

# Summary of Fishing Tournaments in Wisconsin for 2012

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## Applications

- 603 applications for fishing tournaments were received
  - 0 applications were denied
  - 23 permitted events were cancelled by organizers
  - 12 applications were withdrawn
  - 2 applications were left incomplete
  - 566 applications were approved and held
    - 316 traditional tournaments (56%)
    - 334 catch-and-release tournaments (59%)
    - 149 catch and keep tournaments (26%)
    - 112 ice fishing tournaments (20%)
    - 83 immediate release tournaments (15%)
    - 57 Great Lakes tournaments (10%)

## Distribution

- Tournaments took place in 64 counties throughout Wisconsin (Figure 1)
  - Top counties included Winnebago (45), Dane (31), LaCrosse (28), Oneida (27), Polk (26) and Vilas (21)

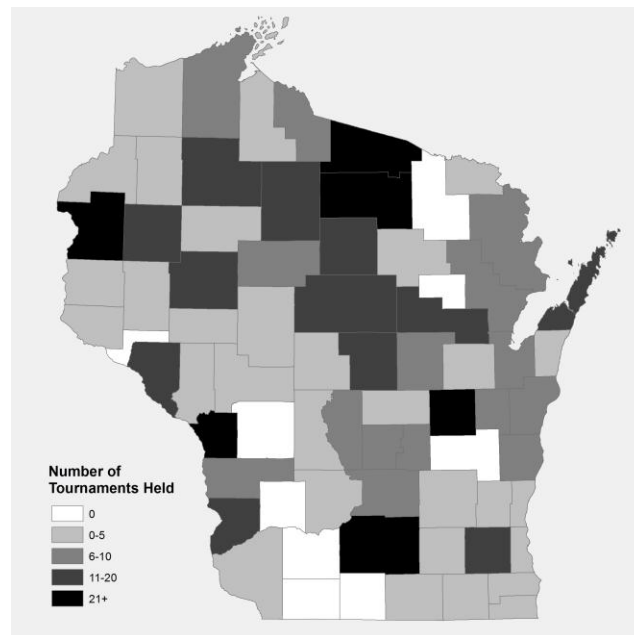


Figure 1. Distribution of approved tournaments in 2012.  
Map by Joanna Griffin.

Results (received as of 2/15/13)

- Seven more tournaments were held in 2012 than in 2011.
- Although fewer anglers fished in 2012 than in 2011, over \$1,000,000 more was paid out in prizes.
- The number of Great Lakes caught salmon and trout more than doubled from 2011 to 2012.

Number of tournaments, projected effort, and prize value awarded 2010-2012.

Effort/Prizes	2010	2011	2012
Tournaments	595	559	566
Anglers	79,502	75,306	74,980
Boats	22,040	19,265	18,695
Hours Fished	1,413,480	1,579,340	1,890,519
Prizes Awarded	\$3,867,794	\$3,181,636	\$4,526,748

Projected catch and release rates for events registering popular species 2010-12. Number of tournaments reflects projections based on events that registered that species, thus one event could be counted multiple times.

Species	Number Fish Registered			Percent of Fish Released		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
Bass (Largemouth And Smallmouth)	31,663	33,707	36,966	98%	98%	98%
Walleye*	18,914	20,643	20,765	63%	66%	66%
Great Lakes						
Salmon/Trout	10,343	9,626	19,506	0%	0%	0%
Panfish**	7,571	7,542	7,001	24%	25%	24%
Musky	1,401	2,019	1,117	99%	99%	100%
All Species	81,213	81,244	109,046	60%	59%	49%

\*Walleye includes walleye and sauger

\*\*Panfish includes crappies, bluegill, sunfish, and yellow perch

Review

- Applications submitted after the open period were reviewed and approved in an average of 33 days



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