

ANGLING PARTICIPATION AND EDUCATION

INDICATOR: Number of participants involved in MinnAqua fisheries aquatic and angling education program

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

Minnesotans must work to maintain, enhance, and restore the health of our ecosystems so they can continue to serve recreational, environmental, social, and economic purposes. However, not all citizens know how to be effective stewards, and some simply don't appreciate the outdoors because they haven't had opportunities to enjoy activities such as fishing and hunting. The MinnAqua program works to create a citizenry that is aware of and active in natural resource conservation, by expanding opportunities to fish and creating a network of outdoor education.

WHAT IS DNR DOING?

Partnerships are vital to the sustainability of education efforts. The MinnAqua program partners with teachers and community leaders because through them they can reach a larger audience. MinnAqua provides educators in-depth training and supportive materials on fishing and aquatic ecosystems, so they can lead efforts with their classrooms or youth groups. These "core educators" are able to spend more time with participants, solidifying the message of stewardship and creating a lasting effect.

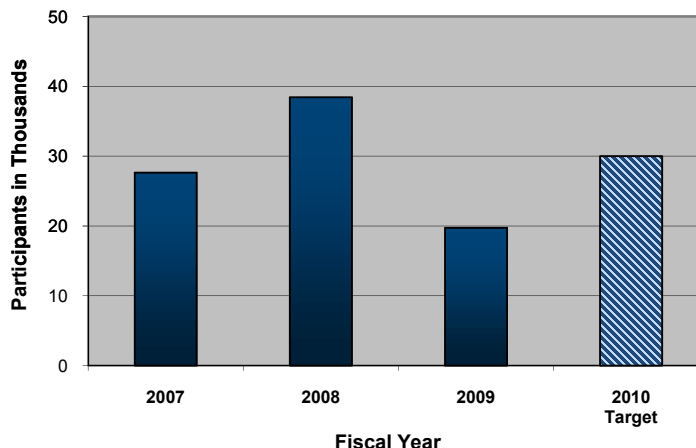
The MinnAqua program is just one fish and wildlife education program DNR offers. DNR is currently developing a strategic direction for all fish and wildlife education programs. Creating connections between programs will help us streamline efforts and identify new outdoor opportunities. It is our goal that via these programs, new and novice outdoor participants will have a "pipeline" to learn skills and gain a lifelong appreciation for Minnesota's great outdoors.

TARGET: To be defined with new indicator(s) that will reflect the work of all fish and wildlife education programs. It is DNR's belief that learning is a collaborative process. In the future we hope to measure the effect of all fish and wildlife education programs together, instead of in isolation. Part of the development of the new strategic direction will focus on creating these measures.

LEARN MORE ABOUT:

- MinnAqua at: www.mndnr.gov/minnaqua
- Fisheries information and education at: www.mndnr.gov/fisheries/management/inform.html
- Other DNR natural resources education programs at: www.mndnr.gov/education

Number of Participants Involved in Aquatic Education Programs



Number of participants involved in aquatic education programs since 2006.



MinnAqua programs provide in-depth training and supportive materials for educators.