

Introduction

Our job in DNR Fisheries is to manage your fisheries, using your money. We have a responsibility to tell you how we spend that money and to explain clearly what we mean by “managing Minnesota’s fisheries.”

This new booklet is intended to do just that. The heart of this publication is an explanation of what we do to improve your fishing. When you’ve finished reading, you should have a good idea of what those activities are, why they are necessary, and how they lead to better fishing.

You’ll also get a sense of the other things that affect your fishing—how weather, angling pressure, and lake ecology can often play as big a role as we do.

In addition, you’ll find information on major issues, such as bag limits and walleye stocking. And there’s a special section where anglers can learn the truth about many common Minnesota fishing and fish management myths.

This is our report on what we do with your money. We hope you find it interesting, enlightening, and proof that the \$17 you paid for a fishing license this year was money well spent.

I’d like to hear what you think of this publication and the job we do managing your fisheries. I encourage you to contact me at the mailing or e-mail address listed below, and to fill out and mail me the enclosed reader survey card.

Good fishing,



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Some basic statistics

Resident and nonresident anglers	1.5 million
Number including kids	2.3 million
Resident individual fishing license fee	\$17
Game fish lakes	5,400
Miles of streams and rivers	15,000
Miles of trout streams	3,600
Public water access sites	3,000
Fishing piers and shore fishing sites	200
DNR Fisheries staff	320
Area offices	28
Hatcheries	18
Annual budget	\$22 million*

* For FY 2000. Budget ranges from \$22-\$30 million depending on various funding sources, such as bonding, LCMR, lottery-in-lieu, etc.



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