

Results of the 2013 Panfish Survey



**Panfish Standing Team
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Survey Methods

The panfish survey ran from mid-February 2013 to the end of April 2013.

Respondents could find the survey online on the DNR website (<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Fishing/Outreach/PanfishPlan.html>), at public meetings held around the state in February and March 2013, or at fishing expos, sport shows and the Conservation Congress meetings.

Results

How many surveys did we receive?

| Survey Return Method | Number of surveys |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Online | 2,121 |
| Mail-in | 442 |
| Public meetings and sport shows | 929 |
| Total | 3,492 |

During a typical day of panfishing, how satisfied are you with the size of your favorite panfish?

| Response | Percent Response |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Dissatisfied | 31% |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 33% |
| Satisfied | 36% |

During a typical day of panfishing, how satisfied are you with the number that you catch?

| Response | Percent Response |
|--|------------------|
| Dissatisfied – I catch less than I would like | 22% |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied – the number is adequate but it could be higher | 40% |
| Satisfied – my catch is more than adequate | 38% |

Thinking about your panfishing experiences, would you like to see the daily bag limit of 25 panfish increased, decreased or kept at 25?

| Response | Percent Response |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Probably increased | 3% |
| Definitely increased | 3% |
| Kept at 25 | 47% |
| Probably decreased | 22% |
| Definitely decreased | 25% |

Would you prefer to catch and keep fewer panfish but larger in size or more panfish of average or smaller size or would you prefer no change to your current catch and harvest?

| Response | Percent Response |
|---|------------------|
| Definitely prefer to catch and keep fewer panfish but larger in size | 37% |
| Probably prefer to catch and keep fewer panfish but larger in size | 24% |
| Prefer to keep my catch and harvest as is – no change | 33% |
| Probably prefer to catch and keep more panfish of average or smaller size | 4% |
| Definitely prefer to catch and keep more panfish of average or smaller size | 2% |

Thank you everyone for your input and comments.