# AN EXAMINATION OF FISH CONSUMPTION BY INDIANA RECREATIONAL ANGLERS: An On-Site Survey 

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## Executive Summary

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Through an on-site survey of Indiana anglers, the consumption patterns of minority and low-income anglers were explored. Interviews were conducted in the summer of 1998 and 946 surveys were completed. Minority anglers composed 31.8\% of the respondents, with African American anglers accounting for the majority of this group ( $25.1 \%$ of all respondents). Respondents reporting household incomes below \$25,000 comprised $30.9 \%$ of the respondents. Of the total interviewed, one third were classified as active consumers, meaning that they ate Indiana sport caught fish during the threemonth recall period. Consumption data were weighted by the inverse of fishing frequency to correct for participation bias from active anglers in the on-site study.

Minority active consuming anglers had a mean gram per day (gpd) consumption of 27.2 grams, which is significantly higher than the white consuming anglers who averaged 20.0 gpd. The awareness of state fish consumption advisories was assessed for these groups with $75.4 \%$ of white active consumers reported advisory awareness as did $70.0 \%$ of the minority consumers.

To examine the anglers based on income, the respondents were divided into quartiles. The first quartile of active anglers, reporting a household income below $\$ 25,000$ averaged 18.9 gpd. The second quartile ( $\$ 25,000-\$ 34,999$ ) averaged 18.8 gpd and the third quartile ( $\$ 35,000-\$ 49,999$ ) averaged 15.2 gpd . The highest income, those reporting an income $\$ 50,000$ or above, ate an average of 48.9 gpd . There was a significant difference in grams of Indiana sport caught fish consumed per day based on income. Among the income quartiles, there was no difference in advisory awareness.

Angler consumption rate was also examined based on the level of awareness of Indiana fish consumption advisories reported by the anglers. Active consuming anglers reporting that they were very aware of advisories ate an average of 35.2 gpd and those with general awareness consumed 14.1 gpd. Consumers who were not aware of the advisories had a mean gpd of 21.3.

Based on interview location, angler fish consumption rates were compared to determine if there was a difference in consumption rate based on fishing region.

Northern active consuming anglers averaged 14.0 gpd, central active consuming anglers averaged 28.6 gpd, and southern active consumers averaged 23.3 gpd . There was a statistically significant difference between these groups in consumption rates. There was no difference in advisory awareness across state regions.

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## Introduction

In the examination of fish consumption patterns among Indiana anglers, a difference was suspected in the consumption patterns of lower-income and minority anglers compared to other anglers. Since a statewide mail survey of licensed Indiana anglers did not specifically address these sub-populations of anglers, a study was designed to target these groups through an on-site survey. Consumption practices, advisory awareness, and advisory compliance levels were examined in these fishermen.

## Methodology

An on-site interview was selected to collect data with a focus on minority and low-income anglers. Survey locations were selected based on recommendations of Indiana Fish and Wildlife personnel, local park officials, other government employees, and members of private fishing associations. Study sites were located in the Hammond/East Chicago area, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Evansville, and Jeffersonville (Appendix B).

A two-page survey was constructed based on key questions from the mail survey by Sheaffer et al. (1999) of licensed Indiana anglers. The survey was divided into three main areas: location based questions, consumption related questions, and demographics. The survey was also translated into Spanish (Appendix C).

## Survey Design

It is difficult to get anglers to accurately recall the size of the portion that they eat. These data were vital in calculating an estimated annual consumption of a population. Black and white photographs of representative fish portion sizes were used to aid in recall. Since the photograph was not the actual size of the fish portion, the respondent had to make an evaluation of the portion in relation to other objects, such as plate size and silverware, included for visual reference (West et al, 1995). Several studies have utilized a process in which respondents view two photographs that represent 8 ounces of fish and were asked to respond if their typical portion size is smaller, larger, or about the same as the photograph. This study utilized four black and white photographs of various fish portion sizes - 6 ounces, 8 ounces, 10 ounces and 12 ounces. Anglers were asked to indicate which picture best represented a typical portion of fish that they consumed during an average meal of Indiana sport caught fish. Respondents were able to indicate portion sizes from zero ounces (do not eat) to 16 ounces. The photographs are identical to those employed in the Sheaffer et al. (1999) study.

## Data Collection

The on-site surveys were conducted during the summer of 1998, beginning in late April and continuing through August, thus providing a three month recall period that began in late January. The interviews were conducted on the weekends, with few exceptions, in order to maximize the number of anglers encountered. Surveys were not performed on some days or portions of some days due to inclement weather.

The angler survey methods used by Cable and Udd (1990) were employed. Interviewers approached individuals actively fishing and asked them to participate in a brief survey. If an individual refused to participate in the survey, time and date, location, sex, assumed races, and estimated age were recorded. When an angler agreed to participate in the survey, the two-page questionnaire was administered orally and the interviewer recorded the responses. Laminated copies of the survey and fish portion pictures were provided for the angler to look at during the interview. When the interview was complete, the interviewer provided the angler with a card that described the project and included contact information should they have any questions (Appendix C). The
interviewer then moved to the next active angler at the site. Only one member of each household was interviewed. Although some anglers were encountered more than once on the same day or on different days, data were only collected at the first meeting.

Interviewers attempted to administer the survey 975 times and were refused on 29 occasions, resulting in a response rate of $97 \%$. When assessing differences between minority and white respondents, a t-test was employed with an $\alpha=0.05$ for significance. Chi-square tests were used to compare categories of anglers with different characteristics.

## Demographics of Respondents

Males (86\%) comprised the majority of anglers. White anglers represented twothirds of the respondents and African American anglers accounted for one quarter of the anglers. The remaining $6.7 \%$ of the respondents were divided among the other race groups (Table 1).

Table 1: Race of anglers ( $\mathrm{N}=938$ )

| Race | Percent of <br> Anglers (\%) |
| :--- | :---: |
| Asian American or <br> Pacific Islander | 1.1 |
| White, not Hispanic | 68.2 |
| Hispanic American | 3.4 |
| African American | 25.1 |
| Native American Indian | 0.7 |
| Mixed Race | 0.5 |
| Other | 1.0 |

In terms of household income, there was a distribution of anglers in the various categories (Table 2). To analyze the data, the anglers were divided onto quartiles based on their household income with the first quartile ( $\mathrm{N}=252$ ) consisting of anglers with a household income below $\$ 25,000$, representing $30.9 \%$ of the respondents. The second quartile ( $\mathrm{N}=188$ ) was $23.1 \%$ of the anglers possessing a household income between
$\$ 25,000$ and $\$ 34,999$. The third quartile ( $\mathrm{N}=160$ ) was comprised of anglers with household incomes between $\$ 35,000$ and $\$ 49,999$ (19.6\%). The final quartile ( $\mathrm{N}=215$ ) included those with incomes of $\$ 50,000$ or more and was $26.4 \%$ of the income-reporting anglers.

Table 2: Respondent household income ( $\mathrm{N}=815$ )

| Household Income | Percent of <br> Anglers (\%) |
| :--- | :---: |
| Under $\$ 5,000$ | 4.5 |
| $\$ 5,000-\$ 9,999$ | 2.7 |
| $\$ 10,000-\$ 14,999$ | 4.8 |
| $\$ 15,000-\$ 24,999$ | 18.9 |
| $\$ 25,000-\$ 34,999$ | 23.1 |
| $\$ 35,000-\$ 49,999$ | 19.6 |
| $\$ 50,000-\$ 74,999$ | 19.8 |
| $\$ 75,000$ or above | 6.6 |

## Minority Anglers

The mean portion size of Indiana sport caught fish eaten by consuming white anglers in a typical meal was 11.3 ounces ( 320.4 grams). Minority consuming anglers averaged 10.4 ounces (294.8 grams) in a meal. Table 3 shows the distribution of numbers of active anglers reporting different portion sizes. White and minority active consumers are compared.

Table 3: Distribution of typical fish portion sizes for white and minority active consumers

| What size portion do <br> you normally consume <br> in a typical meal? | White Active <br> Consumers (\%) <br> $\mathrm{N}=177$ | Minority Active <br> Consumers (\%) <br> $\mathrm{N}=142$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Less than 4 ounces | 0 | 1.4 |
| 4 ounces $(1 / 4 \mathrm{lb})$ | 0 | 1.4 |
| 6 ounces | 10.2 | 9.9 |
| 8 ounces $(1 / 2 \mathrm{lb})$ | 19.8 | 26.1 |
| 10 ounces | 19.8 | 20.4 |
| 12 ounces $(3 / 4 \mathrm{lb})$ | 20.9 | 22.5 |
| 14 ounces | 2.8 | 4.2 |
| 16 ounces $(1 \mathrm{lb})$ | 26.6 | 14.1 |
| Mean portion size | 11.3 | 10.4 |

A t-test for differences between the mean portion sizes for active consuming anglers was conducted. White and minority active consumers were compared. The difference between the means is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

Portion Size: T-test for equality of means across race categories

| Group | N | Mean | Std. Dev. |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :---: |
| White | 177 | 11.3 | 3.4 |
| Minority | 143 | 10.4 | 3.2 |
| Significance (p-value): | 0.010 |  |  |

Anglers were asked to report their Indiana sport caught fish consumption frequency for a three-month recall period. Minority anglers ate fish with a greater frequency than their white counterparts. A total of $8.4 \%$ of the white anglers reported eating sport caught fish more than once a week; $14.7 \%$ of the minority anglers reported this same frequency. The mode for white anglers was less than once a month, while the mode for minority anglers was once a month (Table 4).

Table 4: Consumption frequency for white and minority active consuming anglers

| How often in the last three <br> months did you eat <br> Indiana sport-caught fish? | White Active <br> Consumers (\%) <br> $\mathrm{N}=177$ | Minority Active <br> Consumers (\%) <br> $\mathrm{N}=143$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Less than once a month | 32.8 | 21.0 |
| Once a month | 26.6 | 25.2 |
| 2-3 days per month | 19.2 | 18.9 |
| Once a week | 13.0 | 20.3 |
| 2-4 days per week | 7.3 | 13.3 |
| 5-7 days per week | 1.1 | 1.4 |
| Mean meal frequency | $2-3$ <br> meals/month | $3-4$ <br> meals/month |

The mean meal frequency value for white consuming anglers was 2-3 meals per month, while the mean value for minority consuming anglers was between 3 and 4 meals per month. A t-test for the difference between mean meal frequency values was
conducted to compare the two racial categories. The difference between means is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

Meal Frequency: T-test for equality of means across race categories

| Group | N | Mean | Std. Dev. |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| White | 177 | 2.6 | 3.8 |
| Minority | 143 | 3.6 | 4.4 |
| Significance (p-value): | 0.034 |  |  |

Anglers were also asked to recall their consumption of Indiana sport caught fish for themselves and other members of their household for the week preceding the interview. More minority consumers and their families reported eating fish in the week prior to the interview compared to white consuming anglers. Using Chi-Square analysis, it is evident that the difference between white and minority active consumers for their own weekly consumption levels was significant at the 0.05 level. This was also true when comparing the consumption levels for other household members among the different racial categories (Table 5). Over half of the minority consuming anglers had eaten fish in the 7 days before the interview, compared to $35.6 \%$ of white anglers. Again, in terms of other household members' consumption, $43.6 \%$ of minority consumers reported that other members of their households had eaten fish in the week before the interview compared to $27.6 \%$ of the white anglers.

Table 5: Consumption during past 7 days for white and minority active consuming anglers

| In the last week, did you <br> eat any Indiana sport- <br> caught fish? | White Active <br> Consumers (\%) <br> $\mathrm{N}=174$ | Minority Active <br> Consumers (\%) <br> $\mathrm{N}=141$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 35.6 | 51.8 |
| No | 64.4 | 48.2 |
| Chi-Square Test: Statistically Significant (p-value $=0.004$ ) |  |  |


| In the last week, did any <br> other member of your <br> household eat Indiana <br> sport-caught fish? | White Active <br> Consumers (\%) <br> $\mathrm{N}=174$ | Minority Active <br> Consumers (\%) <br> $\mathrm{N}=140$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 27.6 | 43.6 |
| No | 72.4 | 56.4 |

Chi-Square Test: Statistically Significant $(\mathrm{p}$-value $=0.003)$

## Grams Per Day (gpd) Calculation

Using the portion size and meal frequency reported by the anglers, the amount of fish consumed was calculated into a daily amount called grams per day (gpd) consumption. The method used was identical to that used by Sheaffer et al. (1999). The calculation used to determine an angler's gpd was:

$$
\mathrm{C}_{\text {daily }}=\frac{(\mathrm{ps})(\mathrm{m})(28.35 \text { grams/oz })}{30}
$$

Where: $\quad \mathrm{C}_{\text {daily }}=$ daily consumption of sport caught fish (ounce) ps = portion size (ounces)
$\mathrm{m}=$ number of meals per month
less than once a month
Once a month
2-3 days a month
Once a week
2-4 days a week
5-7 days a week
Not at all
$\mathrm{m}=0.5$
$\mathrm{m}=1$
$\mathrm{m}=2.5$
$\mathrm{m}=4$
$\mathrm{m}=12$
$\mathrm{m}=24$
$\mathrm{m}=0$

## Weighting Consumption Data

It was important to correct for the bias from highly active anglers when calculating the consumption rate for Indiana sport caught fish. Those who fish frequently were more likely to be sampled in an on-site survey than those who fish infrequently. Averaging consumption rates across all respondents would have resulted in an artificially high consumption rate value. For this reason, it was necessary to weight consumption rates to correct for this participation bias. This is achieved by weighting each respondent by the inverse of fishing activity rate. Weighting results in an appropriate mean consumption rate calculation. The weighting method is discussed further in Appendix A.

Table 6 shows the distribution of gpd values for white and minority active consuming anglers across different consumption levels using weighted data. The mean values are included for reference.

Table 6: Grams per day consumed for white and minority active consuming anglers

| Grams Per Day <br> Consumption | White Active <br> Consumers (\%) <br> $\mathrm{N}=177$ | Minority Active <br> Consumers (\%) <br> $\mathrm{N}=143$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $<5$ grams/day | 36.2 | 29.0 |
| $5-9.9$ grams/day | 22.0 | 30.2 |
| $10-14.9$ grams/day | 8.3 | 9.7 |
| $15-19.9$ grams/day | 10.6 | 5.9 |
| $20-29.9$ grams/day | 6.8 | 3.8 |
| $30-49.9$ grams/day | 8.2 | 8.3 |
| $50-99.9$ grams/day | 2.2 | 4.3 |
| $100-199.9$ grams/day | 5.7 | 8.7 |
| $>200$ grams/day | 0 | .1 |
| Mean gpd value | 20.0 | 27.2 |

Data are weighted by the inverse of fishing frequency.

The gpd consumption for minority active consumers, with a mean of 27.2 grams, was statistically larger than the white active consumer mean of 20.0 gpd . A t-test for the difference between means was conducted. The difference between the gpd means is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

GPD for Active Consumers: T-test for equality of means across race categories

| Race Category | N | Mean | Std. Dev. |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| White | 177 | 20.0 | 33.0 |
| Minority | 143 | 27.2 | 45.7 |
| Significance (p-value): | 0.000 |  |  |

Data are weighted by the inverse of fishing frequency.

Anglers were also divided into groups as active and potential consumers. Active consumers are those anglers who reported eating Indiana sport caught fish in the three months prior to the interview as well as provided a typical portion size. Potential consuming anglers were those who, while not consuming fish in the three-month recall period, reported a portion of fish that they have eaten on another occasion. Anglers identified as potential consumers were then included in the calculation by assigning the monthly consumption frequency a value of zero ( $\mathrm{N}=260$ ).

Consumption rates reported in Table 7 show the gpd consumption rate for white and minority active consuming and potential and active consuming anglers. As previously stated, there was a significant difference between active minority and white consumers. Mean gpd values were compared between white (potential and active consumers combined) and minority (potential and active consumers combined) in a t-test. The difference in means for potential and active consumers between races is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

GPD for Potential and Active Consumers: T-test for equality of means by race categories

| Group | N | Mean | Std. Dev. |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| White | 361 | 6.8 | 21.4 |
| Minority | 217 | 15.3 | 36.9 |
| Significance (p-value): | 0.000 |  |  |

Data are weighted by the inverse of fishing frequency.

Table 7: Consumption rate for white and minority active consuming and potential and active consuming anglers

|  | Active Consumers |  | Potential \& Active Consumers |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | White $\mathrm{N}=177$ | Minority $\mathrm{N}=143$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { White } \\ \mathrm{N}=361 \end{gathered}$ | Minority $\mathrm{N}=217$ |
| Mean gpd | 20.0 | 27.2 | 6.8 | 15.3 |
| Median gpd | 7.6 | 7.6 | 0 | 3.8 |
| Mode gpd | 3.8 | 5.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Percentiles |  |  |  |  |
| $50^{\text {th }}$ | 7.6 | 7.6 | 0 | 3.8 |
| $80^{\text {th }}$ | 23.6 | 30.2 | 5.7 | 13.2 |
| 90th | 37.8 | 90.7 | 15.1 | 37.8 |
| $95^{\text {th }}$ | 113.4 | 136.1 | 37.8 | 90.7 |
| $99^{\text {th }}$ | 181.4 | 181.4 | 113.4 | 181.4 |

Data are weighted by the inverse of fishing frequency.

Anglers were also asked to self identify their level of awareness of Indiana’s fish consumption advisories. There was not a statistically significant difference between minority and white active consuming respondents based on a Chi-Square test (Table 8).

Table 8: Advisory awareness for white and minority active consuming anglers

| How aware of consumption <br> advisory warnings for <br> Indiana sport-caught fish <br> are you? | White Active <br> Consumers (\%) <br> $\mathrm{N}=175$ | Minority Active <br> Consumers (\%) <br> $\mathrm{N}=143$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Not aware | 24.6 | 30.1 |
| Generally aware | 34.3 | 33.6 |
| Very aware | 41.1 | 36.4 |

Chi-Square Test: Differences Not Significant (p-value = 0.508)

Anglers were also asked about their level of compliance with the consumption advisories. There was a difference between the racial groups in terms of following the advisories as active consumers when deciding whether or not to eat their catch. Almost half of the minorities reported that they always followed the advisories (48.9\%) compared to about $39.7 \%$ of the white consuming anglers. A Chi-Square test revealed that the races differed in how often they following advisories for deciding when to eat and produced a statistically significant result (Table 9). Voluntary compliance responses
in terms of using the cooking and cleaning methods provided in the advisories were examined. The original data based on categories is provided so that percentages can be compared (Table 10).

Table 9: Advisory compliance frequency when deciding to eat catch for white and minority active consumers

| How frequently do you follow the <br> fish consumption advisory warnings <br> when you decide whether or not to <br> eat Indiana sport-caught fish? | White <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=174$ | Minority <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=139$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Never | 12.6 | 8.6 |
| Rarely | 5.2 | 2.9 |
| Sometimes | 4.6 | 7.2 |
| Usually | 20.1 | 8.6 |
| Always | 39.7 | 48.9 |
| Not Aware | 17.8 | 23.7 |

Chi-Square Test: Statistically Significant (p-value $=0.027$ )

Table 10: Advisory compliance frequency when deciding how to cook or clean catch for white and minority active consumers

| How frequently do you follow the <br> fish consumption advisory warnings <br> when cleaning or cooking Indiana <br> sport-caught fish? | White <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=171$ | Minority <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=135$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Never | $14.0 \%$ | $15.6 \%$ |
| Rarely | $2.9 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ |
| Sometimes | $5.3 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ |
| Usually | $11.7 \%$ | $9.6 \%$ |
| Always | $43.9 \%$ | $45.2 \%$ |
| Not Aware | $22.2 \%$ | $27.4 \%$ |

In the on-site survey, anglers were asked what they intended to do with their catch from the day. White and minority active consumers varied by plans for their catch. A Chi-Square test showed that races differed across categories, producing a statistically significant result. Slightly more than half of the white active consumers planned to use the catch as a meal in their home while $71.2 \%$ of the minority respondents indicated that this was what they planned to do. Also, $16.5 \%$ of the minorities indicated that they were
going to give their catch to others compared to $2.9 \%$ of white active consumers (Table 11).

Table 11: Anticipated use of catch for white and minority active consumers

| What will you do with <br> your catch today? | White Active <br> Consumers (\%) <br> $\mathrm{N}=175$ | Minority Active <br> Consumers (\%) <br> $\mathrm{N}=139$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Use it for a meal in my <br> household | 52.6 | 71.2 |
| Give it to others outside <br> of my household | 2.9 | 16.5 |
| Release or Discard | 44.6 | 12.2 |

Chi-Square Test: Statistically Significant (p-value $=0.000$ )

## Angler Incomes

The anglers were divided into four categories based on their incomes. Analysis was then carried out to identify differences or similarities based on household income.

Looking at portion sizes reported by the consumers in the quartiles, the results were very similar. The mean portion reported by the lowest quartile was 10.7 ounces ( 303.3 grams), and the second quartile had a mean of 11.2 ounces ( 317.5 grams). The third quartile averaged 10.4 ounces ( 294.8 grams) of sport caught fish in a typical meal, and those with the highest incomes had a mean of 11.5 ounces (326.0 grams) (Table 12).

Table 12: Portions of fish in a meal for active consumers in income quartiles

| What size portion do <br> you normally consume <br> in a typical meal? | $1^{\text {st }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=100$ | $2^{\text {nd }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=62$ | $3^{\text {rd }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=55$ | $4^{\text {th }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=60$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Less than 4 ounces | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 ounces $(1 / 4 \mathrm{lb})$ | 2.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 ounces | 12.0 | 12.9 | 14.5 | 1.7 |
| 8 ounces $(1 / 2 \mathrm{lb})$ | 26.0 | 19.4 | 23.6 | 18.3 |
| 10 ounces | 14.0 | 16.1 | 23.6 | 30.0 |
| 12 ounces $(3 / 4 \mathrm{lb})$ | 19.0 | 24.2 | 20.0 | 23.3 |
| 14 ounces | 4.0 | 1.6 | 3.6 | 6.7 |
| 16 ounces $(1 \mathrm{lb})$ | 22.0 | 25.8 | 14.5 | 20.0 |
| Mean portion size | 10.7 | 11.2 | 10.4 | 11.5 |

The frequencies of Indiana sport caught fish consumption among the anglers from different income quartiles were compared. The highest income quartile had a slightly higher frequency of consumption. The mode for this group was the 'once a month' response while for the other three quartiles, the modal response was 'less than once a month’ (Table 13).

Table 13: Fish consumption during the three months prior to the interview for active consumers in income quartiles

| How often in the last three <br> months did you eat <br> Indiana sport-caught fish? | $1^{\text {st }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=101$ | $2^{\text {nd }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=62$ | $3^{\text {rd }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=55$ | $4^{\text {th }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=60$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Less than once a month | 32.7 | 32.3 | 32.7 | 16.7 |
| Once a month | 25.7 | 25.8 | 21.8 | 28.3 |
| 2-3 meals per month | 19.8 | 19.4 | 18.2 | 18.3 |
| Once a week | 12.9 | 12.9 | 18.2 | 21.7 |
| 2-4 meals per week | 6.9 | 9.7 | 9.1 | 13.3 |
| 5-7 meals per week | 2.0 | 0 | 0 | 1.7 |
| Modal category | Less than <br> $1 \mathrm{x} /$ month | Less than <br> $1 \mathrm{x} /$ month | Less than <br> $1 \mathrm{x} /$ month | $1 \mathrm{x} /$ month |

When reducing the recall period and asking the consuming anglers if they and their family members ate sport caught fish during the week prior to the interview, no significant differences were detected based on Chi-Square statistics. Consumption was lowest in the two middle quartiles for the active consuming anglers, and the highest income quartile reported the greatest percentage of household members eating Indiana sport caught fish.

Table 14: Fish consumption during 7 days prior to interview for active consumers in income quartiles

| In the last week, did <br> you eat any Indiana <br> sport-caught fish? | $1^{\text {st }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers (\%) <br> $\mathrm{N}=99$ | $2^{\text {nd }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers (\%) <br> $\mathrm{N}=61$ | $3^{\text {rd }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers (\%) <br> $\mathrm{N}=55$ | $4^{\text {th }}$ Quartile <br> Qonsumers (\%) <br> $\mathrm{N}=60$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 43.4 | 36.1 | 36.4 | 53.3 |
| No | 56.6 | 63.9 | 63.6 | 46.7 |

Chi-Square Test: Differences Not Significant (p-value $=0.187$ )

| In the last week, did any other <br> member of your household eat <br> Indiana sport-caught fish? | $\mathrm{N}=98$ | $\mathrm{~N}=61$ | $\mathrm{~N}=55$ | $\mathrm{~N}=60$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 33.7 | 31.1 | 34.5 | 43.3 |
| No | 66.3 | 68.9 | 65.5 | 56.7 |

Chi-Square Test: Differences Not Significant $(\mathrm{p}$-value $=0.517)$

The consumption rate was calculated in terms of grams per day (gpd) for the anglers in the income quartiles. The first quartile had a mean consumption rate of 18.9 gpd, the second quartile averaged 18.8 gpd, and the third quartile averaged 15.2 gpd (Table 15). The fourth quartile with the highest income had the highest average consumption rate of 48.8 gpd.

Table 15: Grams Per Day (GPD) consumed for active consumers in income quartiles

| Grams Per Day <br> Consumption | $1^{\text {st }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=101$ | $2^{\text {nd }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=62$ | $3^{\text {rd }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=55$ | $4^{\text {th }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=60$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $<5$ grams/day | 35.1 | 39.0 | 40.2 | 22.8 |
| $5-9.9$ grams/day | 28.8 | 20.5 | 22.6 | 24.2 |
| $10-14.9$ grams/day | 10.9 | 8.8 | 3.4 | 12.2 |
| $15-19.9$ grams/day | 6.0 | 10.0 | 11.2 | .4 |
| $20-29.9$ grams/day | 2.9 | 4.1 | 15.3 | 4.2 |
| $30-49.9$ grams/day | 9.2 | 7.3 | 2.4 | 10.0 |
| $50-99.9$ grams/day | 1.6 | 9.6 | 2.5 | 1.5 |
| $100-199.9$ grams/day | 5.3 | .7 | 2.4 | 24.7 |
| $>200$ grams/day | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mean gpd value | 18.9 | 18.8 | 15.2 | 48.8 |

Data are weighted by the inverse of fishing frequency.

As with the minority and white anglers, the anglers in the four income categories were examined both in terms of active and potential consumers. Percentages are shown in Table 16.

Table 16: Consumption rate for active consuming and potential and active consuming anglers in income quartiles


Data are weighted by the inverse of fishing frequency.

Anglers were asked to report their level of awareness of Indiana's fish consumption advisories. Results were relatively consistent across the income groups of consuming anglers with the upper most income quartile reporting slightly lower levels of 'not aware' (Table 17). There was no statistically significant difference between the groups based on a Chi-Square test.

Table 17: Awareness of Indiana Fish Consumption Advisories by active consumers in income quartiles

| How aware of consumption <br> advisory warnings for <br> Indiana sport-caught fish <br> are you? | $1^{\text {st }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=100$ | $2^{\text {nd }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=62$ | $3^{\text {rd }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=55$ | $4^{\text {th }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=59$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Not aware | 25.0 | 27.4 | 25.5 | 20.3 |
| Generally aware | 37.0 | 40.3 | 25.5 | 44.1 |
| Very aware | 38.0 | 32.3 | 49.1 | 35.6 |

Chi-Square Test: Differences Not Significant (p-value = 0.424)

Consuming anglers were asked to report their level of voluntary compliance with the Indiana fish consumption advisories. Two separate questions solicited information on compliance. One asked if they followed the advisories when deciding whether or not to eat their catch. The second asked if they followed the advisories when determining cooking and cleaning methods. For both aspects of compliance, a statistical difference was not found between the income quartiles based on Chi-Square tests (Table 18 and Table 19).

Table 18: Advisory compliance for active consumers in income quartiles when anglers decide whether or not to eat

| How frequently do you follow the fish <br> consumption advisory warnings when <br> you decide whether or not to eat <br> Indiana sport-caught fish? | $1^{\text {st }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=98$ | $2^{\text {nd }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=62$ | $3^{\text {rd }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=53$ | $4^{\text {th }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=58$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Never | 8.2 | 16.1 | 9.4 | 15.5 |
| Rarely | 5.1 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 3.4 |
| Sometimes | 7.1 | 3.2 | 9.4 | 3.4 |
| Usually | 11.2 | 17.7 | 17.0 | 17.2 |
| Always | 50.0 | 41.9 | 37.7 | 48.3 |
| Not Aware | 18.4 | 17.7 | 22.6 | 12.1 |

Chi-Square Test: Differences Not Significant (p-value $=0.758$ )
Table 19: Advisory compliance for active consumers in income quartiles when deciding how to cook and clean

| How frequently do you follow the <br> fish consumption advisory warnings <br> when cleaning or cooking Indiana <br> sport-caught fish? | $1^{\text {st }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=95$ | $2^{\text {nd }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=61$ | $3^{\text {rd }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=52$ | $4^{\text {th }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=56$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Never | 12.6 | 18.0 | 11.5 | 17.9 |
| Rarely | 2.1 | 1.6 | 0 | 5.4 |
| Sometimes | 5.3 | 0 | 7.7 | 0 |
| Usually | 11.6 | 14.8 | 7.7 | 7.1 |
| Always | 44.2 | 47.5 | 50.0 | 48.2 |
| Not Aware | 24.2 | 18.0 | 23.1 | 21.4 |

Chi-Square Test: Differences Not Significant (p-value $=0.386$ )
Anglers were also asked what they planned to do with their catch on the day of the interview. The majority of the consumers planned to use their catch as a meal in their
household. Slightly more of the upper income anglers planned to release or discard their catch, but this difference was not statistically significant (Table 20).

Table 20: Plans for catch for active consumers in income quartiles

| What will you do with <br> your catch today? | $1^{\text {st }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=99$ | $2^{\text {nd }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=62$ | $3^{\text {rd }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=52$ | $4^{\text {th }}$ Quartile <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=60$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Use it for a meal in my <br> household | 60.6 | 64.5 | 55.8 | 53.3 |
| Give it to others outside <br> of my household | 10.1 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 10.0 |
| Release or Discard | 29.3 | 29.0 | 38.5 | 36.7 |

Chi-Square Test: Differences Not Significant (p-value = 0.752)

## Advisory Awareness

When looking at the effect of advisory awareness level on gpd consumption rate, no relationship was found among the on-site respondents. The highest mean gpd (35.2 grams) came from the group of active consumers reporting that they were very aware of the Indiana advisories. Those who reported not being aware of the advisories had a mean of 21.3. Those who were generally aware of the advisories reported a mean gpd of 14.1 grams (Table 21).

Table 21: Consumption rate for active consuming anglers and potential and active consuming anglers based on awareness

|  | Active Consumers |  |  | Potential \& Active Consumers |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Not <br> Aware <br> $\mathrm{N}=88$ | Generally Aware $\mathrm{N}=108$ | Very <br> Aware <br> $\mathrm{N}=124$ | Not Aware $\mathrm{N}=179$ | Generally Aware $\mathrm{N}=194$ | Very <br> Aware <br> $\mathrm{N}=207$ |
| Mean gpd | 21.3 | 14.1 | 35.2 | 9.1 | 5.8 | 15.8 |
| Median gpd | 5.7 | 7.6 | 15.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mode gpd | 3.8 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Percentiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $50^{\text {th }}$ | 5.7 | 7.6 | 15.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $80^{\text {th }}$ | 18.9 | 15.1 | 37.8 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 18.9 |
| 90th | 60.5 | 28.4 | 90.7 | 15.1 | 14.2 | 37.8 |
| $95^{\text {th }}$ | 136.1 | 45.4 | 181.4 | 37.8 | 23.6 | 90.7 |
| $99^{\text {th }}$ | 181.4 | 136.1 | 181.4 | 136.1 | 90.7 | 181.4 |

Data are weighted by the inverse of fishing frequency.

## State Region

The anglers were examined based on the region of the state in which the interview was conducted - north, central, or south. The central and south regions showed higher average consumption rates than in the North.

Table 22: Consumption rate for active consuming anglers and potential and active consuming anglers based on state region

|  | Active Consumers |  |  | Potential \& Active Consumers |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North <br> $\mathrm{N}=112$ | Central <br> $\mathrm{N}=115$ | South <br> $\mathrm{N}=95$ | North <br> $\mathrm{N}=218$ | Central <br> $\mathrm{N}=203$ | South <br> $\mathrm{N}=161$ |
|  | 14.0 | 28.6 | 23.3 | 4.8 | 12.0 | 12.3 |
|  | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 0 | 0 | 2.8 |
| Mode gpd | 7.6 | 4.7 | 3.8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Percentiles | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 0 | 0 | 2.8 |
| 50 th | 7.6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $80^{\text {th }}$ | 18.9 | 30.2 | 23.6 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 11.3 |
| 90 th | 30.2 | 90.7 | 90.7 | 11.3 | 23.6 | 37.8 |
| $95^{\text {th }}$ | 37.8 | 181.4 | 136.1 | 23.6 | 90.7 | 113.4 |
| $99^{\text {th }}$ | 136.1 | 181.4 | 136.1 | 60.5 | 181.4 | 136.1 |

Data are weighted by the inverse of fishing frequency.

Active consuming angler awareness of Indiana fish consumption advisories was also assessed based on the region the angler was fishing in at the time of the interview. There was no difference between the regions based on a Chi-Square test (Table 23).

Table 23: Advisory awareness for regional active consuming anglers

| How aware of consumption <br> advisory warnings for Indiana <br> sport-caught fish are you? | North <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=111$ | Central <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=114$ | South <br> Consumers <br> $(\%)$ <br> $\mathrm{N}=95$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Not aware | 26.1 | 27.2 | 29.5 |
| Generally aware | 28.8 | 35.1 | 37.9 |
| Very aware | 45.0 | 37.7 | 32.6 |

Chi-Square Test: Differences Not Significant (p-value $=0.457$ )

## Women of Childbearing Age

In studying fish consumption, there is special concern for women of childbearing age. For this study, childbearing age is assumed to be 18-45 years of age. There were only 40 consuming female anglers representing this category in the study. Their mean daily consumption was 39.6 gpd.

## Comparison of Mail and On-Site Surveys

There was a methodological difference between the two surveys. The mail survey reached only licensed anglers. The on-site survey was administered to anyone actively fishing and did not ask about license possession. The population, by design, was also very different. The respondents to the mail survey were predominately white (94.5\%) while the on-site survey had more racial diversity ( $25.1 \%$ African American and 68.2\% white). In terms of income, $19.8 \%$ of the mail survey respondents indicated a household income below $\$ 25,000$ compared with $26.7 \%$ of the on-site survey respondents.

Some other differences were detected when comparing the two studies. In the onsite survey, $35 \%$ of the respondents indicated that they were unaware of the Indiana fish consumption advisories compared to $23.7 \%$ of the mail respondents.

When looking at the typical portion size eaten by consuming anglers, a clear difference can be seen between the two studies. Respondents in the mail survey ate considerably smaller portions than did those in the on-site survey (Table 24). Eighteen percent of the on-site consuming anglers reported that they ate 16 ounces (one pound) in a typical meal compared to $10.7 \%$ of the mail respondents.

Table 24: Respondents’ typical fish portion size

| Typical Portion | On-Site <br> $\mathrm{N}=582(\%)$ | Mail <br> $\mathrm{N}=1256(\%)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Less than 4 ounces | 0.7 | 5.8 |
| 4 ounces | 0.9 | 7.7 |
| 6 ounces | 13.2 | 13.5 |
| 8 ounces | 24.6 | 20.5 |
| 10 ounces | 20.3 | 16.9 |
| 12 ounces | 19.4 | 21.3 |
| 14 ounces | 2.9 | 3.6 |
| 16 ounces | 18.0 | 10.7 |

There was also a noticeable difference in consumption frequency between the two studies with the on-site survey respondents indicating that they consumed Indiana sport caught fish more frequently (Table 25). Sixteen percent of the on-site respondents reported eating sport caught fish once a week during the three months prior to the interview compared to $8.5 \%$ of the mail survey respondents. Additionally, $10 \%$ of the on-site respondents indicated that they ate sport caught fish 2-4 days per week; $4.7 \%$ of the mail survey respondents reported this frequency of consumption.

Table 25: Active consumers' Indiana sport caught fish consumption

| Fish Consumption Frequency | On-site <br> $\mathrm{N}=322(\%)$ | Mail <br> $\mathrm{N}=1045(\%)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Less than once a month | 27.6 | 35.9 |
| Once a month | 26.1 | 24.7 |
| 2-3 days a month | 18.9 | 26.0 |
| Once a week | 16.1 | 8.5 |
| 2-4 days a week | 9.9 | 4.7 |
| 5-7 days a week | 1.2 | 0.2 |

The anglers surveyed on-site indicated that they ate larger portions of sport caught fish and that they consumed this fish with a greater frequency. This led to a difference in the gpd between the surveys (Table 26); however, the difference in gpd consumption was small among the active consumers. The mean gpd reported in the mail survey was 19.8 gpd compared to 22.9 gpd found in the on-site survey. The on-site survey had a higher proportion of potential consuming anglers (anglers who reported a portion size but did not report consuming during the three month recall period) than the mail survey. This high percentage of potential consuming anglers causes the gpd to be deflated much more in the on-site survey. When both active and potential consuming anglers were included in the gpd calculation, the result for the on-site survey was 9.8 gpd and for the mail survey was 16.4 gpd.

Table 26: Consumption rate for active consuming anglers and potential and active consuming anglers in on-site and mail surveys

|  | Active Consumers |  | Potential \& Active Consumers |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { On-Site* } \\ \mathrm{N}=322 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mail } \\ \mathrm{N}=1045 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { On-Site* } \\ \text { N=582 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mail } \\ \mathrm{N}=1261 \end{gathered}$ |
| Mean gpd | 22.9 | 19.8 | 9.8 | 16.4 |
| Median gpd | 7.6 | 9.5 | 0 | 7.6 |
| Mode gpd | 3.8 | 5.7 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| $50^{\text {th }}$ | 7.6 | 9.5 | 0 | 7.6 |
| $80^{\text {th }}$ | 23.6 | 28.4 | 7.6 | 23.6 |
| 90th | 60.5 | 37.8 | 18.9 | 37.8 |
| $95^{\text {th }}$ | 136.1 | 60.5 | 37.8 | 60.5 |
| $99^{\text {th }}$ | 181.41 | 181.4 | 181.4 | 181.4 |

* On-site data are weighted by the inverse of fishing rate to correct for the effect of participation bias on calculation of average consumption value.


## Limitations of Study

This study was designed to determine the consumption rates of Indiana anglers, particularly those in minority and low income groups, during a portion of the year. Extrapolating the data to a yearly mean gpd consumption rate is tenuous. The angler interview for this study began in late April and went through the end of August. As anglers were asked about their fishing frequency for the three months prior to the survey,
this has the recall period beginning in mid-February. This does not provide for year round calculation of gpd consumed as data for the period of September through January were not collected.

The research of Meredith and Malvestuto (1996) suggests that the lowest consumption of sport caught fish takes place during the spring. By isolating the data collected prior to June 15, 1998 (those anglers with a recall period that contains the spring), the mean gpd consumption was 21.6 for active consuming anglers. The over all mean gpd for active consuming anglers throughout the study was 22.9 gpd. Thus, consumption rates for this period (spring) appear to be similar to overall rates.

Additionally, the researchers looked into the issue of year round fishing patterns. In conversations with a Division of Fish and Wildlife fisheries biologist responsible for Indiana creel surveys, it was indicated that there is high variability in fishing rates. Fishing during the year (e.g. the winter) fluctuates based upon the weather and it cannot be assumed that there is an automatic reduction in consumption rates.

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Appendix A
Weighting Survey Data

## Need for Weighting On-site Interview Data

## Introduction

Important methodological issues emerged from the statewide project assessing sport-caught fish consumption patterns of state anglers. The objective of the project was to determine an average consumption rate for fish obtained through recreational fishing. Although two methods were used to reach anglers, a mail survey and an onsite survey, the latter method was subject to participation bias among anglers interviewed in the onsite locations. The most active anglers were more likely to be encountered and interviewed by the survey team.

As higher participation levels in fishing are likely associated with more opportunities for catching fish, more active anglers are likely to have higher consumption rates. More active anglers' consumption data would contribute to an estimate of average consumption rate calculation that was too high among anglers interviewed in the on-site locations. Weighting data based on the inverse of fishing participation was necessary to address the participation bias, and sport fish consumption was calculated with weights assigned.

## Literature Review

The use of weighting must be considered carefully. This has been noted for making inferences from recreation research (Christensen, 1979). Often the reason for using weighting is to correct for selection bias (Whitehead, Groothuis, Hoban, and Clifford, 1994). Weighting has been identified previously as an issue in food consumption research (Tucker, Bianchi, Maras, and Bermudez, 1998) and in nutrition surveys (Osler and Schroll, 1992). When measuring fish consumption levels, it is important to address variation in the estimates based on use of different methods and variables (Cavan, Gibson, Cole, and Riedel, 1996).

Weighting has been used to avoid bias in certain estimates resulting from those of higher social status, such as higher-income groups participating at a different rate (e.g. times per year) than others in the population (Harou, 1982). Among those interviewed onsite it may be necessary to correct for a 'travel time bias' in making particular estimates of use (Wna, 1989). Weighting may also be employed to correct for differing
variability in observations. In one case of using weighted least squares estimation the issue is getting more reliable estimates not removing bias (Beaman, Knetsch and Cheung, 1977).

In recreation research, the selection of a respondent often depends on the level of participation in a recreational activity at a location. Onsite survey methods must be designed with due consideration of how respondents are selected and how this should impact on their contribution to getting unbiased estimates of a particular measure of interest. How respondents are selected can result in unweighted averages of expenditure and person days of site use both being biased. Getting unbiased estimates requires 2 different weighting schemes.

If different respondents exhibit a different level of participation based on some measure, e.g., visits, and respondents are selected for interview on final exit, one must consider what measures to estimate to meet various survey objectives. Some people visit a site only 1 or 2 times a year but may stay for 2 weeks one of those times. Others make repeated visits to a place (every nice weekend for 15 or 20 weekend and day-visits). This is an issue when measuring use at national parks, at forest areas or at specific fishing sites (Beaman and Redkop, 1990; Price, 1991; Roeder, 1973).

## Method

It was important to correct for the bias from highly active anglers when calculating the consumption rate for sport fish among Indiana anglers interviewed in the on-site survey. This is achieved by weighting each respondent by the inverse of some fishing activity rate. Table 1 shows the weights that were assigned to each case by using the inverse of the fishing frequency measure obtained for the recall period.

Table A.1. Weights assigned to on-site respondent data.

| Variable Response | Code for fishing <br> frequency/month | Weight Assigned |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| < Once/month | 0.5 | $1 / 0.5=2$ |
| Once/month | 1 | 1 |
| $2-3$ times/month | 2.5 | 0.4 |
| Once/week | 4 | 0.25 |
| 2-4 times/week | 12 | 0.0833 |
| 5-7 times/week | 24 | 0.0417 |

## Example of Weighting Calculation

Table A.2. GPD by fishing rate and inverse of fishing rate for weighting purposes.

| Fishing Rate (times per month) |  | 2-4 days per week 12 | Once a week 4 | 3 days month 2.5 | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Inverse of fishing rate x 100 <br> = weighting value |  | 8.33 | 25.00 | 40.00 |  |
| GPDJUNE | . 00 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
|  | 2.84 | 1 |  |  | 1 |
|  | 5.67 |  | 1 |  | 1 |
|  | 7.56 | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Total |  | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 |

Potential and Active Consumers
Example: 6 respondents
Unweighted:
3 (0 GPD) $+1(2.84 \mathrm{GPD})+1(5.67 \mathrm{GPD})+1(7.56 \mathrm{GPD})=16.07 / 6=\underline{2} .68 \mathrm{GPD}$

## Weighted:

6 respondents are represented by a sample size ( N ) of 115.
$(0$ GPD x 8.33$)+(0$ GPD x 25$)+(0$ GPD x 40$)+(2.84$ GPD x 8.33$)+(5.67$ GPD x 25$)$ $+(7.56$ GPD x 8.33$)=$
$228.382 / 115=1.99$ GPD
Note that the N becomes 115, because each respondent is given a weighting value:
$8.33+25+40+8.33+25+8.33=114.99=115$
Active Consumers
Example: 3 respondents
Unweighted:
$2.84+5.67+7.56=16.07 / 3=\underline{5.36 G P D}$
Weighted:
$(2.84 \mathrm{GPD} \times 8.33)+(5.67 \mathrm{GPD} \times 25)+(7.56 \mathrm{GPD} \times 8.33)=228.382 / 42=\underline{5.44 \mathrm{GPD}}$
3 respondents are represented by a sample size of 42, because
$8.33+25+8.33=41.66=42$

## Summary

This research provides an example of the potential impact of biases in research conducted in recreation settings. On-site interviews have a frequency of participation or length of stay bias that can be corrected by weighting techniques to provide unbiased or less biased estimates of the measure of interest. In the fish consumption project the objective of the agency was an average measure for on-site anglers statewide. Average consumption rate for active consumers assessed using weighted on-site data was similar to the rate observed for active consumers in the mail survey. Weighting was necessary to calculate an estimate of average sport fish consumption among on-site anglers and to provide information to the funding agency for policy decisions.

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## Appendix B

Survey Locations

## East Chicago Area

Hammond Marina
Pastrick Marina
Wolf Lake
Whiting Park
Wihala Park
Fort Wayne Area
Hurshtown Reservoir
Lakeside Park
Johnny Appleseed Park
Maumee/Kreeger Park
Lawton Park


Appendix C
Survey Instrument

## INDIANA ANGLER AND FISH CONSUMPTION SURVEY - ON SITE

Location: $\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$ Time: $\qquad$

## Location Questions

1. Is this your first time fishing at this site? $\qquad$ yes (If yes, go to question 2) $\qquad$ no

1a. If no, how often have you have you fished at this location in the past three months?
___ Less than once a month
___ Once a month
_ 2-3 days a month
___ Once a week
2-4 days a week
5-7 days a week
1b. How often have you fished at this location in the past 7 days? $\qquad$ days
2. What will you do with your catch today?
___ Use for a meal in my household
__ Give to others outside of my household
__ Release it or discard

## Consumption

1. How often in the last three months have you fished in Indiana waters?
___ Less than once a month
___ Once a month
___ 2-3 days a month
__ Once a week
__ 2-4 days a week
__ 5-7 days a week
__ Not at all - I have not fished in Indiana waters in the past three months
2. In the last week, did you eat any Indiana sport caught fish?
$\qquad$ Yes $\qquad$ No
3. In the last week, did any other members of your household eat Indiana sport caught fish?
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ No
4. In the last three months, how often did you eat Indiana sport caught fish?
___ Less than once a month
___ Once a month
__ 2-3 days a month
___ Once a week
__ 2-4 days a week
__ 5-7 days a week
__ Not at all - I have not eaten Indiana sport caught fish in the past three months.
5. What is the typical portion size of Indiana sport caught fish you eat? Based on the photographs, what portion size would you typically consume in a normal meal?

| less than 4 oz . | __ 8 oz ( $1 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$. | - 14 oz . |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $4 \mathrm{oz}(1 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$.) | - 10 oz | $16 \mathrm{oz} .(1 \mathrm{lb}$. |
| 6 oz . | __ $12 \mathrm{oz}(3 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$. |  |

6. How aware of consumption advisory warnings for Indiana sport caught fish are you?
$\qquad$ Very aware $\qquad$ Generally aware $\qquad$
7. How frequently do you follow the consumption advisory warnings when you decide whether or not to eat Indiana sport caught fish?
Always
5
Usually
4
Sometimes
3
Rarely
2
Never
1
8. How frequently do you follow the consumption advisory warnings when cleaning and/or cooking Indiana sport caught fish?
Always
5
Usually
4
Sometimes
3
Rarely
2
Never
1

## Demographics

1. What is your gender? __ Male __ Female
2. What is your age at your last birthday? $\qquad$ Years
3. What is your race?

| __ Asian American or Pacific Islander | __ African American |
| :--- | :--- |
| __ White, not Hispanic | __ Mative American Indian |
| _ Hispanic American | __ Mace |

4. What was your household income before taxes?

| $\_\$ 5,000$ or under | _ $\$ 5,000-9,999$ | - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |$\$ 15,000-14,999$

5. What is your current employment status?

__ Employed full time ___ Employed part time $\quad$ __ Lisabled | Laid off |
| :--- |
| Retired |

__ Unemployed, looking for work __ Unemployed, not looking for work
6. How many people are in your household? $\qquad$ Adults $\qquad$ Children
7. What is your highest level of education?
012345678
9101112
High School
13141516 17+
College
8. In what county do you reside? $\qquad$

## Questionario sobre la pesca de caña y el consumo de pescado en Indiana

## Preguntas en la zona de pesca

1. Es ésta la primera vez que pesca, concretamente, en este lugar?
___Sí (vaya a la segunda question) $\qquad$ No

1a. En caso negativo, cuántas veces ha pescado en este lugar durante los últimos tres meses?
___ Menos de una vez por mes
Una vez por mes
2-3 veces al mes
Una vez por semana
2-4 veces por semana
5-7 veces por semana
1b. Con qué frequencia ha pescado en este lugar en los últimos 7 días? $\qquad$ días
2. Qué va a hacer con lo que pesque hoy?
___ Comerlo en casa
___ Darlo a terceros
___ Liberarlo en el agua

## Consumo

1. En los últimos tres mese cuán frequentement ha pescado usted en aguas de Indiana?
___ Menos de una vez por mes
___ Una vez por mes
___ 2-3 veces al mes
___ Una vez por semana
__ 2-4 veces por semana
__ 5-7 veces por semana
___ NO, en los últimos tres mese no he comido ningún pescado que haya sido pescado en Indiana
2. En la última semana ha usted comido algún pescado que haya sido pescado en Indiana?
$\qquad$ Sí $\qquad$
3. En la última semana, cualquier otro mimbro de su familia, ha comido algún pescado que haya sido pescado en Indiana?
__ Sí __ No
4. En los últimos tres mese cuán frequentement ha comido usted algún pescado que haya sido pescado en Indiana?
___ Menos de una vez por mes
___ Una vez por mes
___ 2-3 veces al mes
___ Una vez por semana
_ 2-4 veces por semana
__ 5-7 veces por semana
__ No, en los últimos tres meses no he comido ningún pescado que haya sido pescado en
5. Qué ración típica come usted de pescado que haya sido pescado en Indiana? Mire las fotografias y apunte que ración comería usted normarmelte?
$\qquad$ menos de 4 oz . _ 8 oz ( $1 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$.) __ 14 oz .
_ $4 \mathrm{oz}(1 / 4 \mathrm{lb}) \quad —$.$10 \mathrm{oz} . \quad _ 16 \mathrm{oz} .(1 \mathrm{lb}$.
6. Está usted familiarizado con las leyes de consumo de peces pescados en Indiana?
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ Bastante
$\qquad$ No del todo
7. Con qué frequencia obedece las leyes de consumo de peces pescados en Indiana para decidir si come o no come lo pescado?

| Siempre | Generalmente | A veces | Raramente | Nunca |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

8. Con qué frequencia obedece las leyes de consumo de peces pescados en Indiana para limpiar y/o para concinar lo pescado?

| Siempre | Generalmente | A veces | Raramente | Nunca |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

## Datos Demográficos

1. Sexo? $\qquad$ Varon $\qquad$ Hembra
2. Cuántos años tiene usted? $\qquad$ años
3. De qué raza es usted?
_ Americano-Asiático o Islas del Pacífico
$\qquad$ Africano-Americano
__ Blanco, no hispano
__ Hispano Americano
___ Otro, Por favor indique $\qquad$
4. Cuál es el salario bruto (sin impuestos) de su casa/famila?

| $\quad \$ 5,000$ o menos | _ $\$ 5,000-9,999$ | - |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |$\$ 15,000-24,000-14,999$

5. Qué tipo d empleado es usted?
$\qquad$ Tiemplo completo $\qquad$ Tiempo partido $\qquad$ "laid off"
__ Estudiante $\qquad$ Incapacitado $\qquad$ Jubilado
__ Parado, buscando trabajo $\qquad$ Parado, no busco trabajo
6. Cuántas personas hay en su familia? __ Adultos __ Niños
7. Cuántos años de educación académica tiene usted?
12345678
Educación elemental
9101112
Educación secundaria
13141516 17+ Universidad
8. En qué condado vive usted? $\qquad$

## Card given to anglers at completion of interview

Dear Angler:
Thank you for taking the time to answer the survey questions today. All of the responses will remain anonymous. The answers you provided will be used to better understand the activities of anglers in Indiana, particularly in terms of fish consumption habits, and aid in making decisions that affect water quality, angler health, and the use of fishing resources.

Should you have any questions regarding Indiana fish consumption advisories, you can contact the Indiana Department of Environmental Management or the Division of Fish and Wildlife. If you have any questions regarding this study, please feel free to contact me. Once again, thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

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## Appendix D

## Variable Frequency

Respond

|  |  |  |  | Valid <br> Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | Respondent | 946 | 97.0 | 97.0 | 97.0 |
|  | Non-respondent | 29 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 975 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

## Frequency Table: Respondents



DATE

|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | 42598 | 15 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
|  | 51698 | 37 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 5.5 |
|  | 51798 | 63 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 12.2 |
|  | 52398 | 37 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 16.1 |
|  | 52498 | 31 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 19.3 |
|  | 60698 | 71 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 26.8 |
|  | 60798 | 66 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 33.8 |
|  | 61398 | 25 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 36.5 |
|  | 62098 | 19 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 38.5 |
|  | 62198 | 17 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 40.3 |
|  | 62798 | 25 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 42.9 |
|  | 62898 | 26 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 45.7 |
|  | 70398 | 45 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 50.4 |
|  | 70498 | 39 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 54.5 |
|  | 70598 | 55 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 60.4 |
|  | 71198 | 22 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 62.7 |
|  | 71298 | 28 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 65.6 |
|  | 71598 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 65.8 |
|  | 71898 | 48 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 70.8 |
|  | 71998 | 13 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 72.2 |
|  | 72598 | 48 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 77.3 |
|  | 72698 | 45 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 82.0 |
|  | 80198 | 40 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 86.3 |
|  | 80298 | 28 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 89.2 |
|  | 80898 | 26 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 92.0 |
|  | 80998 | 29 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 95.0 |
|  | 82198 | 16 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 96.7 |
|  | 82298 | 19 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 98.7 |
|  | 83198 | 12 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 946 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

Time

|  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 725 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | . 1 |
| 730 | 9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| 735 | 3 | . 3 | . 3 | 1.4 |
| 737 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 1.5 |
| 740 | 8 | . 8 | . 8 | 2.3 |
| 745 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 2.5 |
| 750 | 3 | . 3 | . 3 | 2.9 |
| 755 | 3 | . 3 | . 3 | 3.2 |
| 800 | 12 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 4.4 |
| 805 | 6 | . 6 | . 6 | 5.1 |
| 810 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 5.5 |
| 812 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 5.6 |
| 815 | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 6.1 |
| 818 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 6.2 |
| 820 | 11 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 7.4 |
| 825 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 7.6 |
| 830 | 13 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 9.0 |
| 835 | 6 | . 6 | . 6 | 9.6 |
| 840 | 6 | . 6 | . 6 | 10.3 |
| 845 | 10 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 11.3 |
| 848 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 11.4 |
| 850 | 14 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 12.9 |
| 855 | 8 | . 8 | . 8 | 13.7 |
| 900 | 14 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 15.2 |
| 905 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 15.6 |
| 910 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 16.1 |
| 915 | 7 | . 7 | . 7 | 16.8 |
| 920 | 3 | . 3 | . 3 | 17.1 |
| 925 | 3 | . 3 | . 3 | 17.4 |
| 930 | 10 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 18.5 |
| 935 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 18.7 |
| 940 | 9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 19.7 |
| 945 | 8 | . 8 | . 8 | 20.5 |
| 950 | 12 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 21.8 |
| 955 | 9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 22.7 |
| 1000 | 7 | . 7 | . 7 | 23.5 |
| 1005 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 23.9 |
| 1010 | 10 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 24.9 |
| 1012 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 25.1 |
| 1015 | 9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 26.0 |
| 1020 | 7 | . 7 | . 7 | 26.7 |
| 1025 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 27.2 |
| 1030 | 12 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 28.4 |
| 1035 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 28.9 |
| 1040 | 14 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 30.3 |
| 1045 | 11 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 31.5 |
| 1048 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 31.6 |
| 1050 | 7 | . 7 | . 7 | 32.3 |
| 1055 | 6 | . 6 | . 6 | 33.0 |
| 1100 | 16 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 34.7 |
| 1102 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 34.8 |
| 1103 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 34.9 |
| 1105 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 35.1 |
| 1110 | 10 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 36.2 |
| 1112 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 36.3 |
| 1114 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 36.4 |
| 1115 | 7 | . 7 | . 7 | 37.1 |
| 1120 | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 37.6 |
| 1122 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 37.7 |
| 1125 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 37.9 |
| 1130 | 10 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 39.0 |
| 1135 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 39.2 |
| 1140 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 39.4 |
| 1145 | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 40.0 |
| 1150 | 7 | . 7 | . 7 | 40.7 |
| 1151 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 40.8 |
| 1154 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 40.9 |
| 1155 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 41.0 |
| 1200 | 8 | . 8 | . 8 | 41.9 |
| 1205 | 8 | . 8 | . 8 | 42.7 |
| 1210 | 6 | . 6 | . 6 | 43.3 |
| 1213 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 43.4 |
| 1215 | 7 | . 7 | . 7 | 44.2 |
| 1220 | 7 | . 7 | . 7 | 44.9 |
| 1225 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 45.0 |
| 1230 | 10 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 46.1 |


| 1233 | 1 | 1 | . 1 | 46.2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1235 | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 46.7 |
| 1240 | 3 | . 3 | . 3 | 47.0 |
| 1245 | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 47.6 |
| 1250 | 9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 48.5 |
| 1300 | 7 | . 7 | . 7 | 49.3 |
| 1305 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 49.7 |
| 1310 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 49.9 |
| 1315 | 8 | . 8 | . 8 | 50.7 |
| 1317 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 50.8 |
| 1320 | 15 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 52.4 |
| 1323 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 52.5 |
| 1325 | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 53.1 |
| 1330 | 8 | . 8 | . 8 | 53.9 |
| 1335 | 8 | . 8 | . 8 | 54.8 |
| 1340 | 6 | . 6 | . 6 | 55.4 |
| 1345 | 8 | . 8 | . 8 | 56.2 |
| 1350 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 56.4 |
| 1355 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 56.6 |
| 1400 | 21 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 58.8 |
| 1405 | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 59.3 |
| 1410 | 11 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 60.5 |
| 1415 | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 61.0 |
| 1420 | 13 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 62.4 |
| 1430 | 16 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 64.1 |
| 1435 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 64.2 |
| 1440 | 8 | . 8 | . 8 | 65.0 |
| 1445 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 65.4 |
| 1450 | 14 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 66.9 |
| 1455 | 3 | . 3 | . 3 | 67.2 |
| 1500 | 14 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 68.7 |
| 1505 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 69.1 |
| 1510 | 7 | . 7 | . 7 | 69.9 |
| 1511 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 70.0 |
| 1515 | 10 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 71.0 |
| 1520 | 9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 72.0 |
| 1525 | 8 | . 8 | . 8 | 72.8 |
| 1530 | 24 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 75.4 |
| 1535 | 7 | . 7 | . 7 | 76.1 |
| 1540 | 3 | . 3 | . 3 | 76.4 |
| 1545 | 6 | . 6 | . 6 | 77.1 |
| 1550 | 13 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 78.4 |
| 1553 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 78.5 |
| 1555 | 6 | . 6 | . 6 | 79.2 |
| 1556 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 79.3 |
| 1600 | 15 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 80.9 |
| 1603 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 81.1 |
| 1605 | 6 | . 6 | . 6 | 81.7 |
| 1610 | 7 | . 7 | . 7 | 82.5 |
| 1615 | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 83.0 |
| 1620 | 11 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 84.1 |
| 1625 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 84.6 |
| 1630 | 8 | . 8 | . 8 | 85.4 |
| 1635 | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 85.9 |
| 1640 | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 86.5 |
| 1645 | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 87.0 |
| 1650 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 87.4 |
| 1655 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 87.8 |
| 1700 | 7 | . 7 | . 7 | 88.6 |
| 1705 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 88.7 |
| 1710 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 89.1 |
| 1715 | 3 | . 3 | . 3 | 89.4 |
| 1720 | 8 | . 8 | . 8 | 90.3 |
| 1725 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 90.5 |
| 1730 | 8 | . 8 | . 8 | 91.3 |
| 1735 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 91.4 |
| 1740 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 91.6 |
| 1745 | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 92.2 |
| 1750 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 92.4 |
| 1755 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 92.6 |
| 1800 | 8 | . 8 | . 8 | 93.4 |
| 1810 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 93.9 |
| 1815 | 3 | . 3 | . 3 | 94.2 |
| 1820 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 94.4 |
| 1825 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 94.6 |
| 1830 | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 95.1 |
| 1835 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 95.6 |
| 1840 | 3 | . 3 | . 3 | 95.9 |
| 1845 | 6 | . 6 | . 6 | 96.5 |
| 1850 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 96.9 |


| 1855 | 1 | .1 | .1 | 97.0 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1900 | 6 | .6 | .6 | 97.7 |
| 1905 | 1 | .1 | .1 | 97.8 |
| 1910 | 3 | .3 | .3 | 98.1 |
| 1915 | 4 | .4 | .4 | 98.5 |
| 1930 | 6 | .6 | .6 | 99.2 |
| 1945 | 2 | .2 | .2 | 99.4 |
| 2000 | 2 | .2 | .2 | 99.6 |
| 2010 | 1 | .1 | .1 | 99.7 |
| 2020 | 1 | .1 | .1 | 99.8 |
| 2030 | 2 | .2 | .2 | 100.0 |
| Total | 946 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |


| site1st |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Frequency | Percent | Valid <br> Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |  |
| Valid | No | 763 | 80.7 | 80.7 | 80.7 |
|  | Yes | 180 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 99.8 |
|  | Blank | 2 | .2 | .2 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 945 | 99.9 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 1 | .1 |  |  |
| Total |  | 946 | 100.0 |  |  |


|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | Less than once a month | 270 | 28.5 | 35.2 | 35.2 |
|  | Once a month | 123 | 13.0 | 16.0 | 51.2 |
|  | 2-3 days per month | 128 | 13.5 | 16.7 | 67.8 |
|  | Once a week | 79 | 8.4 | 10.3 | 78.1 |
|  | 2-4 days per week | 126 | 13.3 | 16.4 | 94.5 |
|  | 5-7 days per week | 30 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 98.4 |
|  | Blank | 12 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 768 | 81.2 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 178 | 18.8 |  |  |
| Total |  | 946 | 100.0 |  |  |


| site days |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Valid <br> Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |  |
| Valid | 0 days | 461 | 48.7 | 59.9 | 59.9 |  |
|  | 1 day | 115 | 12.2 | 15.0 | 74.9 |  |
|  | 2 days | 74 | 7.8 | 9.6 | 84.5 |  |
|  | 3 days | 48 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 90.8 |  |
|  | 4 days | 27 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 94.3 |  |
|  | 5 days | 10 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 95.6 |  |
|  | 6 days | 6 | .6 | .8 | 96.4 |  |
|  | 7days | 14 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 98.2 |  |
|  | Blank | 14 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 100.0 |  |
|  | Total | 769 | 81.3 | 100.0 |  |  |
| Missing | System | 177 | 18.7 |  |  |  |
| Total | 946 | 100.0 |  |  |  |  |

Today's Catch

|  |  |  | Valid <br> Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | Use it for a meal in my <br> household | 326 | 34.5 | 34.7 | 34.7 |
|  | Give it to others outside |  |  |  |  |
|  | my household | 78 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 43.0 |
|  | Release it or discard | 529 | 55.9 | 56.3 | 99.3 |
|  | Blank | 7 | .7 | .7 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 940 | 99.4 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 6 | .6 |  |  |
| Total |  | 946 | 100.0 |  |  |

fishing frequency

|  |  |  | Valid <br> Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | Less than once a month | 163 | 17.2 | 17.2 |
|  | Frequency | Percent | 17.2 |  |
|  | Once a month | 106 | 11.2 | 11.2 |

Eat fish in last week

|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid <br> Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | No | 799 | 84.5 | 84.5 | 84.5 |
|  | Yes | 135 | 14.3 | 14.3 | 98.7 |
|  | Blank | 12 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 946 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

Others in household ate during past week

|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid <br> Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | No | 816 | 86.3 | 86.3 | 86.3 |
|  | Yes | 117 | 12.4 | 12.4 | 98.6 |
|  | Blank | 13 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 946 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

Ate fish in last three months

|  | Frequency | Percent | Valid <br> Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | less than one meal/month | 90 | 9.5 | 9.5 |
|  | one meal/month | 85 | 9.0 | 9.0 |


|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | 0 oz | 34 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
|  | less than 4 oz . | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 4.0 |
|  | 4 oz ( $1 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$.) | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 4.6 |
|  | 6 oz | 77 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 12.7 |
|  | 8 oz (1/2 lb.) | 143 | 15.1 | 15.1 | 27.8 |
|  | 10 oz . | 118 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 40.3 |
|  | 12 oz. (3/4 lb.) | 113 | 11.9 | 12.0 | 52.3 |
|  | 14 oz . | 17 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 54.1 |
|  | 16 oz ( 1 lb.$)$ | 105 | 11.1 | 11.1 | 65.2 |
|  | don't eat | 329 | 34.8 | 34.8 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 945 | 99.9 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 1 | . 1 |  |  |
| Total |  | 946 | 100.0 |  |  |


| aware of advisories |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  | Frequency | Percent | Valid <br> Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |  |
| Valid | no, not aware | 329 | 34.8 | 34.8 |  |


|  | follow advisory eat fish |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Frequency | Percent | Valid <br> Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| Valid | never | 86 | 9.1 | 9.1 |
|  | 27 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 11.9 |
|  | rarely | 27 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| sometimes | 76 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 14.8 |
| usually | 321 | 33.9 | 33.9 | 56.8 |
| always | 223 | 23.6 | 23.6 | 80.3 |
| Don't eat/not applicable | 164 | 17.3 | 17.3 | 97.7 |
| not aware | 22 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 100.0 |
| blank | 946 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

follow advisory cook fish

|  |  |  |  | Valid <br> Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | never | Frequency | Percent | 105 | 11.1 |
|  | rarely | 14 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 11.1 |
|  | sometimes | 18 | 1.9 | 12.6 |  |
|  | usually | 51 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 14.5 |
|  | always | 293 | 31.0 | 31.0 | 519.9 |
|  | Don't eat/not applicable | 244 | 25.8 | 25.8 | 76.8 |
|  | not aware | 187 | 19.8 | 19.8 | 96.6 |
|  | blank | 32 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 944 | 99.8 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 2 | .2 |  |  |
| Total |  | 946 | 100.0 |  |  |


|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | male | 816 | 86.3 | 86.3 | 86.3 |
|  | female | 127 | 13.4 | 13.4 | 99.8 |
|  | blank | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 945 | 99.9 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 1 | . 1 |  |  |
| Total |  | 946 | 100.0 |  |  |

age

|  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid 16 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | . 4 |
| 17 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | . 6 |
| 18 | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 1.2 |
| 19 | 8 | . 8 | . 8 | 2.0 |
| 20 | 11 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 3.2 |
| 21 | 9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 4.1 |
| 22 | 13 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 5.5 |
| 23 | 23 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 7.9 |
| 24 | 25 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 10.6 |
| 25 | 25 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 13.2 |
| 26 | 23 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 15.6 |
| 27 | 22 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 18.0 |
| 28 | 20 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 20.1 |
| 29 | 29 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 23.2 |
| 30 | 32 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 26.5 |
| 31 | 25 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 29.2 |
| 32 | 23 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 31.6 |
| 33 | 33 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 35.1 |
| 34 | 33 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 38.6 |
| 35 | 31 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 41.9 |
| 36 | 27 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 44.7 |
| 37 | 28 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 47.7 |
| 38 | 27 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 50.5 |
| 39 | 41 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 54.9 |
| 40 | 35 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 58.6 |
| 41 | 28 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 61.5 |
| 42 | 22 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 63.8 |
| 43 | 26 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 66.6 |
| 44 | 22 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 68.9 |
| 45 | 21 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 71.1 |
| 46 | 14 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 72.6 |
| 47 | 24 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 75.2 |
| 48 | 17 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 77.0 |
| 49 | 17 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 78.8 |
| 50 | 24 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 81.3 |
| 51 | 12 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 82.6 |
| 52 | 11 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 83.7 |
| 53 | 13 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 85.1 |
| 54 | 8 | . 8 | . 8 | 85.9 |
| 55 | 17 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 87.7 |
| 56 | 14 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 89.2 |
| 57 | 6 | . 6 | . 6 | 89.9 |
| 58 | 10 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 90.9 |
| 59 | 6 | . 6 | . 6 | 91.5 |
| 60 | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 92.1 |
| 61 | 9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 93.0 |
| 62 | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 93.6 |
| 63 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 93.7 |
| 64 | 6 | . 6 | . 6 | 94.3 |
| 65 | 11 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 95.5 |
| 66 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 95.7 |
| 67 | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 96.2 |
| 68 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 96.4 |
| 69 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 96.5 |
| 70 | 3 | . 3 | . 3 | 96.8 |
| 71 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 96.9 |
| 72 | 7 | . 7 | . 7 | 97.7 |
| 73 | 3 | . 3 | . 3 | 98.0 |
| 76 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 98.2 |
| 77 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 98.6 |
| 78 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 98.7 |
| 79 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 98.8 |
| 81 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 98.9 |
| 83 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 99.0 |
| 84 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 99.2 |
| 86 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 99.3 |
| 999 | 7 | . 7 | . 7 | 100.0 |
| Total | 946 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

race

|  |  |  | Valid <br> Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | Asian American or | 10 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
|  | Prequency | Percent | 1.1 |  |
| Pacific Islander | 640 | 67.7 | 67.7 | 68.7 |
| White, not Hispanic | 32 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 72.1 |
| Hispanic American | 235 | 24.8 | 24.8 | 96.9 |
| African American | 7 | .7 | .7 | 97.7 |
| Native American Indian | 5 | .5 | .5 | 98.2 |
| Mixed Race | 9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 99.2 |
| Other | 8 | .8 | .8 | 100.0 |
| no response | 946 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |

income

|  |  |  |  | Valid <br> Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | under $\$ 5,000$ | 37 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
|  | $\$ 5,000-9,999$ | 22 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 6.3 |
|  | $\$ 10,000-14,999$ | 39 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 10.4 |
|  | $\$ 15,000-24,999$ | 154 | 16.3 | 16.3 | 26.7 |
|  | $\$ 25,000-34,999$ | 188 | 19.9 | 19.9 | 46.6 |
|  | $\$ 35,000-49,999$ | 160 | 16.9 | 16.9 | 63.6 |
|  | $\$ 50,000-74,999$ | 161 | 17.0 | 17.1 | 80.6 |
|  | Frequency | Percent |  |  |  |
|  | no $\$ 75,000$ | 54 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 86.3 |
|  | no response | 129 | 13.6 | 13.7 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 944 | 99.8 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 2 | .2 |  |  |
| Total |  | 946 | 100.0 |  |  |

\# adults in household

|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid <br> Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | 1 | 185 | 19.6 | 19.6 | 19.6 |
|  | 2 | 595 | 62.9 | 62.9 | 82.5 |
|  | 3 | 109 | 11.5 | 11.5 | 94.0 |
|  | 45 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 97.7 |  |
|  | 12 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 98.9 |  |
|  |  | .2 | .2 | 99.2 |  |
|  | 7 | 2 | .1 | 99.3 |  |
|  | 14 | 7 | .7 | .7 | 100.0 |
|  | 99 | 946 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

Children

|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | 0 | 428 | 45.2 | 45.2 | 45.2 |
|  | 1 | 175 | 18.5 | 18.5 | 63.7 |
|  | 2 | 195 | 20.6 | 20.6 | 84.4 |
|  | 3 | 87 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 93.6 |
|  | 4 | 36 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 97.4 |
|  | 5 | 10 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 98.4 |
|  | 6 | 3 | . 3 | . 3 | 98.7 |
|  | 7 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 98.8 |
|  | 8 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 99.3 |
|  | 99 | 7 | . 7 | . 7 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 946 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

years of education

|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | Grade School | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | . 1 |
|  | 3 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | . 2 |
|  | 5 | 3 | . 3 | . 3 | . 5 |
|  | 7 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 1.0 |
|  | 8 | 22 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 3.3 |
|  | high school | 35 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 7.0 |
|  | 10 | 51 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 12.4 |
|  | 11 | 44 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 17.0 |
|  | 12 | 423 | 44.7 | 44.7 | 61.7 |
|  | college | 67 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 68.8 |
|  | 14 | 123 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 81.8 |
|  | 15 | 36 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 85.6 |
|  | 16 | 91 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 95.2 |
|  | 17 | 28 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 98.2 |
|  | 99 | 17 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 946 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |


|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | 1 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | . 2 |
|  | 2 | 152 | 16.1 | 16.3 | 16.6 |
|  | 6 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 16.8 |
|  | 9 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 16.9 |
|  | 10 | 38 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 21.0 |
|  | 11 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 21.1 |
|  | 12 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 21.2 |
|  | 17 | 5 | . 5 | . 5 | 21.7 |
|  | 20 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 21.8 |
|  | 22 | 11 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 23.0 |
|  | 27 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 23.1 |
|  | 28 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 23.2 |
|  | 29 | 10 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 24.3 |
|  | 32 | 11 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 25.5 |
|  | 39 | 19 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 27.5 |
|  | 41 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 27.6 |
|  | 45 | 120 | 12.7 | 12.9 | 40.5 |
|  | 47 | 3 | . 3 | . 3 | 40.9 |
|  | 48 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 41.1 |
|  | 49 | 283 | 29.9 | 30.4 | 71.5 |
|  | 56 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 71.6 |
|  | 64 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 71.7 |
|  | 67 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 71.8 |
|  | 71 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 71.9 |
|  | 72 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 72.0 |
|  | 73 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 72.2 |
|  | 82 | 110 | 11.6 | 11.8 | 84.0 |
|  | 84 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 84.1 |
|  | 85 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 84.2 |
|  | 87 | 32 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 87.6 |
|  | 88 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 88.1 |
|  | 91 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 88.2 |
|  | 92 | 4 | . 4 | . 4 | 88.6 |
|  | 93 | 25 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 91.3 |
|  | 94 | 64 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 98.2 |
|  | 96 | 2 | . 2 | . 2 | 98.4 |
|  | 98 | 6 | . 6 | . 6 | 99.0 |
|  | 99 | 9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 930 | 98.3 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing Total | System | 16 | 1.7 |  |  |
|  |  | 946 | 100.0 |  |  |

Frequency Table: Non-Respondents

| location |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Frequency | Percent | Valid <br> Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| Valid | Gary area: Hammond | 1 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
|  | Marina | 7 | 24.1 | 24.1 |


| DATE |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid <br> Percent |  |
| Valid | 42598 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.4 |  |
|  | 51698 | 3 | 10.3 | 10.3 |  |


|  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid 830 | 2 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.9 |
| 905 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 10.3 |
| 910 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 13.8 |
| 940 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 17.2 |
| 1010 | 3 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 27.6 |
| 1015 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 31.0 |
| 1054 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 34.5 |
| 1100 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 37.9 |
| 1140 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 41.4 |
| 1155 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 44.8 |
| 1210 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 48.3 |
| 1250 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 51.7 |
| 1320 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 55.2 |
| 1325 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 58.6 |
| 1400 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 62.1 |
| 1420 | 2 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 69.0 |
| 1530 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 72.4 |
| 1535 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 75.9 |
| 1545 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 79.3 |
| 1645 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 82.8 |
| 1730 | 3 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 93.1 |
| 1900 | 2 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 100.0 |
| Total | 29 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |


| gender |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Valid |  |
|  | Frequency | Percent | Cumulative |  |  |
| Percent | Percent |  |  |  |  |
| Valid | male | 22 | 75.9 | 75.9 |  |


|  |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valid | 25 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
|  | 30 | 7 | 24.1 | 25.0 | 28.6 |
|  | 35 | 2 | 6.9 | 7.1 | 35.7 |
|  | 40 | 3 | 10.3 | 10.7 | 46.4 |
|  | 45 | 3 | 10.3 | 10.7 | 57.1 |
|  | 50 | 3 | 10.3 | 10.7 | 67.9 |
|  | 60 | 6 | 20.7 | 21.4 | 89.3 |
|  | 65 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 92.9 |
|  | 67 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 96.4 |
|  | 75 | 1 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 28 | 96.6 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 1 | 3.4 |  |  |
| Total |  | 29 | 100.0 |  |  |

race

|  |  |  |  | Valid <br> Percent | Cumulative <br> Percent |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valid | Asian American or | Frequency | Percent | 6.9 | 6.9 |
|  | Pacific Islander | 6.9 | 6.9 | 72.4 |  |
|  | White, not Hispanic | 19 | 65.5 | 65.5 | 82.8 |
|  | Hispanic American | 3 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 17.2 |
|  | African American | 5 | 17.2 | 100.0 |  |
|  | Total | 29 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

