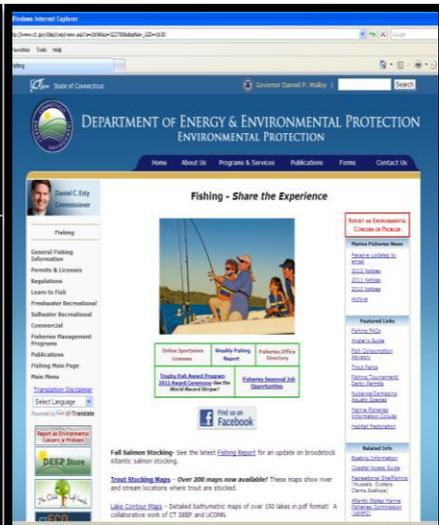
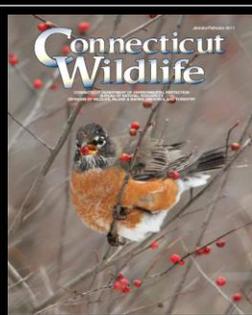
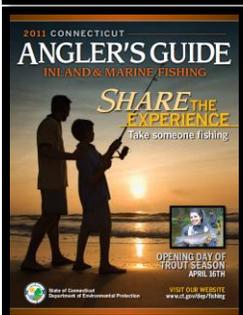


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Summary of Responses

*Survey titled:
Please help improve Inland Fisheries Division outreach materials*



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“Please Help Improve Inland Fisheries Division Outreach Materials”

Survey Summary **(September –November 2012).**

A survey titled “Please Help Improve Inland Fisheries Division Outreach Materials” was implemented using SurveyMonkey.com by the Inland Fisheries Division (IFD). The intent of the 10 questions was to obtain opinions from the angling public regarding various outreach materials (anglers guide, web site, Face book, and others) currently in use by the IFD. Invitation to participate in this survey was distributed using various electronic media including Face book, a link posted on the DEEP IFD web page, the weekly fishing report email distribution list and the CARE instructor email distribution list. Each invitation encouraged the recipient to forward the message to any other parties who may be interested. The survey opened on September 20, 2012 and collected responses until November 3, 2012. A total of 294 people completed the survey. The majority (59.6%) of the respondents indicated they were between the ages of 41 and 64. In a separate question over 80% of respondents primarily fish for trout.

Favorite sources of fishing information were the anglers guide, web site, and the weekly fishing report. Each of which had suggestions for improvement.

The most common suggestions for improving fishing opportunities in CT were related to regulation changes, stocking more fish, access for fishing, and enforcing the laws.

Future work for outreach materials could benefit from soliciting feedback from groups either not represented here or very under represented here.

Questions included in the survey “Please Help Improve Inland Fisheries Division Outreach Materials”

1. How useful are the following sources of fishing information to you?
2. How useful are these parts of the CT DEEP Anglers Guide to you?
3. Do you have any suggestions to improve DEEP fishing web page?
4. What types of "posts" are most useful to you on the CT Fish and Wildlife Face book page?
5. How useful is the CT DEEP Weekly Fishing Report (often printed in the newspaper)?
6. What features would you like to see built into a Smartphone APP for CT fishing?
7. Please rank starting with 1 for most important to you to least important to you or N/A (not applicable) for each fishing information source.
8. What type of fish do you fish for the most?
9. Please indicate your age range.
10. Do you have any ideas to improve fishing practices, regulations, or opportunities here in CT?

A separate, face to face, survey was administered during the 3rd annual hunting and fishing day on September 22, 2012 with the intent to solicit feedback on the question, “How can IFD improve fishing in Connecticut?”(Appendix A). Forty-two people provided IFD with feedback. The majority of the participants in this survey were fairly active anglers who log over 20 trips per year. Most also indicated they were daily users of the computer and internet to get information and obtained most of their fishing information from either the anglers guide or from friends. The information gained from both of these initial surveys should help to shape future IFD outreach efforts.

Question 1:

How useful are the following sources of fishing information to you?

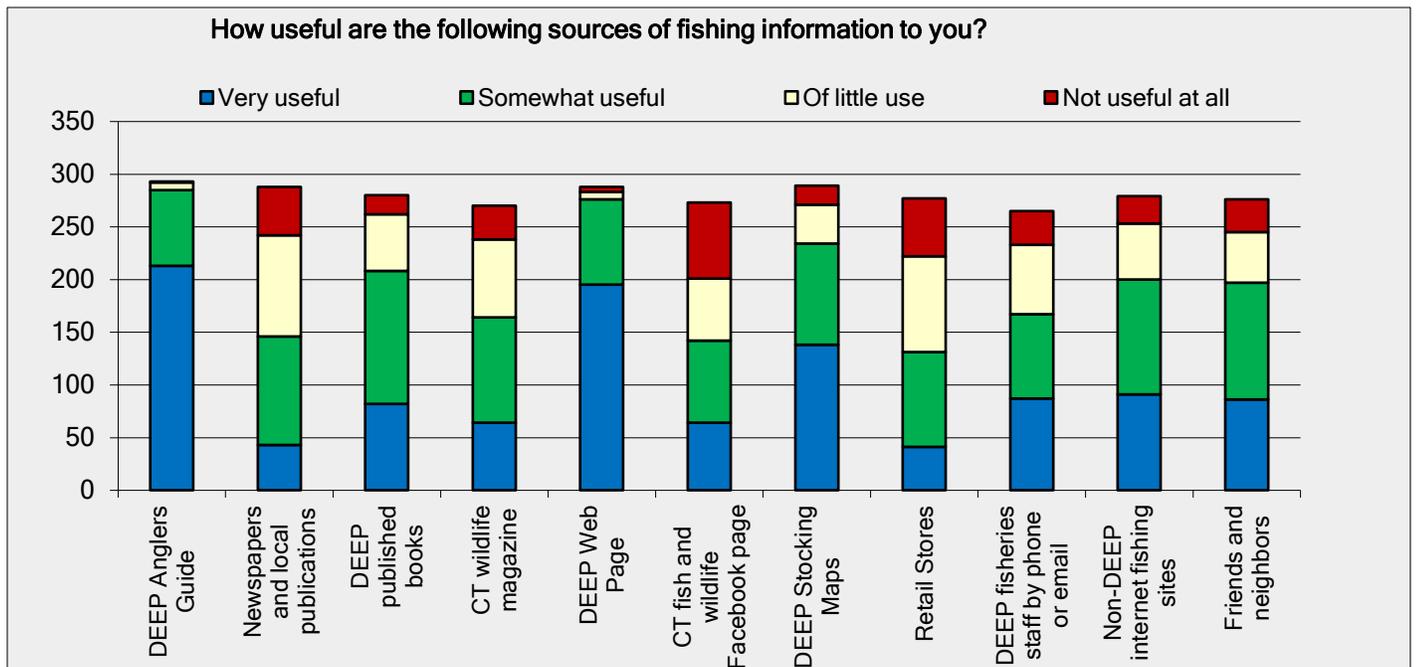
When asked to identify how useful some of our outreach materials are as a source of fishing information the top three, as indicated by “very useful” responses, were;

- The DEEP anglers guide (213)
- DEEP web site (195)
- On-line stocking maps (138).

Least valuable sources of fishing information, as represented by a “not useful at all” response, included;

- The CT fish and wildlife Face book page (72)
- Retail stores (55)
- Newspapers and local publications (46).

It is not surprising of the responses to least valuable sources of fishing information. Many appear to rely upon more traditional sources such as the anglers guide, DEEP web site, and direct email over newer benefits of social media. Of the audience polled, **half do not use Face book** (139 respondents) and would not benefit from material distributed solely through this medium. In addition specific comments provided in Question #5 about the weekly fishing report indicated that anglers use the on-line version or emailed version and do not use the report printed in the newspaper. Understanding how to reach the audience will be an important component when distributing future outreach material.



How useful are the following sources of fishing information to you?

Answer Options	Very useful	Somewhat useful	Of little use	Not useful at all	Response Count
DEEP Anglers Guide	213	72	7	1	293
Newspapers and local publications	43	103	96	46	288
DEEP published books	82	126	54	18	280
CT wildlife magazine	64	100	74	32	270
DEEP Web Page	195	81	7	5	288
CT fish and wildlife Face book page	64	78	59	72	273
DEEP Stocking Maps	138	96	37	18	289
Retail Stores	41	90	91	55	277
DEEP fisheries staff by phone or email	87	80	66	32	265
Non-DEEP internet fishing sites	91	109	53	26	279
Friends and neighbors	86	111	48	31	276
Other (please specify)					24
<i>answered question</i>					294
<i>skipped question</i>					0

User provided comments for question 1, **how useful are the following sources of fishing information to you?** The replies are not edited from the original submission.

more DEEP Publications online so they can be free
Include Press Releases (ASMFC, Boat Launch Closures, etc
Is DEEP Fisheries staff receptive to public contact on angling questions? (Honestly not sure.)
Stamford Advocate Fishing Column
Tackle Shop and Outfitter sites
You guys need to put the old electroshocking report on line!
deep weekly fishing report somewhat useful
Don't have Facebook
no stocking locations
Not clear what is meant by "retail stores" DEEP? Bait and Tackle?, Wal-Mart?
Should have a column as NA, I don't Facebook,
bait shops
TU
Martin Armstrong's "The Fishing Column - Sunday's
new England fisherman magazine
DEEP CARE Program
Satellite maps and Google street view!!
re-stock DEEP books that are out of publication
I don't have a facebook account
Fishing clubs
I like the DEP weekly fishing report and the tips. I would have used direct contact more if I knew it was available or publicized better
ctfisherman.com is good
Need etiquette guide.
Regional publications, like On The Water and The Fisherman.

Question 2:

How useful are these sections within the anglers guide?

The most useful sections of the anglers guide, as indicated by “very useful” responses, were;

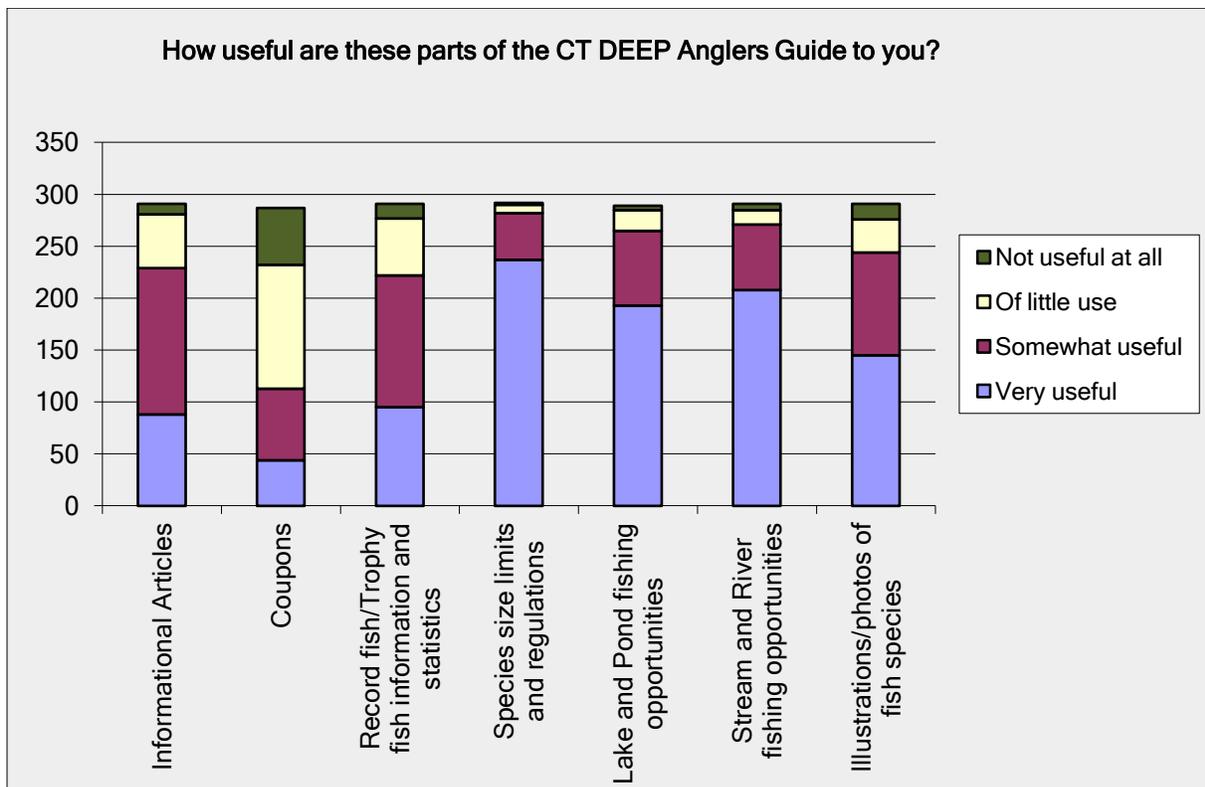
- Size limits and regulations
- Where to fish (both lakes and ponds as well as rivers and streams)
- Illustrations of the fish species (note these are marine species only in the 2012 guide).

The least valuable section of the anglers guide were coupons.

Thirteen respondents provided specific feedback relating to sections of the anglers guide and some suggestions were to augment the publication with new items such as:

- A fish identification guide (for freshwater species as marine species currently have illustrations).
- Better explanation of regulations.
- And listing of bait and tackle shops.

Other useful content not listed in the question but indicated in the comment section were the tide charts.



How useful are these parts of the CT DEEP Anglers Guide to you?

Answer Options	Very useful	Somewhat useful	Of little use	Not useful at all	Response Count
Informational Articles	88	141	52	10	291
Coupons	44	69	119	55	287
Record fish/Trophy fish information and statistics	95	127	55	14	291
Species size limits and regulations	237	45	8	2	292
Lake and Pond fishing opportunities	193	72	20	4	289
Stream and River fishing opportunities	208	63	14	6	291
Illustrations/photos of fish species	145	99	32	15	291
Other (please specify)					13
<i>answered question</i>					293
<i>skipped question</i>					1

User provided comments for question 2, **How useful are these parts of the CT DEEP Anglers Guide to you?** The replies are not edited from the original submission.

There are often changes to prices, size limits and season to the Guide after it is published
2012 anglers guide was the best looking one I've seen yet
Need bait and tackle shop list by town
Fish id could be improved.
Restrictions should be emphasized more. They are complex and hard to understand.
more detailed weekly reports thru the whole year
Catch and release info, special fisheries info, invasive species info
I am unaware of the "coupons" to which you refer.
The most useful part of the guide is the regulations and laws concerning fishing, they may have a legal need to print that kind of information- but the rest could just be on an improved DEP website
I use the tide chart very frequently.
tide chart
Very useful with CARE classes & personal use
CT DEEP Care Instructors and Volunteers

Question 3:

Do you have any suggestions to improve DEEP fishing web page?

Due to the open-ended nature of this question, all responses were read and reviewed. A list of categories was developed based on the responses and then each response was tallied within the appropriate category.

Of the 294 respondents to the survey 216 skipped this question. Of the 78 who decided to offer a suggestion, 26 (33%) were neutral or seem to favor the web site in its current format (13 no comments and 13 Thanks- good job). The remainder of the comments encouraged some sort of improvement with suggestion for “Better Maps” and “Keep Information Current” the most commonly suggested improvement.

Category (assigned by DEEP)	Comments within category
No comment or none- was the comment	13
Thank you or Good Job	13
Better Maps and Information needed	12
Stay Current- too much content is out of date	12
More streamlined- it is hard to find information	6
More stocking information-location and dates	5
Angler forum- for discussion and upload photos	5
Dynamic information needed	3
More information needed- various topics	2
Fish size and growth information	1
Fishing health index for water bodies	1
Kids section	1
Publicize violators	1
Other fishing related links	1
Publicize DEEP Scientific findings	1
Simplify links- URL too long	1

User provided comments for question 3, **Do you have any suggestions to improve DEEP fishing web page?** The replies are not edited from the original submission.

Please date all articles and keep current information relevant to searches. Often times I do a search for information and find articles from years past. This is both good and bad so dates help figure out what is current.
The inland quarterly report is still from march 2012. You're behind
open up for us to give our fishing reports for the week who knows better than those of us that fish this would be for fresh and salt water we could post ever day all parts of the state would know where the fish are
none
I'd love to see the concept of the online coastal assess guide get adapted for lake, pond, river, and stream fishing. The present coastal access guide needs updating. It has good info, but clunky mapping tools. Having inland waterway access points and parking laid out in a Google Maps format would be great. Also, lay out the locations of bait and tackle shops with phone numbers in Google Maps so people could find them easier.
It would be nice under individual lakes/ponds/streams to provide a "general ecosystem health" index. For example the Farmington River might be a 1 as in healthy, whereas the Salmon river might be a 2 or

3.. The ratings being a combined factor of water pH, micro-organism presence, aquatic plant species, etc. Even "labeling" ponds & lakes as high fertilizer runoffs might spark some residents to not use fertilizers in near-lake watersheds.
Not Sure
Integrate Google Maps or MapQuest into lake stream info so you can easily find location and directions to locations.
Put up a link to some of the states fishing websites such as CTFishTalk.com
get the weekly fishing report out earlier
no
Info on what are considered average size fish. i.e. Is a 9" yellow perch a decent catch? This would help deter from taking home a small catch when you think you have a "keeper".
get rid of some of the old info sometimes the info is years old what good is that
current info
More photo images of ALL species for young anglers.
fire the governor
Quality Bathymetry maps for lakes
Can the weekly fishing report give planned stockings for the upcoming week not the week already passed since it goes out on Fridays?
Doing a great job.
I think it is just great! I visit often and help me to maximize my time on the water and time with my kids.
Direct Link to Seasons, bag limits
Please list lakes that have trout that run up brooks and rivers that feed them!!
have a forum,so we can talk about hot spots or good catches or QandA
Very good as it is
I think the web page works well-both informative and user friendly. Nice work
How about highlighting fish that some pf us don't know are available in certain waters.
IE: There are some walleyes in Candlewood (why not put MORE of them in there?)
Or: Exotics in the Long Island Sound
More up to date Connecticut lakes and ponds book that has the latest fisheries data on densities and new species for example Winchester lake- Pike is said to be expanding, that is out of date....
Articles should be easier to find. Try finding a Press Release or a Quarterly Report!
More specific dates or weeks when trout WILL be stocked in rivers and streams. They do that in Mass. Helps the working stiff with young kids like me! PLEASE!!
Love the trout stocking maps in rivers and streams but some of those spots marked for stocking seem quite out of date. Spots that have not been stocked for many many years are there.
Love the shore access guide and any information added to that and the weekly fishing report for saltwater shore access fisherman. Even more would be appreciated.
not at this time
Perhaps a more linear separation of the different offerings. Fishing/Hunting, then regionalize or separate by species or method of hunting/fishing. You guys are doing well. I like the Facebook page.
Here's a money maker (not web page related though): Put someone at the Squantz Boatramp on Candlewood EARLIER on Fri Sat & Sun of the fishing months. 50-100 cars/trailers come BEFORE you open. OR place an envelope for the entrance fee on each windshield when the DEEP employee arrives, have them record tag numbers and vehicle owners can mail in fee.
Add Annual Fish Distribution Report.
Add something like a headline encouraging anglers to respect private properties and to clean up litter, etc.
no, I like it just fine

it's great, hopefully you can get it up on Thursday afternoons so weekend fishing can be planned
Yes - update the fishing report on the day it is produced ... not one or two days later !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
List the people issued ticket for illegal fishing or hunting. Weekly with the fishing report or a hunting report
Are latest notices incorporated in, or linked in some way in, the Angler's guide? If not, they should be, as few are going to take the time to read both the angler's guide and all these posts.
Also, the information seems to be scattered or missing. For example, where is information about CARE on the main "Fishing - Share the Experience" page? Also, weekly fishing reports should "go to the user" instead of the user having to look for them, via Facebook and/or email.
have more info for on shore fishermen
none
Highlight link to Family Fishing courses available. Tell viewers that are already fishing to tell friends and family that do not fish about the CARE courses.
Embarrassed to say "No."
Keep up the good work!!
Anything to encourage licenses for Kayaks?
Do away with the catch and release date above the Riverton bridge. .We hardly have any fishing areas in the Farmington after Sept.Not good for business and fishermen who still like to take home fish..Again from the Dam down to the Riverton bridge should be open for fishing without releasing. I've been fishing the Farmington river for years and the Trout still manage to re-produce in that area. .
KEEP WEB PAGE CURRENT ALL YEAR LONG.
Maybe suggest the types of fish to be found in a body of water with greater accuracy, listing nearly every catchable species present there.
More stocking information.
The web page needs a major overhaul if you want it to help me find places to go fishing or get information on new ways to fish. It is not clear at all how to find information on places to fish- other than trying to get me to buy books or open pdf files. The actual web site is pretty useless and seems like just another confusing government site.
TELL US WHEN WHAT AND WHERE YOU ARE STOCKING.
Each week feature a different lake or pond.
Show weekly pictures of fish caught at various waterways.
doing a good job
Publish Weekly Fishing Report Online on Thursday so plans can be made for the weekend
Provide fisherman the ability to post reports
Publish more scientific findings i.e. Results of fish samplings
More instantaneous info,release of report should be earlier in the week to plan ahead
show locations of non state boat launches, and carry in informal launches on boat launch map
DEEP needs a web address that is a .com address with simple links to major areas such as licensing.... The current one is too confusing
Trout stocking dates
Great job
Keep up the good work!!
Some links to a list of bait/tackle shops maybe organized by proximity to waters. Maybe a gallery of pictures by year of award applications or voluntary submissions. Some links to external CT fishing blogs / online fishing reports from tackle stores etc.
Better stocking updates
Update and post the quarterly inland fisheries newsletter on a timely basis. It's September and I'm reading about Jan - Mar. ??? I'm very interested in what projects are going on, and what the DEEP is focusing on. How as a local sportsman help the DEEP with their projects?

I wait for the fishing report every week....it's one of my highlights! I go crazy when it's late.....please keep it coming 1x/week on time! :)
Not at this time. I like it very much.
The weekly reports are extremely useful
I unsuccessfully tried to locate access points to Pease Brook Wild Trout waters... tips like this would be a great addition to the web page
none
Have a section targeting kids at the different ages and stages of fishing/educational levels.
Not
Keep up the good work!
DIVERSITY
no
Keep it up to date with all the latest notices that are issued. Seems to take awhile for the info to get there.
Map of lakes and ponds
Post regs with every post. Tell folks to please call to report violators. Etiquette and littering.

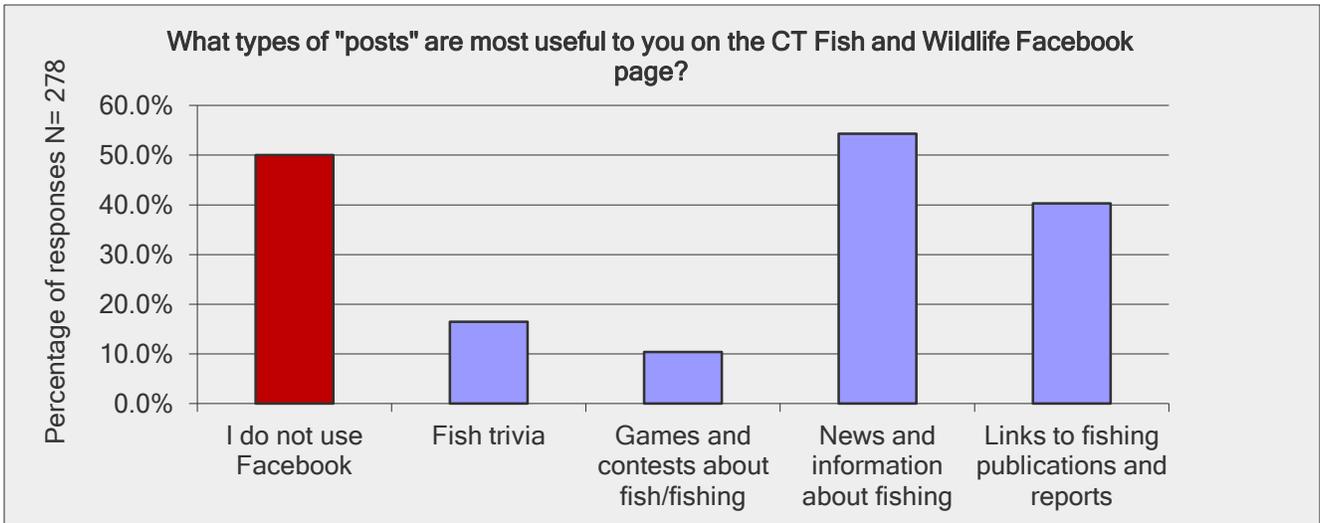
Question 4:

What types of "posts" are most useful to you on the CT Fish and Wildlife Face book page?

Face book is a relatively new outreach tool for IFD and as such the numbers of subscribers continue to grow. Currently at the end of 2012 there are just over 1,000 people who have voluntarily registered our Face book page. Of the respondents to this survey **half do not use Face book** (139 respondents) and would not benefit from material distributed solely through this medium. The distribution of information via electronic methods is extremely broad reaching, efficient, and cost-effective. To insure DEEP outreach material and information are reaching a broad and diverse audience several electronic media including the web site, email distribution lists and the recently implemented Inland Fisheries List Serve should be maintained.

For those using Face book the most useful types of information were news and information about fishing and links to fisheries reports. These types of posts seem to be meeting the objective of providing fish related news and information to anglers in a quick and timely manner. Especially when there is an increasing demand from the public to have pertinent information delivered directly to them on a wireless electronic device.

Some of the results where respondents indicated low or little value for information provided via technology can be directly related to hesitancy to change from traditional print methods or a lack of marketing of DEEP electronic media to those willing to take advantage.



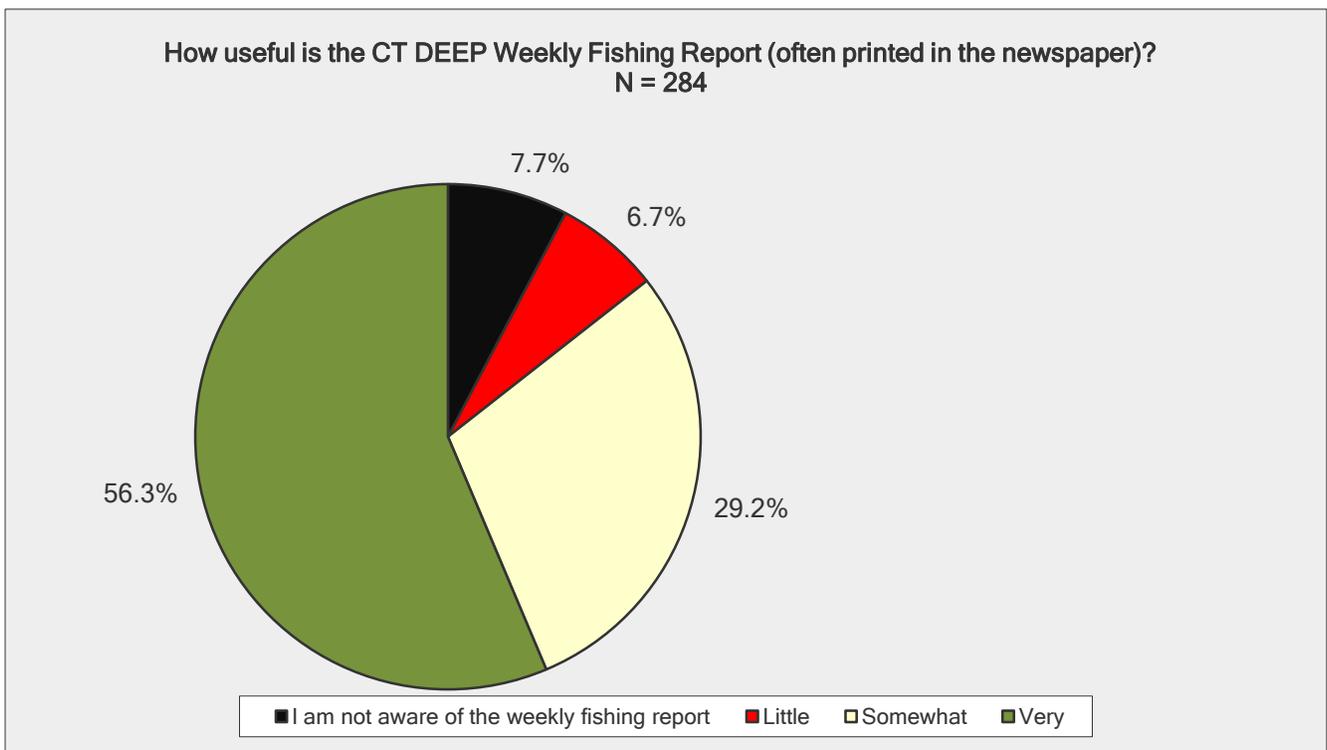
User provided comments for question 4, **What types of "posts" are most useful to you on the CT Fish and Wildlife Face book page?** The replies are not edited from the original submission.

I use the facebook page for information on new and stockings. I feel the page becomes cluttered with trivial information mixed with useful news. I do enjoy the both but sometimes it's hard to find the important posts.
I would like to see data biologists gather during studies. For example, the data gathered every year when trout are taken out of the Farmington River to be used to produce survivor strain fry.
Have not heard of it until just now.
The stories and photos are awesome.
I don't Facebook
have not used it yet
DEEP Reports and Publications
I don't use Facebook
general CT. environmental happenings
have not used facebook page
Local info! ex: blue crab reports last month
Updated fishing reports
I love the ID quiz question & answers and I think it makes people read further
Regs, etiquette guides, littering guides

Question 5:

How useful is the CT DEEP Weekly Fishing Report (often printed in the newspaper)?

Overall the majority 56.3%, out of 284 responses, consider the weekly fishing report to be very useful as an electronic version and not as the traditional print version. Specific comments provided about the weekly fishing report indicated that anglers use the on-line version or emailed version and do not use the report printed in the newspaper. Being that this survey was distributed using electronic pathways, it would seem reasonable that the majority of people would be accessing the weekly fishing report in the same manner. One criticism indicated by several comments was that the content appears to be repeated over and over from week to week. A more dynamic fishing report with is worth pursuing.



User provided comments for question 5, **How useful is the CT DEEP Weekly Fishing Report (often printed in the newspaper)?** The replies are not edited from the original submission.

I rely on this Report a lot to find out about stockings and current conditions. I look for it online and in the Hartford Courant. I wish it was year round for ice fishing.
same info printed over and over for the same areas stocking reports are good
I find the fish species tips very useful
Not printed in Hearst papers
Very. but I read it on line
viewed online
Read it every week
I get this mostly from the web though not local paper
I follow Bob Sampson's column in the Norwich Bulletin.
Get the Hartford Courant to publish it like they use to throughout the year
Too many times the info given old news
Greatest information! Saves on gas! However I wish it was more accurate!
I get it through Dianne Grenier along with other articles.
It would be better online and easy to read (like the post today)
IT IS THE BEST! Wish it was a little more packed with info!
Get it on Facebook
I use it most weeks on line
The newspaper is useless because it is too condensed
more pictures (fish, shellfish, lobster and crabs)
my newspaper does not carry it
I don't even get newspapers anymore..Use internet.
Very informative weekly report...read it always.
somewhat general, just an indicator
I don't subscribe to a newspaper
I look at it every week.
BILL FOREMAN DOES A FINE JOB
I read it online not the paper
a must for site choices and planning
include more info on tidal river and marshes
I like the tips as well as reports
I use this information every week to locate good fishing opportunities for my children.
Get the entire report from DEEP Fisheries via email, which I find highly informative and useful. The Courant often abbreviates this information.
repeat same info week to week get some personality in there
This is the best publication you guys put out!
Journal Inquirer, I get e-mail reports but JI is good
I get report emailed from Dianne Greenier.. don't see it in newspaper
I like it when it was emailed, I never have seen it or read it in the newspaper.
it seems as if it is not detailed enough
Sadly, very much the same week to week
Would also be good to include in a Facebook post

Question 6: What features would you like to see built into a smartphone APP for CT fishing?

The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation has summarized research indicating that by 2014 greater than 60% of all information searches and requests using internet will originate from portable devices (Smartphone or tablet) and not desktop personal computers. Portable electronic devices are capable of delivering geographically referenced locations from gas stations to shopping, and dining. It is not good to assumption that people will come to you for information, we need to be able to deliver it directly to them. The public is well trained and has the expectation that if they have the need for this type of information it will be at their fingertips. In order for fishing to be competitive for people's time (versus other outdoor activities) we must be able to provide fishing related information in the same format mentioned above. A future goal for IFD would be to have a fishing mobile application. To that end this question asked to identify key features that would be important to the end users.

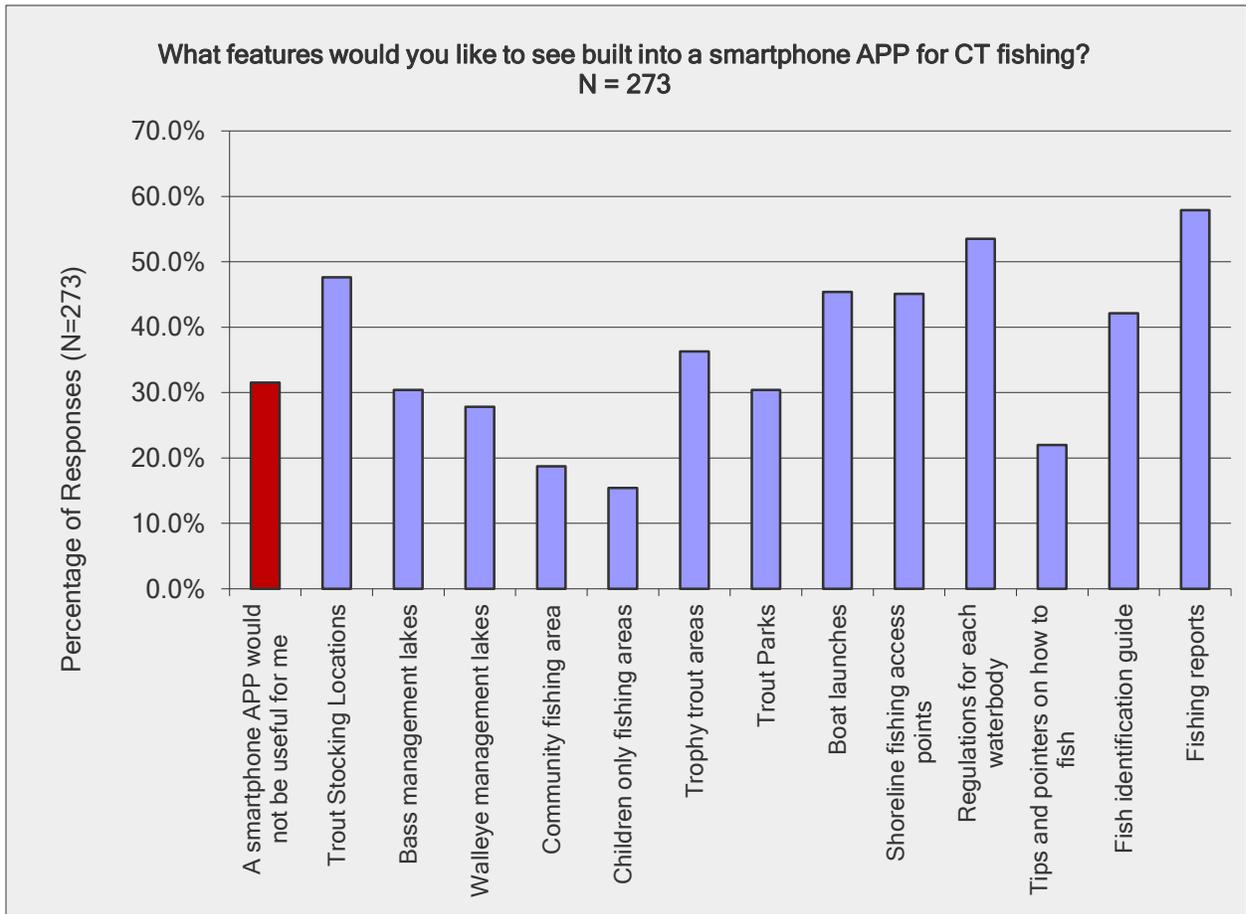
Unlike the very high (50%) of respondents who do not use Face book, only 30% (86) do not use or would not have value from a Smartphone application.

Of those who would like a fishing application, the most popular items to include were;

- Fishing Reports
- Regulations by waterbody
- Trout Stocking locations
- Access (boat ramps & shoreline fishing)

Least popular items were;

- Children's fishing area
- Community fishing areas
- Tips and pointers about fishing



What features would you like to see built into a smartphone APP for CT fishing?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
A smartphone APP would not be useful for me	31.5%	86
Trout Stocking Locations	47.6%	130
Bass management lakes	30.4%	83
Walleye management lakes	27.8%	76
Community fishing area	18.7%	51
Children only fishing areas	15.4%	42
Trophy trout areas	36.3%	99
Trout Parks	30.4%	83
Boat launches	45.4%	124
Shoreline fishing access points	45.1%	123
Regulations for each waterbody	53.5%	146
Tips and pointers on how to fish	22.0%	60
Fish identification guide	42.1%	115
Fishing reports	57.9%	158
Other (please specify)		23
<i>answered question</i>		273
<i>skipped question</i>		21

User provided comments for question 6, **What features would you like to see built into a Smartphone APP for CT fishing?** The replies are not edited from the original submission.

Fish size limits, seasons, licenses just in case I forget mine.
no special apps needed
bait and tackle store locations and phone numbers
none
Bathymetry maps
I would pay for this
Seasons and bag limits (when I'm on the sound and I catch a nice sea bass while black fishing I want to know if I can keep it or have to throw it back)
boat launches and regs by water would be awesome
when stocking
northern pike lakes
Don't have a smartphone
you should not show stocking locations
The ability for anglers to provide real time feedback, based upon the site and time.
I don't have a Smartphone
report violation or location of potential water quality problem (phone GPS coordinates should help do this)
None
local weather report
Ability to bring up your fishing or hunting license
Depth maps
I think that's over-kill in keeping the public informed.
would not use app
This would be a very helpful idea, have people collaborate their reports
Handicapped access

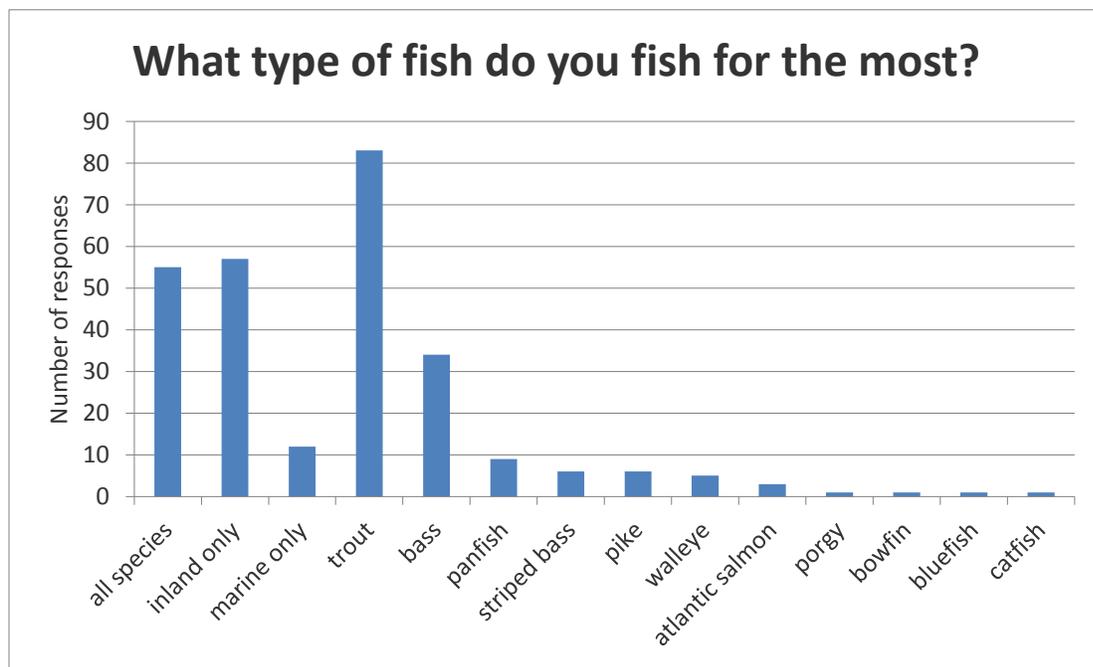
Question 7:

Question 7 was dropped from analysis for this survey due to poor wording and design.

Question 8: what type of fish to you fish for the most?

As this was an opened question some of the responses needed to be further defined. If someone listed several species and they were a mix of marine and inland species the response was included in the “all species” category. If the list of species was only marine or only inland then they were placed in the respective category.

Most people who participated in the survey said that they primarily fish for trout. The survey population seemed to prefer to fish everywhere for all species or were strictly inland. There were relatively few who were marine only anglers. In addition primary target species were dominated by trout and bass with relatively few responses where anglers indicated they primarily fish for only one species other than bass or trout.



Question 9: Please indicate your age range.

The majority of respondents were in the 41-64 age range. Very few were under the age of 25 or over the age of 65. This should be kept in mind when considering action based-upon answers to the survey questions. Members in both of these under-represented groups could serve as a pool for recruitment of new anglers. Under 25 are the potential for creating long-term angling participants and the over 65 group are people who may be recently retired and now have “time” on their hands to try recreational activities which were previously not possible due to work obligations.

Please indicate your age range.		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
under 16	0.3%	1
16-25	4.1%	12
26-40	21.6%	63
41-64	59.6%	174
65 and older	14.4%	42
	<i>answered question</i>	292
	<i>skipped question</i>	2

Question 10: “Do you have any ideas to improve fishing practices, regulations, or opportunities here in CT?”

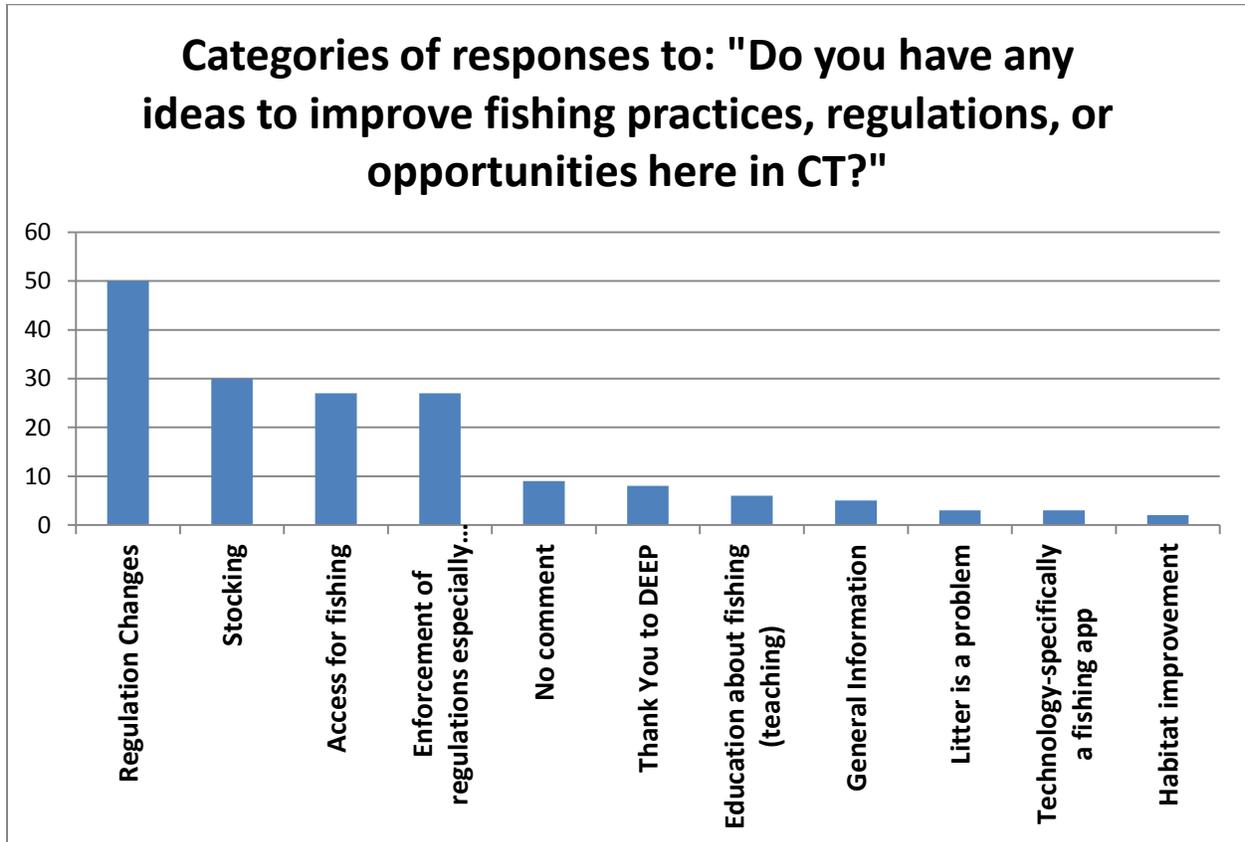
Due to the open-ended nature of this question, all responses were read and reviewed. A list of categories was developed based on the responses and then each response was tallied. Just over half (58.5%) of the participants (172) provided some feed back while 41.5% (122) did not.

In general the tone of the responses was favorable for existing DEEP IFD activities but many indicated there is room for improvement. Responses were varied but the greatest number of suggestions could be placed into a few thematic categories;

- Regulation changes
- Stocking
- Access to the water
- Enforcement of regulations

The responses within “regulation changes” category were diverse and most of these suggestions had a very specific component that should be changed. Some common themes were to increase the number of catch and release areas, change size limits on species like striped bass and fluke, change the license fee structure, and impose regulations on bass tournaments.

Stocking related comments were the second most common and were equally diverse as the “regulation changes” responses. Some of the common themes were to add more trout in more places, stock specialty species in more locations, and more float stocking of trout in rivers and streams.



Answer Category	Total
Regulation Changes (variety of scenarios)	50
Stocking (variety of scenarios)	30
Access for fishing (increase and publicize)	27
Enforcement of regulations (especially licenses)	27
No comment	9
Thank You to DEEP	8
Education about fishing (CARE)	6
General Information	5
Litter is a problem	3
Technology (specifically a fishing app)	3
Habitat improvement	2

User provided comments for question 10, **Do you have any ideas to improve fishing practices, regulations, or opportunities here in CT?** The replies are not edited from the original submission.

Response Text
Keep the Broodstock Atlantic Salmon in the Rivers. The rivers are fished more often specifically for the Atlantics over the lakes/ponds. I think it is a great opportunity and very enjoyable to catch these in CT. Thank you and good job.
a moratorium on striped bass fishing for a couple seasons, followed by the same type of slot limit as in the '90s, they are way overfished; a liberal hunting season for cormorants, they are wiping out baitfish; stronger law enforcement presence/regulation enforcement at the largest public access piers to target "hit-and-run" fisheries violations...at Old Saybrook and DEEP Piers, size and limit violations on stripers, crabs and snapper blues are rampant
An interactive map where you can click on where you live that will show surrounding fishing areas and fishing shops, broken up my radius of mileage. From there you could click on the water body and see if it is stocked, with what it was stocked and last it was stocked. If this water body is not stocked it could say which fish are most prevalent. If you click on fishing shop there could be a link to that shop's website. I'm relatively new to fishing in CT and am having a hard time learning where the good places to fish are.
when stocking spread the fish out don't just dump them off a bridge
more deep in field
More fly fishing only sections of rivers, more catch and release only sections
More shore fishing access points for saltwater.
none
More varied stocking of species in lower Fairfield County.
Need boat launch in the Hartford area.
Data on regional/state cost of live bait; include reasons for price e.g. Maine eels (transport/ scarcity/ weather/etc.)
Most of my fishing occurs in the Farmington River. I think a terrific job is being done managing the fishery. Three things come to mind that should be considered. 1. I prefer wild trout to hatchery trout. Some sections of the TMA appear to have good natural reproduction. Steps should be considered to improve natural reproduction. 2. I understand Brown Trout do the best in the Farmington and if I had to pick one trout it would be Browns. However, I'd enjoy catching a few more Rainbow and Brook trout over the course of the season. Keep up your good work!
Push back Opening day to encompass the school kid's April vacation weeks.
Increase minimum age for fishing license to age 18.
Increase contact with municipalities (have liaison?) to identify more town fishing areas and their capabilities.
Have more details of what fish species are in what waterways in Guide and the web.
Acquire fishing assess easements for inland waterways like NY State does.
Make angler anti-littering a point of emphasis/campaign. Nothing will reduce future assess like slob fishermen.
Would like to see articles on angling and sportfish in CT Wildlife mag or Angler's Guide. NY State's Conservationist mag and Massachusetts Wildlife mag are great.
I found Bob Sampson's books, particularly the "Best Fishing Trips in Connecticut from Ponds to Pounding Surf! " book to be an excellent introduction to CT's fishing possibilities. "Insider" info like this is invaluable to novice anglers. Emulating these guides in State publication would be great.
Striped Bass catches, I believe should be moved to a tag system like that in Alaska for King Salmon. 1 fish per angler per day, cost of tag 10-15 dollars per tag. C&R anglers can buy one in case of a spent fish, gill hooked, etc. At the same time, fines for additional fish should increase, and marine patrol both shore and boat should be heightened. We need more conservation officers, without them the sport of fishing that I know and love is in danger of being lost.
Identify suitable locations and create additional trout management/no kill areas.
Better enforcement and more CARE classes.

Shoot the people who leave empty worm containers and their trash lying next to the water.
Seriously, I feel you're doing a great job already. Thanks
1. Brood stock salmon needs to return to fly fishing only. I fish all methods fly, spin, and bait cast, however all other locations in the world practice this regulation for Atlantic salmon. I still see many snagging with large single hook "spoons/jigs".
2. Increase the walleye fishery in lakes ponds and CT river.
3. It is time to stop felt sole use in CT we need to protect our waters if it's not already too late.
4.step up the searun trout program
Improve or add some launch ramps for small boats such as row boats.
Add links or hyperlinks to water bodies information page that are listed in the fishing report
Just keep stocking them nice and big!!!!
Fall Trout stocking Uncas or Norwich Pond again. Also let's start to regulate the population of Cormorants in the state. In the spring in the above ponds you can go there and watch them eat stocked trout one after another all day long. If they are eating that many trout in those ponds how many other valuable fish are being lost to these useless birds.
no live bait in catch and release areas for trout
Reduce 5 trout limit.
Get more info out there to the younger generations. Possibly do some workshops with the Boy Scout programs in the state.
Make regulations more widely available and accessible. I had no idea they existed or that a license was required.
A fishing license app, bar coded for scanning be DEEP enforcement officers.
CHANGING OPENING DAY TO FIRST SAT IN APRIL . ALSO STOCKING STEELHEAD IN NAUGATUCK RIVER
You guys are doing a great job. Better access to small streams (getting people to unpost them) would be great.
Cut back on number of freshwater tournaments. No bass tournaments until 6/1
Fishing tournaments especially those by out of state clubs should not be allowed until after the fish are done bedding.
Stock in the fish in the reservoirs because they are great spots to fish
1. Establish a Kokanee salmon fishery in the eastern part of ct!
2.Reintroduce lake trout to the state of Ct.
To allow natural materials to be used for brush piles in lakes.
Have a spin fishing only area in the Farmington river there are too many fly fishing only and they think they own the river. I am constantly being harassed by fly fisherman and am really tired of it. I have fished that river for 30 years and actually participated with the dep on the TMA areas before they were created. I can catch and release just as good or better than a lot of fly guys out there. They get into the river and cast carelessly and I even had one hook me in the face as I was on the bank
Make sure blackfish season is open for Columbus day! Trout opening day earlier, like 1st Saturday in April.
Yes there should be a three fish limit on all waters, except trophy lakes;= (1 fish over 22" on Lakeville for browns and 2 rainbows limit: stock less browns to increase alewife), P.S.- 5 fish a day is too much with the amount of anglers today, give the kids a chance! Some guys take 5 every day and then some. They sould have done it long ago.(Black pond is a prime example) I think the trophy bass fishing is improved, would love to have at least one pond for large trout ot troll. Tony Bonanzinga Meriden Ct. fished ct 54 years. Thanks for a good job!
Continue Protecting the Farmington River. A great place to fish
Cleaning up Farm River in the route 1 area and south in East Haven for access to trout and sea run trout.This would help establish a sea run fishery. I would help!!!!
try again to introduce walleye in NW CT
none at this time

stock more brown trout in the trout parks!
stop all tournament fishing in lakes less than 300 acres when stocking large trout do not publish it
eliminate opening day madness
Offer more CT state boat launches. There are very few available that are free. Many of the local areas around me charge 20-30 dollars to launch your boat which is a lot of money. Between Windsor and Old Saybrook there is only a total of 4 launches.
more saltwater access, see more game wardens on patrol
Bathymetry maps, more staff to enforce rules, more lakes with boat rental similar to lake saltonstall.
I think DEEP does an excellent job.
Don't privatize our fish hatcheries. Don't close the Kensington Fish Hatchery
STOCK AFTER MEMORIAL DAY. AT LEAST A COUPLE OF MORE WEEKS
better information on shellfish harvesting had to pretty much figure it out by myself.
Continue to improve the walleye fishing opportunities. I just started fishing for wallyeye at the Saugatuck reservoir in Easton and I live in Oxford.
Some reservoirs are accessible for fishing but don't seem to be widely recognized.
I'd like to see barbless or pinched down barbs required on fly fishing streams. I would not mind seeing a warden on patrol once in a while on the fly fishing streams as well.
improve river stocking by spreading out fish. THE OLD METHOD OF BOAT STOCKING FAR SUPERIOR.
CT Fishing is GREAT. Keep up the good work.
I'd like to see landlocked salmon someplace, perhaps Colebrook, with a program like Quabbin.
The riverton derby, one of the best things CT has to offer was destroyed by the new laws. The thrill and excitement is gone by allowing fishing up till the third saturday in April!!!!
I would like to see Shenipsit Lake open to more fishing and perhaps stock walleye in that lake.
more catch and release areas.No bait in the farmington tma.
BASS STOCKING, MORE ENFORCEMENT ON ILLEGALS WITH NO LICENSE AND NOT FOLLOWING LIMITS
More CO's to enforce regulations and stop poaching
More patrolling of the TMA areas. The Salmon river banks are full of trash!!!!
N/A
more fly fishing catch and release only areas.
Lower creel limits in order to boost amount of holdover fish.
make trout parks a 5 fish limit some people have to drive distances and with gas prices high 2 isnt worth the price also day pond is in horrible condition for a trout park with weeds and lily pads taking over the whole pond it is unfishable for kids
More opportunities at some unusual fish. I don't mean some weird hybrid trout. I mean Freshwater Striped Bass or a hybrid like a Wiper.
Or Landlocked Salmon. Or Muskies or Tiger Muskies.
Fisherman like to have a chance at something BIG or unusual. Throw some Wipers or Stipers or Tiger Muskies in Candlewood and watch the fisherman flock to try to catch them. or why not some Broodstock Atlantics in Squantz or Candlewood, you certainly have the forage base. And how about Clarifying the rules and telling the CLA that Bowfishing is Legal. Candlewood has so many Carp that aren't being utilized now.
More catfish stockings
creel limit for Northern Pike -1
minimum length 40"
Institute an artificial lure and flies only rule in the Farmington river year round TMA.
Please eliminate the fishing season(trout). There is no need for it!
ct river striper tags from vendors

<p>More float stocking of trout. Southeastern CT is devoid of this to my knowledge as TU and DEEP did not do 8 mile river this year (not sure why). Float stocking is phenomenal and I realize it is not easy but would appreciate if a goal would be made to increase this practice.</p>
<p>Mentioned above already-- adding stocking weeks or dates to web would be great like they do in Mass. Would create more opportunities and enthusiasms for kids who have working parents.</p>
<p>more fish outside of the Farmington river year round TMA; to many fishing there</p>
<p>DEEP does a pretty darn good job considering it gets peanuts to operate.</p>
<p>none at this time</p>
<p>exposed licence</p>
<p>So as not to dilute the genetics of the Mill River (Easton Fairfield) stream born trout population, stock only rainbow trout or brown trout incapable of reproducing.</p>
<p>Change the regulations on the fly fishing only section of the Saugatuck to delay of harvesting fish to June 15. This will maximize the use of trout temps and fishing opportunity. After June 15 the river soon warms beyond trout temps. Then they should be harvested before they perish. Seeing how effective the local meat fishers are I expect most will be caught before the heat gets them.</p>
<p>Your website, facebook and an App are the way of the future.</p>
<p>do more to ENFORCE the recreational boaters BE SAFE and respectful of people fishing in boats! ESPECIALLY LAKE LILLANONA</p>
<p>Stock more "specialty fish" even on an occasional basis around the state.</p>
<p>IE: Why no Walleye in Candlewood, even every 3 years? OR better yet, stock the broodstock salmon there one year.</p>
<p>BEST IDEA EVER: Freshwater Striped Bass in Candlewood and other big lakes. They'd occupy a niche pretty much unfilled now and be an awesome fishery, probably not necessary to stock a lot every year once a population was established</p>
<p>more rangers</p>
<p>More trout in easily accessible ponds, less or no trout stocking in small, remote, marginal streams.</p>
<p>More walleye fingerlings in current walleye lakes where alewives are abundant, less stocking where other predators have become abundant. Eliminate special regulations, where they have been shown not to be working. Eliminate Children's Areas, at least on streams. (Nice job Mike: suggestions generally made from the standpoint of a low tech, cranky old angler: BobO)</p>
<p>I'd allow keeping one striper at least 16 inches. That's the best eating size. In return I'd forgo keeping larger fish. I'd like to get a dinner out of my fishing trip and am happy to release a bigger fish in return</p>
<p>better regulation of stormwater regs at municipal level. More removal of barriers to fish passage.</p>
<p>looking for more poachers or fishing with no licence (in winter most while ice fishing), I ice fish a lot with my 2 sons and I see a lot of jerks out there</p>
<p>Turn the catch & release area of the Farmington to ONLY fly fishing. I see so many dead trout because people are allowed to use live bait and "hardware" and kill the fish getting their hooks out. Also establish that a Trout Stamp is required to fish in the TMA's.</p>
<p>More access to LIS shoreline</p>
<p>More enforcement. If you are caught catching illegal fish or hunting illegally, you lose everything (poles, bait, licenses, guns, arrows, bows, dogs and have your car towed because you used it to go fishing or hunting) I hate people who do this and I always say something to them. Email---- K2ambermad1@charter.net</p>
<p>Information about water temp and wind velocity.</p>

More patrolling to curb rampant poaching, and really steep fines to discourage poachers! (It would be nice if Conservation Enforcement officials had a way to check if someone has but forgot/lost his/her fishing license so that people who do make honest mistakes are not punished as severely.)
Also more education - like a required, short, fishing version of the Conservation/Firearms Safety class.
Also, monofilament recycling bins (as seen at Milford Point) in popular places, perhaps available at manufacturing cost to local conservation organizations and fishing clubs.
create more on shore fishing spots on the farmington river from riverton down.alco hcp areas should be added.
none - great job
Scantic River from Rt 190 to south George Washington Rd in Enfield = Fly Fishing Only
allow anglers to keep 3 river herring daily to fish for stripers
Anything to improve access to the
water for recreational anglers with no boat.
on ponds where trout dont survive long switch over to bass or walleye or catfish etc . thankyou
Make Kyacks get inexpensive licenses. Refuse BIG Salt water boats & motors on small lakes.
More enforcement of regs, what can and can't be done
Stop charging for the marine license,it's just a money maker for the states a burden to anglers,& there are too few co's around to enforce both salt
& fresh regs. Find out what happened to the flounder in CT,RI&MASS. Restore river herring without the BS of too many stripers eating them,it's
pair trawling that's killing sea & river herring in RI.
More access, More fishing education classes. More reports made easily available
protect the waters
Why issue a fishing license to people older than 65 a waste of money just let us show proof of age if needed to a game warden,no reason to print a license if it's free anyway.
Improve the boat launches especially at Westside, Mudge & Squantz
MORE CATCH AND RELEASE IN TROUT ZONES
some way to be more aggresive about litter in our parks, forests and mostly streams and waterbodies.
More garbage deposits
Quit closing waterbodies prior to the trout opener. If the weather is nice and I want to go fishing in early spring- I always have to worry about waters being closed. Close harvest of stocked fish- but not waters, let people fish...
STOCKING INFO
Yes, remove the new regulation on the farmington river (goodwin dam) from catch and release (Sept 1 to opening day) to what it used to be before.
Take out more dams if possible!
Hire more Conservation Officers to step up monitoring TMA areas and other limited fishing areas so the resource stays catch & release etc.
check ponds-lakes more often for out of state anglers
Improved shoreline access for salt water fishing
N0. THAT'S WHAT BIOS ARE PAID FOR
Plow the parking areas at the state launches for ice fishing. You stock the trout but we can't fish when there is no place to park.
More patrolling for poachers
Fine for removal of regulation signs (orange signs)
Regulate the spawning season of bass and limit out of state tourneys at this time of year. Other states are doing it forcing out of state tourneys to come here. Were disrupting the nests and relocating the bass protecting the fry. Once the bass is removed it opens the nest to predators.

catch and release TMA's need to be Fly fishing only as tons of trout are killed by bait and treble hook lures every season
The weekly report in the past has not always reported difficult launch conditions at certain places. Such as during last season, no docks put in place when they're normally in place at Coventry Lake and the CT River at Salmon River.
Regain funding from the State and Federal levels to support fishiers.
Keep waters open to the public.
improve description of public access points in the angler's guide in regards to trout streams.
Question 7 was not working properly.
More enforcement of current regulations
not sure
Raise and Stock more bass, allow me to put a dock behind my house on Stillwaterpond like the people on Winchester lake who also border 50 of state property but built lavish docks anyway, can I do the same thing?
More fall stocking of trout not just small fish
Need more enforcement of regulations
None
Eliminate bait fishing from TMA's
None at this time
1) Actively encourage a culture of eating panfish or smaller members of freshwater species and releasing fish that are closer to reaching trophy size
2) Monitor fishing take during icefishing season
more aggressively to discourage lawbreaking.
3) More prominently display sources of direct contact in DEP for fishing info
4. Increase walkin access to CT river icefishing sites
Raise the size limit and outlaw worms for protected wild Brown Trout in areas like Shunuck Brook in North Stonington. These populations deserve more protection through size restrictions and especially making the use of bait illegal for special management areas like Shunuck Brook.
Announce stocking plans by body of water in advance, including quantity and species of fish to be stocked. For example, I've been wondering if the East Aspetuck River will be stocked with trout this fall, and I don't know where to get an answer to this question.
free fishing license for CARE volunteer instructors
I often fish Chatfield Hollow State Park. I would suggest that the DEEP cut many of the overhanging branches on the side of the lake lined with pine trees. It would open up the fishing area immensely and young anglers would not become frustrated with the sport by constantly losing tackle and untangling fishing line. Also, the resulting fishing line and tackle hanging from the trees presents a hazard for the many types of wildlife in the park. I have suggested this in the past and have also offered to help with the project.
I think DEEP Fisheries is doing a wonderful job given the scant resources the agency receives from state government. I worry that the lack of budgetary support and loss of personnel without replacement will weaken the agency and its programs in the future as further losses of experienced personnel will occur through retirement or attrition.
It would be nice if some of he boat ramps were upgraded or improved (if funds were only available!). Better communications on shoreline access points for saltwater anglers might be one area for improvement - this info might already be there, but I am less aware of this than freshwater.
Tell c.o. To mellow out

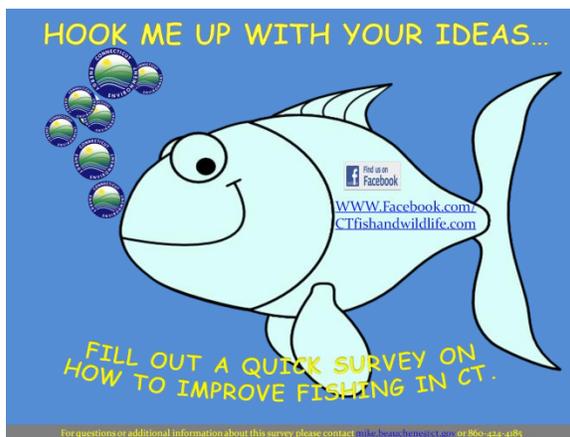
I'm a fly-fisherman. We don't need anymore FLY FISHING ONLY areas; we DO need more artificial only areas. Start with the Farmington River. If we have TMA's that are to provide fishing opportunities and protect the fish, why not remove bait fishing which I believe is more fatal to fish (although some DEEP employees would disagree). I would be in favor of changing some of the existing FFO areas to Artificial only if the areas would be patrolled and/or enforced.
Thank you for this opportunity. I'm a big fan of CT DEEP and the fisheries department.
when stocking don't just dump them off a bridge walk them up and down stream I know this requires time and help ask for it lots of guys will pitch in
I think the enhanced fishing opportunities is a great program, and as long as the fisheries will support the smaller catch sizes, you should keep it active.
I fish > 50 outings a year and in the last 10 years have not seen one CO in the field. You have no field personal to speak of interacting with the public. You have no public face.
The regulations are getting more complicated for the seniors to understand from one year to the next. Esp. salt water fishing.
Reducing the cost of licenses would help get more adults and older teens involved.
I am not even sure of the answer, but is there a way for me to take a novice fishing without making them buy an "expensive" license? How about a "guest" license that I buy or a boat permit? It is an impediment to entry into fishing, it is hard for me to take someone once to try it out.
striped bass--lower legal size
Connecticut needs a Salter Brook Trout Program.
CARE program and No Child Left Inside Fishing promotions seem to be reaping dividends... expand these through local parks and rec departments
Yes a new boat launch for Norwich harbor.
Keep involving the community on a grassroots level. Keep connecting different communities around shared opportunities.
Have active rangers looking at folks IDs on weekends. I come across many in the ne ct area fishing w/out a lic.
More CO's protecting our fisheries.
More tagged fish with prizes like Cabela's did
stressing and trying to enforce proper trash removal from fishing areas and boat launches "yeah good luck with that"
More programs for kids, the future fisherpersons.
It's becoming increasingly hostile on the lakes concerning homeowners. I've been berated, had rocks thrown at me, and golf balls hit at me by homeowners. Lake police simply says to fish somewhere else, as if I'm somehow at fault. This needs to be addressed, as many people experience this and decide to stop fishing rather than be treated this way.
DEEP IS DOING A GREAT JOB!
Perhaps a short term use permit. For weekend or week long use for visitors who come to CT or are visiting the family and want to go fishing. Fee 10.00 for three day use 15 for week long. can be color coded to spot by law enforcement quickly and have a start and end date to check if legally being used.
no
allow saltwater anglers to keep 1 fish of any size or species. If you gut hook one and have to throw it back it will die anyway. Should be able to keep one to eat. With such high gas prices, especially at the marinas, it hurts to throw back that 17 3/4" fluke. One per recreational angler would do no harm. The commercial guys kill way more in by-catch and when I see them sort fish with a stick that has a nail in it as they toss them back it just makes me angrier at the needless waste.
More advertisement for free fishing classes by CARE instructors.
less complications on fishing regulations as to size limits windows to fish ect.

increase stocking of small streams in the trout management areas.
Maybe do some bass mgmnt like ny and not allow fishing during the spawn
There should be more saltwater tournaments
Carp fishing catfish
PLEASE enforce trout catch/release regs more fervently. Publish angling etiquette guides. Littering is a prob.
Mirror the Penobscot River Project in Maine on the Housatonic/Naugatuck rivers. Start an atlantic salmon/sea run trout fishery.
Would like to see data relating to the newer stocking programs. Success rates of pike,walleye and catfish stockings in lake systems and all data relating to those programs.
More poaching enforcement and stricter laws concerning poaching similar to those of NY state.
More public access along shoreline for surfcasters. Continue survivor program on WBFR.
There are still issues with shoreline acess. Have officers investigate private property signs. Is it possible to make inquiries about locations and land ownership?
Pennsylvania recently launched and App for smartphones that finds public fishing access near by and contains a listing of all regulations for each area in addition to what species are present. I would like to see this.
Also it is frustrating that trout being out of season on a specific body of water closes ALL fishing. As a bass angler I find I miss great pre-spawn/spawn fishing due to trout being stocked in all the great bass lakes. I feel a smart regulation would be to allow fishing during the closed trout season and require all trout be released immediately.

APPENDIX A:

Help improve fishing in Connecticut

Survey responses from 3rd Hunting & Fishing Appreciation Day, 2012



Bottom Line: The people responding could be described as fairly active anglers, meaning they took more than 20 fishing trips per year. These established anglers said their effort could be made better with MORE STOCKING, MORE ACCESS, and MORE LAW ENFORCEMENT. They also thought new anglers could be attracted to the sport by an INCREASED EDUCATION ABOUT FISHING OPPORTUNITIES, MODIFIED LICENSE FEES, and MAKE IT EASY TO FISH.

Most were daily or more frequent computer users and were not aware of the Facebook page. They primarily get their fishing information from the Anglers Guide, friends and neighbors, or local papers. They did not use DEEP published books or call/email IFD staff directly.

Introduction: Inland Fisheries Division (IFD) staff solicited people attending the 3rd annual Hunting and Fishing Appreciation day held at Sessions Woods WMA on September 22, 2012. Patrons were asked to provide their feedback on how to improve fishing in Connecticut using a 2-part survey. Part one consisted of five questions and part 2 a table to rank various resources containing information about fishing.

The primary intent of the survey was to get ideas directly from the public while secondarily, determining internet usage and knowledge of the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CTfishandwildlife).

Summary Part 1: Forty-two (42) survey sheets were completed.

Question 1. Do you have any suggestions to improve fishing in CT?

Responses could be grouped into the following common categories

- 7 responses indicated **more stocking**. Either by stocking more fish, stocking more often, stocking more places, or stocking more walleye and pike.
- 6 responses suggested **more fishing access**, via additional boat ramps or piers, increased quantity of shoreline, and shoreline improvement.
- 3 responses would like to see **greater law enforcement** presence.
- 2 responses each for
 - o Better fishing opportunities for kids
 - o More education about our fishes and places to fish
 - o Less catch and release- more put and take
- 1 response to increase catch and release areas

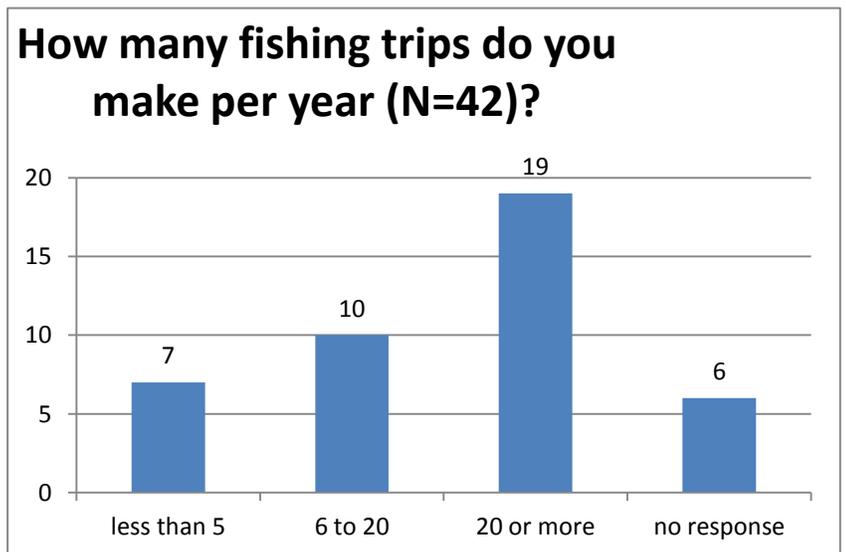
Question 2. How do you think fishing could be made more attractive to people who currently do not fish?

- 7 responses each for
 - o Increase education about fishing opportunities
 - o Reduce license fees or have incentives for new anglers
- 6 responses to increase advertisement of fish, fishing, and fish opportunities
- 4 responses to make fishing easier or increase opportunities for start-up anglers
- 3 responses to improve angler access to waterbodies

Question 3. Approximately how many angling trips do you make per year?

DATA: The majority of people who completed this question could be considered fairly active anglers, meaning they had 20 or more fishing trips per year.

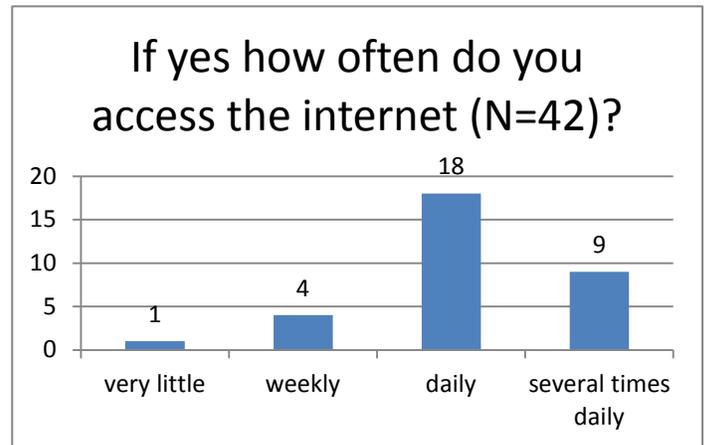
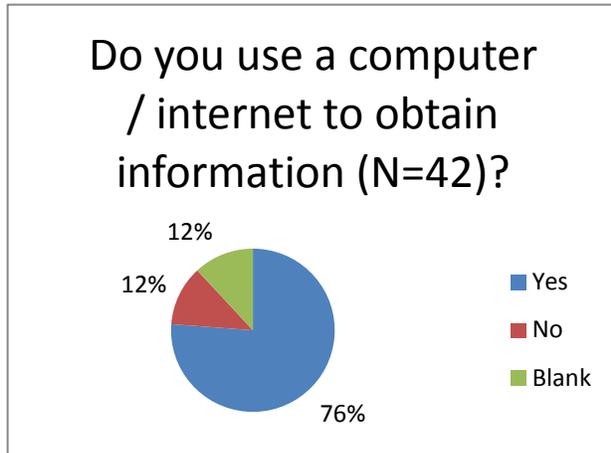
SUGGESTION: This would imply that hunting and fishing appreciation day is more attractive to active anglers than novice or brand-new anglers.



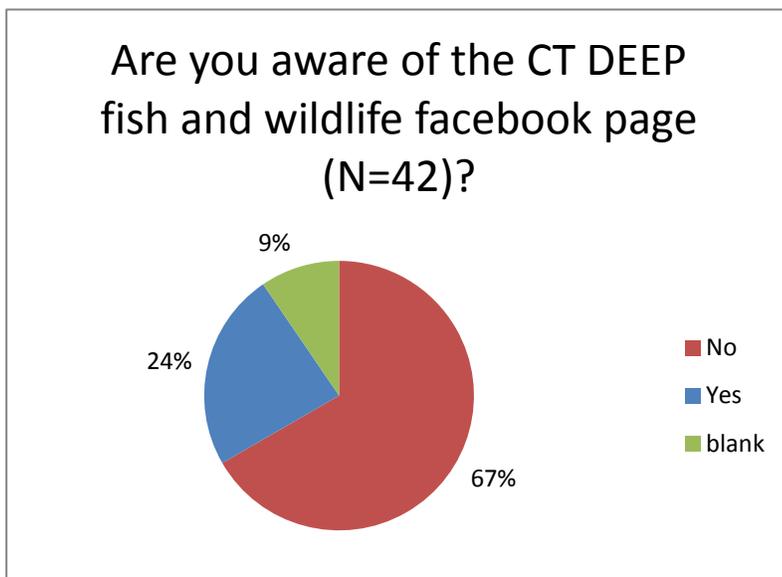
Question 4. Do you use a computer /internet to obtain information? And if yes how often?

DATA: The majority of people who completed the survey use the computer/internet to obtain information. Of those who said yes, overwhelmingly it was either daily or several times per day.

SUGGESTION: This would imply that these active anglers are computer literate and IFD efforts using electronic media to distribute information would be beneficial.



Question 5. Are you aware of the CT DEEP fish and wildlife Facebook page? If yes are you a “friend”?



DATA: The majority of respondents indicated that they did not know of the DEEP Facebook page. Of the minority who did know about the page, 6 were not active on the page “not a friend” and 5 were active on the page “friend”. Seventeen (17) out of the 27 people who said they access the internet daily or several times daily were not aware of the DEEP hunting and fishing Facebook page.

SUGGESTION: Continued marketing of the facebook page but it may have to take on more active methods rather than passive.

PART 2: participants were encouraged to rank various outreach materials in the table below by first, “which do you most often use?” and then second of these that you use, “How useful is it to you?”

Just over ½ (23/42) of the respondents completed “part 2”. Of the rankings the Angler’s Guide was the first choice for angling information (13 indications) with the majority (10) people indicating it is their first choice. This was followed by friends and neighbors (12 indications) and then newspaper and local publications tied with retail stores (9 indications each).

Preference of choice as indicated by the number of respondents			Source of fishing information	Number of respondents ranking how useful each of the sources or fishing information was.			
first	second	third		very	some	little	not
10	3		DEEP Anglers Guide	6			1
1	3	5	Newspapers and local publications		3		
	1		DEEP published books				
1	2	1	CT Wildlife Magazine	1	1		
3	2	3	DEEP Web Page	2	2		
1	1		CT Fish and Wildlife Facebook page	2			
	2	1	DEEP Stocking Maps		2		
4	3	2	Retail Stores	2	2		
			DEEP fisheries staff by phone or email				
2	2		Non-DEEP fishing sites	2			
2	4	6	Friends and neighbors	3			