
30	28	4.2%	25.2%
32	4	0.6%	3.6%
35	3	0.5%	2.7%
36	11	1.7%	9.9%
38	1	0.2%	0.9%
40	16	2.4%	14.4%
45	1	0.2%	0.9%
48	6	0.9%	5.4%
50	3	0.5%	2.7%
54	1	0.2%	0.9%
60	5	0.8%	4.5%
70	1	0.2%	0.9%
72	1	0.2%	0.9%
100	1	0.2%	0.9%
No Opinion	553	83.3%	
Total	664		
No Response	116		

39. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for largemouth bass.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Poor	8	1.1%	1.4%
Poor	32	4.2%	5.5%
Fair	147	19.5%	25.1%
Good	257	34.1%	43.9%
Very Good	141	18.7%	24.1%
No Opinion	169	22.4%	
Total	754		
No Response	26		

39. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for smallmouth bass.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Poor	9	1.2%	1.7%
Poor	44	5.9%	8.1%
Fair	178	23.8%	32.8%
Good	220	29.4%	40.6%
Very Good	91	12.1%	16.8%
No Opinion	207	27.6%	
Total	749		
Error	2		
No Response	29		

39. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for crappie.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Poor	11	1.5%	1.8%
Poor	27	3.6%	4.5%
Fair	129	17.1%	21.3%
Good	263	34.9%	43.4%
Very Good	176	23.3%	29.0%
No Opinion	148	19.6%	
Total	754		
No Response	26		

39. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for rock bass.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Poor	2	0.3%	0.6%
Poor	36	4.9%	10.1%
Fair	115	15.6%	32.1%
Good	154	20.8%	43.0%
Very Good	51	6.9%	14.2%
No Opinion	381	51.6%	
Total	739		
Error	4		
No Response	37		

39. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for bluegill.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Poor	3	0.4%	0.5%
Poor	8	1.1%	1.3%
Fair	78	10.3%	12.8%
Good	219	29.0%	36.0%
Very Good	301	39.9%	49.4%
No Opinion	145	19.2%	
Total	754		
Error	2		
No Response	24		

39. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for redear sunfish.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Poor	4	0.5%	0.9%
Poor	21	2.8%	4.9%
Fair	112	15.0%	25.9%
Good	175	23.5%	40.5%
Very Good	120	16.1%	27.8%
No Opinion	314	42.1%	
Total	746		
Error	4		
No Response	30		

39. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for striped bass.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Poor	5	0.7%	1.3%
Poor	31	4.2%	8.1%
Fair	128	17.2%	33.2%
Good	152	20.4%	39.5%
Very Good	69	9.3%	17.9%
No Opinion	360	48.3%	
Total	745		
Error	4		
No Response	31		

39. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for hybrid striped or white bass.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Poor	8	1.1%	2.1%
Poor	32	4.3%	8.6%
Fair	118	15.8%	31.6%
Good	156	20.9%	41.7%
Very Good	60	8.0%	16.0%
No Opinion	372	49.9%	
Total	746		
Error	1		
No Response	33		

39. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for walleye

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Poor	13	1.7%	4.6%
Poor	83	11.1%	29.4%
Fair	99	13.2%	35.1%
Good	63	8.4%	22.3%
Very Good	24	3.2%	8.5%
No Opinion	468	62.4%	
Total	750		
Error	1		
No Response	29		

39. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for sauger

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Poor	13	1.7%	5.5%
Poor	59	7.9%	24.8%
Fair	86	11.5%	36.1%
Good	63	8.4%	26.5%
Very Good	17	2.3%	7.1%
No Opinion	509	68.1%	
Total	747		
Error	1		
No Response	32		

39. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for muskellunge

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Poor	14	1.9%	6.6%
Poor	50	6.7%	23.7%
Fair	75	10.1%	35.5%
Good	53	7.1%	25.1%
Very Good	19	2.5%	9.0%
No Opinion	535	71.7%	
Total	746		
Error	2		
No Response	32		

39. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for trout

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Poor	11	1.5%	3.8%
Poor	43	5.8%	14.8%
Fair	81	10.9%	27.9%
Good	109	14.7%	37.6%
Very Good	46	6.2%	15.9%
No Opinion	453	61.0%	
Total	743		
Error	3		
No Response	34		

39. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for blue catfish

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Poor	3	0.4%	0.7%
Poor	18	2.4%	4.2%
Fair	101	13.6%	23.8%
Good	201	27.0%	47.4%
Very Good	101	13.6%	23.8%
No Opinion	320	43.0%	
Total	744		
Error	1		
No Response	35		

39. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for channel catfish

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Poor	1	0.1%	0.2%
Poor	10	1.3%	2.1%
Fair	93	12.4%	19.1%
Good	226	30.1%	46.5%
Very Good	156	20.8%	32.1%
No Opinion	264	35.2%	
Total	750		
Error	1		
No Response	29		

39. Please rate the quality of fishing in Kentucky for flathead catfish

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Poor	5	0.7%	1.2%
Poor	20	2.7%	4.7%
Fair	120	16.0%	28.3%
Good	173	23.1%	40.8%
Very Good	106	14.2%	25.0%
No Opinion	324	43.3%	
Total	748		
No Response	32		

40. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items in determining how often you fish in Kentucky. Having fishing areas close to home

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	71	9.3%
Somewhat Unimportant	40	5.2%
Neutral	56	7.3%
Somewhat Important	173	22.6%
Very Important	421	55.1%
Total	764	
Error	3	
No Response	16	

40. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items in determining how often you fish in Kentucky. Having family or friends available to go fishing with me

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	67	8.8%
Somewhat Unimportant	58	7.6%
Neutral	92	12.1%
Somewhat Important	215	28.3%
Very Important	327	43.1%
Total	759	
Error	2	
No Response	19	

40. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items in determining how often you fish in Kentucky. Having fishing areas with few recreational boaters

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	56	7.4%
Somewhat Unimportant	75	9.9%
Neutral	155	20.4%
Somewhat Important	228	30.0%
Very Important	245	32.3%
Total	759	
Error	3	
No Response	18	

40. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items in determining how often you fish in Kentucky. Having free time to fish

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	68	9.1%
Somewhat Unimportant	27	3.6%
Neutral	65	8.7%
Somewhat Important	169	22.5%
Very Important	421	56.1%
Total	750	
Error	2	
No Response	28	

40. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items in determining how often you fish in Kentucky. Having fishing areas with regulations that are not complex

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	56	7.5%
Somewhat Unimportant	49	6.5%
Neutral	144	19.2%
Somewhat Important	201	26.8%
Very Important	300	40.0%
Total	750	
Error	2	
No Response	28	

40. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items in determining how often you fish in Kentucky. Having fishing areas with large fish

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	49	6.5%
Somewhat Unimportant	62	8.2%
Neutral	112	14.8%
Somewhat Important	260	34.4%
Very Important	272	36.0%
Total	755	
Error	3	
No Response	22	

40. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items in determining how often you fish in Kentucky. Having fishing areas with many fish (number of fish)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	44	5.8%
Somewhat Unimportant	46	6.1%
Neutral	81	10.7%
Somewhat Important	262	34.5%
Very Important	326	43.0%
Total	759	
Error	2	
No Response	19	

40. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items in determining how often you fish in Kentucky. Having fishing areas with several kinds of fish (variety)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	47	6.2%
Somewhat Unimportant	59	7.8%
Neutral	100	13.2%
Somewhat Important	277	36.5%
Very Important	276	36.4%
Total	759	
Error	1	
No Response	20	

40. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items in determining how often you fish in Kentucky. Having extra spending money for fishing license, equipment, and transportation

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	74	9.7%
Somewhat Unimportant	60	7.9%
Neutral	135	17.8%
Somewhat Important	170	22.4%
Very Important	321	42.2%
Total	760	
Error	1	
No Response	19	

40. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items in determining how often you fish in Kentucky. Other items

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	6	4.3%
Somewhat Unimportant	2	1.4%
Neutral	71	51.1%
Somewhat Important	7	5.0%
Very Important	53	38.1%
Total	139	100.0%
No Response	641	

40. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items in determining how often you fish in Kentucky. Write-ins

Response	Frequency	Percent
Having clean water bodies to fish	5	12.8%
Having easily accessible bank and handicap fishing areas	5	12.8%
Having fish stocked in FINS lakes	2	5.1%
Having well maintained, lit ramps/docks	2	5.1%
Bigger fish in KY waters	2	5.1%
Feeling healthy enough to fish	2	5.1%
Having boat ramps nearby	2	5.1%
Weather	2	5.1%
Areas with no jet skis	1	2.6%
Available RV Places	1	2.6%
Cost of gas	1	2.6%
Ease of getting license-skilled vendors	1	2.6%
Education of youth as a core curriculum in school	1	2.6%
Fish & Wildlife boat or canoe and kayak rental	1	2.6%
Fuel cost, limit on spider rigging/poles, nice fish cleaning stations	1	2.6%
Lowered number of invasive fish	1	2.6%
No worms in fish caught here	1	2.6%
Out of state licenses more affordable	1	2.6%
Quit selling Peabody and Midway strips pits to people and Armstrong	1	2.6%
Relaxation	1	2.6%
River otters have ruined fishing in small streams and creeks	1	2.6%
Stream access	1	2.6%
Supply fish into the rivers that feed the Ohio River	1	2.6%
Wife letting you go	1	2.6%
You did a pretty good job with the items mentioned	1	2.6%
Total	39	

41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky. Access for bank fishing

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	75	9.9%
Somewhat Unimportant	54	7.1%
Neutral	105	13.9%
Somewhat Important	166	21.9%
Very Important	357	47.2%
Total	757	
Error	3	
No Response	20	

41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky. Boat ramp/access area

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	75	9.9%
Somewhat Unimportant	39	5.1%
Neutral	139	18.3%
Somewhat Important	179	23.5%
Very Important	329	43.2%
Total	761	
No Response	19	

41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky. Fishing access for disabled anglers

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	74	9.8%
Somewhat Unimportant	36	4.8%
Neutral	180	23.8%
Somewhat Important	161	21.3%
Very Important	304	40.3%
Total	755	
Error	1	
No Response	24	

41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky. Adequate parking at the area

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	55	7.3%
Somewhat Unimportant	45	5.9%
Neutral	89	11.7%
Somewhat Important	216	28.5%
Very Important	353	46.6%
Total	758	
Error	2	
No Response	20	

41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky. Restroom facilities available

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	64	8.5%
Somewhat Unimportant	59	7.8%
Neutral	147	19.4%
Somewhat Important	204	27.0%
Very Important	282	37.3%
Total	756	
Error	2	
No Response	22	

41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky. Campground facilities available

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	78	10.4%
Somewhat Unimportant	78	10.4%
Neutral	259	34.5%
Somewhat Important	184	24.5%
Very Important	152	20.2%
Total	751	
Error	7	
No Response	22	

41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky. The area is clean (litter free)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	50	6.6%
Somewhat Unimportant	24	3.2%
Neutral	54	7.1%
Somewhat Important	191	25.2%
Very Important	440	58.0%
Total	759	
Error	1	
No Response	20	

41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky. The area is not crowded

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	34	4.5%
Somewhat Unimportant	34	4.5%
Neutral	88	11.6%
Somewhat Important	301	39.8%
Very Important	300	39.6%
Total	757	
Error	3	
No Response	20	

41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky. The area is close to home

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	43	5.7%
Somewhat Unimportant	42	5.6%
Neutral	105	13.9%
Somewhat Important	281	37.3%
Very Important	283	37.5%
Total	754	
Error	2	
No Response	24	

41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky. Familiarity with the area

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	37	4.9%
Somewhat Unimportant	48	6.4%
Neutral	138	18.3%
Somewhat Important	295	39.1%
Very Important	237	31.4%
Total	755	
Error	3	
No Response	22	

41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky. Fish are stocked regularly

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	50	6.7%
Somewhat Unimportant	36	4.8%
Neutral	158	21.0%
Somewhat Important	221	29.4%
Very Important	286	38.1%
Total	751	
Error	5	
No Response	24	

41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky. The area does not have a fish consumption advisory

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	56	7.4%
Somewhat Unimportant	46	6.1%
Neutral	233	30.9%
Somewhat Important	154	20.4%
Very Important	266	35.2%
Total	755	
No Response	25	

41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky. The area does not have special restrictive regulations

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	57	7.6%
Somewhat Unimportant	60	8.0%
Neutral	270	36.0%
Somewhat Important	210	28.0%
Very Important	154	20.5%
Total	751	
Error	1	
No Response	28	

41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky. The area has large fish

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	41	5.4%
Somewhat Unimportant	49	6.5%
Neutral	133	17.6%
Somewhat Important	283	37.5%
Very Important	249	33.0%
Total	755	
No Response	25	

41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky. The area has many fish (number of fish)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	38	5.0%
Somewhat Unimportant	29	3.8%
Neutral	76	10.1%
Somewhat Important	290	38.5%
Very Important	321	42.6%
Total	754	
Error	3	
No Response	23	

41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky. The area has many species (variety)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	29	3.9%
Somewhat Unimportant	52	6.9%
Neutral	152	20.2%
Somewhat Important	277	36.8%
Very Important	242	32.2%
Total	752	
Error	1	
No Response	27	

41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky. Other items

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	4	3.2%
Somewhat Unimportant	1	0.8%
Neutral	80	64.0%
Somewhat Important	7	5.6%
Very Important	33	26.4%
Total	125	
No Response	655	

41. Identify the importance or unimportance of each of the following items when choosing a location where you fish in Kentucky. Write-ins

Response	Frequency	Percent
Security and lighting at ramps	4	25.0%
More law enforcement	2	12.5%
all fish in FINS: walleye, muskellunge, Florida peacock bass	1	6.3%
Anything that helps with fishing	1	6.3%
free camps	1	6.3%
Keep boat at dock	1	6.3%
more no wake zones and enforcement	1	6.3%
More trash cans at sites	1	6.3%
not any or very few invasive fish	1	6.3%
Relaxation, few fish	1	6.3%
respect all area of conservation at a young age	1	6.3%
stream fishing opportunities and access	1	6.3%
Total	16	

42. Please indicate the best ways for KY Fish & Wildlife to communicate fishing information to you by rating the importance or unimportance of each of the following sources. Kentucky Afield television show

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	65	8.6%
Somewhat Unimportant	41	5.4%
Neutral	193	25.6%
Somewhat Important	216	28.7%
Very Important	238	31.6%
Total	753	
Error	2	
No Response	25	

42. Please indicate the best ways for KY Fish & Wildlife to communicate fishing information to you by rating the importance or unimportance of each of the following sources. Kentucky Afield magazine

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	55	7.4%
Somewhat Unimportant	53	7.1%
Neutral	206	27.5%
Somewhat Important	224	29.9%
Very Important	210	28.1%
Total	748	
Error	2	
No Response	30	

42. Please indicate the best ways for KY Fish & Wildlife to communicate fishing information to you by rating the importance or unimportance of each of the following sources. KY Fish & Wildlife Fishing and Boating Guide (regulation booklet)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	45	6.0%
Somewhat Unimportant	28	3.7%
Neutral	114	15.1%
Somewhat Important	178	23.6%
Very Important	388	51.5%
Total	753	
Error	1	
No Response	26	

42. Please indicate the best ways for KY Fish & Wildlife to communicate fishing information to you by rating the importance or unimportance of each of the following sources. Other KY Fish & Wildlife pamphlets/publications

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	42	5.6%
Somewhat Unimportant	27	3.6%
Neutral	170	22.8%
Somewhat Important	259	34.7%
Very Important	248	33.2%
Total	746	
No Response	34	

42. Please indicate the best ways for KY Fish & Wildlife to communicate fishing information to you by rating the importance or unimportance of each of the following sources. KY Fish & Wildlife website

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	54	7.2%
Somewhat Unimportant	31	4.1%
Neutral	167	22.2%
Somewhat Important	210	27.9%
Very Important	290	38.6%
Total	752	
Error	1	
No Response	27	

42. Please indicate the best ways for KY Fish & Wildlife to communicate fishing information to you by rating the importance or unimportance of each of the following sources. KY Fish & Wildlife mobile website

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	61	8.1%
Somewhat Unimportant	36	4.8%
Neutral	267	35.6%
Somewhat Important	179	23.9%
Very Important	207	27.6%
Total	750	
No Response	30	

42. Please indicate the best ways for KY Fish & Wildlife to communicate fishing information to you by rating the importance or unimportance of each of the following sources. KY Fish & Wildlife Facebook page

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	86	11.4%
Somewhat Unimportant	54	7.2%
Neutral	323	42.8%
Somewhat Important	149	19.8%
Very Important	142	18.8%
Total	754	
Error	1	
No Response	25	

42. Please indicate the best ways for KY Fish & Wildlife to communicate fishing information to you by rating the importance or unimportance of each of the following sources. KY Fish & Wildlife Twitter feed

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	104	13.9%
Somewhat Unimportant	68	9.1%
Neutral	388	52.0%
Somewhat Important	106	14.2%
Very Important	80	10.7%
Total	746	
Error	3	
No Response	31	

42. Please indicate the best ways for KY Fish & Wildlife to communicate fishing information to you by rating the importance or unimportance of each of the following sources. KY Fish & Wildlife staff

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	50	6.7%
Somewhat Unimportant	34	4.5%
Neutral	234	31.3%
Somewhat Important	184	24.6%
Very Important	246	32.9%
Total	748	
Error	1	
No Response	31	

42. Please indicate the best ways for KY Fish & Wildlife to communicate fishing information to you by rating the importance or unimportance of each of the following sources. Newspapers

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	53	7.1%
Somewhat Unimportant	48	6.4%
Neutral	279	37.2%
Somewhat Important	222	29.6%
Very Important	147	19.6%
Total	749	
Error	1	
No Response	30	

42. Please indicate the best ways for KY Fish & Wildlife to communicate fishing information to you by rating the importance or unimportance of each of the following sources. Radio programs

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	64	8.6%
Somewhat Unimportant	56	7.5%
Neutral	327	43.8%
Somewhat Important	171	22.9%
Very Important	129	17.3%
Total	747	
Error	1	
No Response	32	

42. Please indicate the best ways for KY Fish & Wildlife to communicate fishing information to you by rating the importance or unimportance of each of the following sources. Booths or displays at boat and outdoor shows

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	58	7.7%
Somewhat Unimportant	47	6.3%
Neutral	231	30.7%
Somewhat Important	214	28.5%
Very Important	202	26.9%
Total	752	
No Response	28	

42. Please indicate the best ways for KY Fish & Wildlife to communicate fishing information to you by rating the importance or unimportance of each of the following sources. Other Sources

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Unimportant	10	7.1%
Somewhat Unimportant	1	0.7%
Neutral	91	65.0%
Somewhat Important	6	4.3%
Very Important	32	22.9%
Total	140	
No Response	640	

42. Please indicate the best ways for KY Fish & Wildlife to communicate fishing information to you by rating the importance or unimportance of each of the following sources. Write-ins

Response	Frequency	Percent
Emails	3	17.6%
Mobile apps	2	11.8%
Different fish from other states	1	5.9%
Do not ignore the tip program	1	5.9%
I don't have a computer	1	5.9%
John Williams	1	5.9%
Keep stocking times current on website on trout	1	5.9%
KY Sports radio	1	5.9%
Mail flyers to anglers	1	5.9%
Monthly Newsletter	1	5.9%
Nice fish cleaning stations	1	5.9%
Presence in our schools	1	5.9%
Signs at public access	1	5.9%
The book and tv for people that do not have a computer	1	5.9%
Total	17	

43. When you need to reference the Kentucky Fishing & Boating Guide (regulation booklet), what percentage of the time do you refer to the printed guide?

Response	Frequency	Percent
100	300	43.0%
50	122	17.5%
0	65	9.3%
90	38	5.4%
80	33	4.7%
75	29	4.2%
10	27	3.9%
25	11	1.6%
30	11	1.6%
70	11	1.6%
95	11	1.6%
20	10	1.4%
40	7	1.0%
60	7	1.0%
5	4	0.6%
85	2	0.3%
99	2	0.3%
15	1	0.1%
33	1	0.1%
42	1	0.1%
43	1	0.1%
58	1	0.1%
67	1	0.1%
83	1	0.1%
89	1	0.1%
Total	698	
No Response	82	

43. When you need to reference the Kentucky Fishing & Boating Guide (regulation booklet), what percentage of the time do you refer to an electronic copy downloaded from the KDFWR website or viewed online?

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	300	43.0%
50	122	17.5%
100	65	9.3%
10	38	5.4%
20	33	4.7%
25	29	4.2%
90	27	3.9%
5	11	1.6%
30	11	1.6%
70	11	1.6%
75	11	1.6%
80	10	1.4%
40	7	1.0%
60	7	1.0%
95	4	0.6%
1	2	0.3%
15	2	0.3%
11	1	0.1%
17	1	0.1%
33	1	0.1%
42	1	0.1%
57	1	0.1%
58	1	0.1%
67	1	0.1%
85	1	0.1%
Total	698	
No Response	82	

44. The staff of the Fisheries Division provides knowledgeable service to their customers.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Strongly Disagree	9	1.2%	1.5%
Somewhat Disagree	16	2.1%	2.6%
Neutral	137	18.2%	22.2%
Somewhat Agree	177	23.5%	28.7%
Strongly Agree	278	36.9%	45.1%
No Opinion	136	18.1%	
Total	753		
Error	1		
No Response	26		

44. The Fisheries Division does a good job of making anglers aware of current fishing regulations and providing other fishing information.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Strongly Disagree	14	1.9%	2.1%
Somewhat Disagree	18	2.4%	2.8%
Neutral	107	14.2%	16.4%
Somewhat Agree	201	26.8%	30.7%
Strongly Agree	314	41.8%	48.0%
No Opinion	97	12.9%	
Total	751		
Error	1		
No Response	28		

44. The Fisheries Division provides good solutions to fisheries problems.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Strongly Disagree	16	2.1%	2.6%
Somewhat Disagree	24	3.2%	3.9%
Neutral	164	21.8%	26.7%
Somewhat Agree	204	27.2%	33.2%
Strongly Agree	206	27.4%	33.6%
No Opinion	137	18.2%	
Total	751		
Error	2		
No Response	27		

44. The Fisheries Division is responsive to the wants and needs of the angling public.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Strongly Disagree	19	2.5%	3.1%
Somewhat Disagree	33	4.4%	5.3%
Neutral	157	20.9%	25.3%
Somewhat Agree	212	28.2%	34.1%
Strongly Agree	200	26.6%	32.2%
No Opinion	131	17.4%	
Total	752		
Error	1		
No Response	27		

44. The Fisheries Division is mostly unknown to me and I am unfamiliar with their programs.

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Strongly Disagree	99	13.3%	16.2%
Somewhat Disagree	96	12.9%	15.7%
Neutral	180	24.2%	29.4%
Somewhat Agree	136	18.3%	22.2%
Strongly Agree	101	13.6%	16.5%
No Opinion	133	17.9%	
Total	745		
Error	4		
No Response	31		

45. What is your level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with the overall performance of the Fisheries Division of KY Fish & Wildlife?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid %
Very Satisfied	270	35.5%	41.0%
Somewhat Satisfied	256	33.6%	38.9%
Neutral	107	14.1%	16.3%
Somewhat Dissatisfied	19	2.5%	2.9%
Very Dissatisfied	6	0.8%	0.9%
No Opinion	103	13.5%	
Total	761		
Error	1		
No Response	18		

46. In what county is your permanent residence?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Adair	5	0.7%
Allen	5	0.7%
Anderson	8	1.1%
Ballard	3	0.4%
Barren	10	1.3%
Bell	3	0.4%
Boone	17	2.3%
Bourbon	4	0.5%
Boyd	4	0.5%
Boyle	7	0.9%
Bracken	1	0.1%
Breathitt	3	0.4%
Breckinridge	8	1.1%
Bullitt	16	2.1%
Butler	3	0.4%
Caldwell	3	0.4%
Calloway	7	0.9%
Campbell	12	1.6%
Carlisle	2	0.3%
Carroll	2	0.3%
Carter	5	0.7%
Casey	11	1.5%
Christian	7	0.9%
Clark	7	0.9%
Clay	4	0.5%
Clinton	1	0.1%
Crittenden	4	0.5%
Cumberland	1	0.1%
Daviess	17	2.3%
Edmonson	2	0.3%
Elliott	2	0.3%
Estill	6	0.8%
Fayette	19	2.5%
Fleming	2	0.3%
Floyd	9	1.2%

46. Continued.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Franklin	9	1.2%
Fulton	1	0.1%
Garrard	7	0.9%
Grant	1	0.1%
Graves	7	0.9%
Grayson	6	0.8%
Green	5	0.7%
Greenup	10	1.3%
Hancock	3	0.4%
Hardin	19	2.5%
Harlan	5	0.7%
Harrison	5	0.7%
Hart	8	1.1%
Henderson	8	1.1%
Henry	1	0.1%
Hickman	1	0.1%
Hopkins	10	1.3%
Jackson	1	0.1%
Jefferson	58	7.7%
Jessamine	3	0.4%
Johnson	5	0.7%
Kenton	14	1.9%
Knott	6	0.8%
Knox	2	0.3%
Larue	4	0.5%
Laurel	13	1.7%
Lawrence	6	0.8%
Lee	1	0.1%
Leslie	2	0.3%
Letcher	6	0.8%
Lewis	4	0.5%
Lincoln	10	1.3%
Livingston	3	0.4%
Logan	9	1.2%
Lyon	5	0.7%
Madison	12	1.6%
Magoffin	5	0.7%
Marion	3	0.4%
Marshall	13	1.7%
Martin	1	0.1%
Mason	4	0.5%
McCracken	13	1.7%
McCreary	3	0.4%
Mclean	2	0.3%
Meade	4	0.5%
Menifee	1	0.1%
Mercer	7	0.9%
Metcalfe	1	0.1%
Monroe	3	0.4%
Montgomery	3	0.4%

46. Continued.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Morgan	4	0.5%
Muhlenberg	10	1.3%
Nelson	8	1.1%
Nicholas	1	0.1%
Ohio	8	1.1%
Oldham	11	1.5%
Owen	6	0.8%
Owsley	3	0.4%
Pendleton	3	0.4%
Perry	7	0.9%
Pike	13	1.7%
Powell	2	0.3%
Pulaski	16	2.1%
Robertson	2	0.3%
Rockcastle	3	0.4%
Rowan	4	0.5%
Russell	5	0.7%
Scott	7	0.9%
Shelby	7	0.9%
Simpson	2	0.3%
Spencer	4	0.5%
Taylor	5	0.7%
Todd	2	0.3%
Trigg	4	0.5%
Trimble	2	0.3%
Union	5	0.7%
Warren	27	3.6%
Washington	3	0.4%
Wayne	4	0.5%
Webster	4	0.5%
Whitley	6	0.8%
Wolfe	2	0.3%
Woodford	6	0.8%
Total	749	
No Response	31	

47. Which of the following best describes the area where you now live?

Response	Frequency	Percent
A city or urban area of 500,000 or more people	56	7.6%
A city or urban area of 100,000 to 499,999 people	56	7.6%
A city of 50,000 to 99,999 people	72	9.7%
A city of 10,000 to 49,999 people	186	25.1%
A city or community of less than 10,000 people	371	50.1%
Total	741	
Error	2	
No Response	37	

48. What is the highest level of formal education you have completed?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Some high school or less	70	9.3%
High school diploma/GED	265	35.1%
Vocational or technical degree	73	9.7%
Some college, no degree	148	19.6%
Associates degree	53	7.0%
Bachelor's degree	93	12.3%
Post-graduate degree	52	6.9%
Total	754	
Error	3	
No Response	23	

49. What is your marital status?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Single, never married	93	12.2%
Married	571	74.9%
Separated or Divorced	74	9.7%
Widowed	24	3.1%
Total	762	
Error	1	
No Response	17	

50. What is your gender?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Male	614	80.5%
Female	149	19.5%
Total	763	
No Response	17	
	780	

51. What is your age?

Response	Frequency	Percent
16	2	0.3%
17	4	0.5%
18	4	0.5%
19	3	0.4%
20	9	1.2%
21	8	1.0%
22	2	0.3%
23	2	0.3%
24	2	0.3%
25	4	0.5%
26	16	2.1%
27	2	0.3%
28	6	0.8%
29	6	0.8%
30	5	0.7%
31	7	0.9%
32	6	0.8%
33	8	1.0%
34	7	0.9%
35	8	1.0%
36	13	1.7%
37	11	1.4%
38	16	2.1%
39	12	1.6%
40	9	1.2%
41	10	1.3%
42	8	1.0%
43	13	1.7%
44	16	2.1%
45	15	2.0%
46	18	2.4%
47	7	0.9%
48	15	2.0%
49	14	1.8%
50	12	1.6%
51	15	2.0%
52	17	2.2%
53	19	2.5%
54	16	2.1%
55	25	3.3%
56	18	2.4%
57	21	2.8%
58	24	3.1%
59	22	2.9%
60	18	2.4%
61	21	2.8%
62	17	2.2%
63	14	1.8%
64	14	1.8%
65	24	3.1%

51. Continued

Response	Frequency	Percent	
	66	25	3.3%
	67	19	2.5%
	68	20	2.6%
	69	17	2.2%
	70	18	2.4%
	71	17	2.2%
	72	11	1.4%
	73	7	0.9%
	74	8	1.0%
	75	5	0.7%
	76	6	0.8%
	77	4	0.5%
	78	2	0.3%
	79	4	0.5%
	80	3	0.4%
	81	2	0.3%
	82	3	0.4%
	83	1	0.1%
	84	2	0.3%
	85	2	0.3%
	86	1	0.1%
	90	1	0.1%
Total		763	
No Response		17	

52. Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic/Latino?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	11	1.5%
No	742	98.5%
Total	753	
No Response	27	

53. What is your race? Mark one or more to describe yourself.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Asian	1	0.1%
Black or African American	10	1.3%
White/Caucasian	737	96.1%
Native American or Alaska Native	2	0.3%
Other (Please specify)	15	2.0%
Total	767	
Error	2	
No Response	13	

53. What is your race? Written Response

Response	Frequency	Percent
american	1	6.7%
Hispanic/Latino	2	13.3%
Human	1	6.7%
Irish-american	1	6.7%
WHITE AND SPANISH	1	6.7%
White/caucasian and native American or Alaska native	7	46.7%
White/Caucasian, Indian	1	6.7%
White/caucasian, native American, German/Irish	1	6.7%
Total	15	

54. Which of the following broad categories best describes your annual total household income?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Less than \$10,000	39	5.4%
\$10,000 – \$19,999	60	8.4%
\$20,000 – \$29,999	86	12.0%
\$30,000 – \$39,999	96	13.4%
\$40,000 – \$49,999	81	11.3%
\$50,000 – \$59,999	62	8.6%
\$60,000 – \$69,999	60	8.4%
\$70,000 – \$79,999	50	7.0%
\$80,000 – \$89,999	31	4.3%
\$90,000 – \$99,999	31	4.3%
\$100,000 or more	121	16.9%
Total	717	
Error	2	
No Response	61	

Comments

Response	Frequency	Percent
Positive	85	10.9%
Negative	93	11.9%
Neutral	74	9.5%
Irrelevant but entertaining	19	2.4%
No Response	509	65.3%