

2006 Wisconsin Fishing Report available online and in print

MADISON – Anglers can find forecasts for the coming fishing season and descriptions of projects their license dollars fund to improve fishing in Wisconsin in the [2006 Wisconsin Fishing Report](#), now available in print and online.

The Department of Natural Resources' annual publication has been expanded to 16 pages to accommodate more forecasts and more stories on fish management efforts. The newspaper can be found on-line and is available in limited quantities at DNR service centers, bait shops and other license outlets.

“We consider this to be our annual report to users,” says Mike Staggs, Wisconsin’s fisheries director. “We report results of many of the fish surveys we do, the habitat projects we’ve worked on, often with the help of local conservation groups, fish stocking, regulation changes, and all the other activities we do that are intended to make fishing better in Wisconsin.

“This report should be an invaluable reference for any angler to start planning fishing trips.”

Wisconsinites love to fish: 48 percent of Wisconsin adults surveyed in 2002 said they participated in fishing, according to the latest DNR recreational participation survey, with the figure as high as 60 percent for residents in northern Wisconsin.

Wisconsin has about 1.4 million licensed adult anglers who fish 22 million days a year and catch 69 million fish, releasing more than half of them.

Wisconsin trails only Florida in the number of days nonresident anglers spend fishing here, according to statistics from a 2001 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service survey. Such popularity, among both residents and non-residents, in 2001 helped generate a \$2.3 billion economic impact in Wisconsin, provided more than \$90 million in general purpose tax revenues for state and local government, and supported more than 26,000 jobs.