

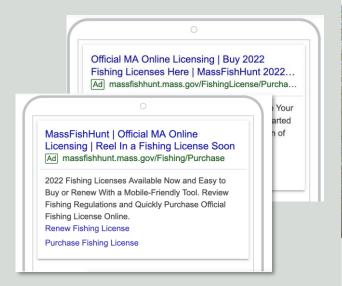
## iAdelante! MA Fishing's Future

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**Goal 1: Retain and Reactivate** 

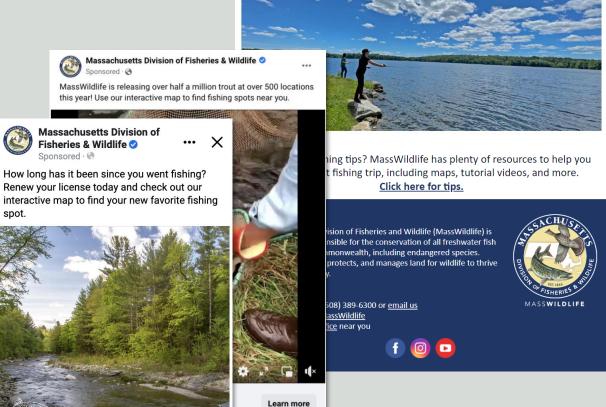
# Reducing Churn with Proven Methods





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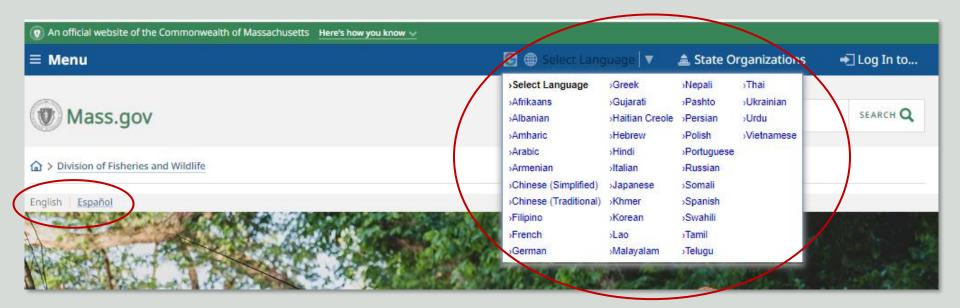
Find a fresh spot to fish. ...



**Goal 2: Promote Fishing to New Audiences** 



## **Building Spanish Language Content**



### Translated top content

Where to go What to bring Regulations License information Learn-to-fish classes





#### Get your fishing license >

You need a license to fish in freshwater if you are 15 or older. Licenses are free for those 15-17 and over 70. Fees from license sales support statewide conservation efforts, habitat restoration, research, fish stocking, and public access.

#### ......



Massachusetts has many beautiful ponds, rivers, streams, and lakes where you can fish. Click here for a map of waterbodies near you and learn about which types of fish you can catch. Find boat ramps, trout stocked waters, and accessible piers.

#### What to bring >



If you're a first-time angler, you don't need lots of fancy equipment. Pick up a push-button spin casting setup and some hooks and bobbers. Try garden worms, mealworms, or small pieces of cheese or chicken for bait.



BUSCA UNA CLASE



#### Compra tu licencia [EN] >

iSi tienes 15 años o más, necesitas una licencia para pescar en agua dulce. Las licencias son gratuitas para pescadores de 15-17 y de 70 años y mayores. Tus compras ayudan con la conservación, la restauración de hábitat, el abastecimiento de truchas, y las investigaciones biológicas.

#### Dónde pescar →



Massachusetts ofrece muchos lagos, ríos, y arroyos hermosos para pescar. Este mapa muestra aguas cercanas, datos sobre las especies, aguas repletas de truchas, rampas para botes, y muelles accesibles.

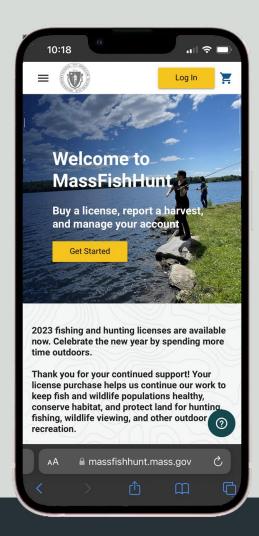
#### ¿Qué debo llevar? >



Si estás pescando por primevera vez, no necesitas much equipo. Puedes elegir una caña con lanzamiento giratorio y botón pulsador, más algunos anzuelos y flotadores. La carnada puede ser gusanos (de jardín o de harina) o pequeños trozos de queso

## **Translation Challenges**

- No options for licensing system website
- Fishing content with no direct translation
- Long-term maintenance





**Need help?** For customer service, please call (844) 595-2930 (open 9 a.m. – 11 p.m. daily). For the best experience, use newer web browsers like Chrome, Firefox, Edge, or Safari.

Para la mejor experiencia en español, utilice Google Chrome y haga clic derecho para la opción de traducir. Para servicio al cliente por teléfono, llame al (844) 595-2930 y marque el "2" (abierto de 9 a.m. a 11 p.m. todos los días).

## Google: Search, Display, YouTube

#### **English**

- Search
  - Purchase, renewal, non-resident, awareness ("fishing spot near me")
- Display
  - Retargeting

#### **Spanish**

 Limited to Display and YouTube awareness ads MassFishHunt | Official MA Online
Licensing | Reel In a Fishing License Soon
Ad massfishhunt.mass.gov/Fishing/Purchase

2022 Fishing Licenses Available Now and Easy to
Buy or Renew With a Mobile-Friendly Tool. Review
Fishing Regulations and Quickly Purchase Official
Fishing License Online.
Renew Fishing License
Purchase Fishing License



Captura un momento que nunca olvidarás.



## **Social Media**

#### **Themes**

- Trout stocking
- Arrival of warm weather
- Where to fish near you
- Free Fishing Weekend
- Learn-to-fish classes
- Fall fishing

#### **Audiences**

- Lapsed
- Outdoor generalists
- Lookalikes
- Geographic range for class promotion
- Spanish language



Have you tried fishing? Learn the basics at a free fishing clinic this summer! Register today to save your spot at classes in Taunton, New Bedford, Brockton, and Mashpee. No experience or license required—you're guaranteed to catch some fun!

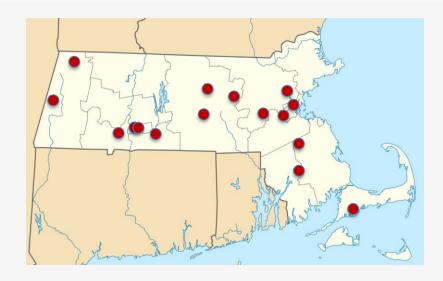


mass.gov **Free Fishing Classes** Register now and learn to ...

Learn more

### **Learn-to-Fish Events**





#### **Location Selection**

- High participation growth potential
- Include many Spanish speakers
- Opportunities to partner
- Nearby waterbodies with shore fishing



## **Event Promotion**

- E-newsletter
- Organic and paid social
- Outreach to local media
- Partners



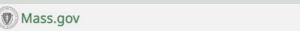
## **Building Capacity**

- Trained staff to support fishing events
- On-demand language interpretation
- Built partnerships



## **Building Resources**

- Redesigned and translated fishing events calendar
- Translated handouts



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English Españo

Sábado, 23 de

julio, 10 a.m.-1

p.m.

Jamaica Pond en Bosto

#### Eventos para aprender cómo pescar

Aprenda cómo configurar una caña, atar nudos, lanzar una línea e identificar peces. Los eventos son gratuitos, aptos para familias y abiertos a todos los niveles de habilidad. No se requiere licencia de pesca. Traiga su propio equipo de pesca o pida prestado el nuestro. Se proporcionará equipo y cebo. A menos que diga que es obligatorio, se recomienda la preinscripción para los eventos, pero es opcional.

Martes, 12 de	Morgan Park on Indian	Inscribirse aquí. Instrucción ofrecida en inglés y
julio, 5–7 p.m.	Lake en Worcester	español. <i>Instruction offered in English and Spanish</i> . En cooperación con el departamento de trabajos públicos y parques de la ciudad de Worcester.
Miércoles, 13 de julio, 5–7 p.m.	Barrett Park en Leominster	Este evento es parte del programa Becoming an Outdoors-Woman y es para las mujeres de 15 años y mayores. Inscribirse aquí.
Martes, 19 de julio, 5–7 p.m.	Brookline Reservoir en Brookline	Inscribirse aquí. Instrucción ofrecida en inglés y español. Instruction offered in English and Spanish.
Miércoles, 20 de	Lake Cochituate en	Inscribirse aquí. Instruction offered in English and
Miércoles, 20 de julio, 5–7 p.m.	Lake Cochituate en Natick	Inscribirse aquí. Instruction offered in English

Esperamos que te haya gustado este evento de pesca. ¡No dejes que la diversión termine aquí! Massachusetts ofrece muchos hermosos ríos, lagos, y arroyos donde podrás disfrutar de un gran día en el agua.

Search Mass.gov







#### Visita:

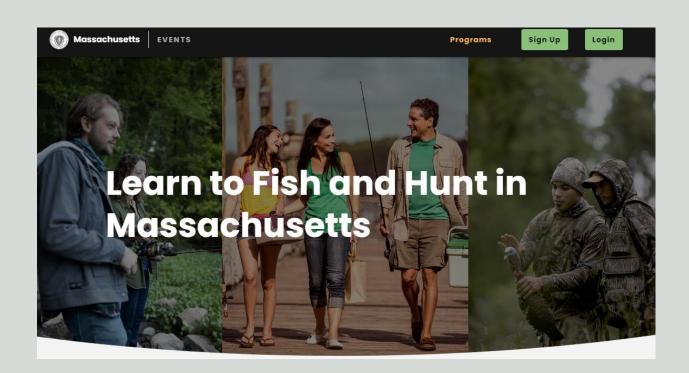
#### Mass.gov/Pescar

- Obtén tu licencia de pesca
- 🖚 Descubre lugares de pesca cerca de ti
- Busca consejos y clases de pesca
- Vea ubicaciones repletas de truchas



## **Enhanced Event Registration**

- Support participants after event
- Survey participants to improve offerings
- Track participation beyond event





## **Events Registration**

 Email and basic info collected

## Events Follow-up email

- 70% open rate
- 32% click rate



#### Thank you for participating in MassWildlife's Learn to Fish Class!

We hope you learned a lot and had fun. Please complete this 2 minute survey to tell us about your experience. We appreciate your feedback!

Fall is a great time for fishing, use the resources below to continue to sharpen your skills and extend the fun with these <u>fall fishing tips</u>.

#### Buy your 2022 Massachusetts freshwater fishing license

If you are 15 years of age or older, you need a license to fish. Licenses are free for Massachusetts residents 15-17 years of age, and those 70 and over.

<u>Go to MassFishHunt to buy online.</u>

#### Find a place to fish

Use MassWildlife's Go Fish MA! digital fishing map to find the perfect spot to fish near you. Select "Featured Sites" to see staff recommended waterbodies with easy access.



Start exploring...

#### Gear up!

You don't need a lot of expensive equipment to have a great time fishing. A basic rod, a few bobbers, and some bait is all you'll need to get started. Don't forget your fishing license.



Read more...

#### Keep learning

Improve your fishing skills with how-to resources designed for both beginners and intermediate anglers. We've gathered tutorial videos and tips that you can access any time and review at your own pace.





### **Events**

- Top reasons for taking class: Learn new skills, Spending time with family
- Least motivating factor: Harvesting food
- 40% of survey respondents heard about the event through Facebook
- Almost all reported a good or excellent experience
- Almost all reported increased interest in fishing and likelihood to fish again soon





### **Events**

- 83% had no current fishing license
- 57% had not fished in past 5 years
- 31% had fished 1–4 times in past 5 years

- 90% had never bought a MA license
   Of the 10% who had purchased, only half had bought a license more than once
- 20% of participants did buy in 2022
   About half bought after the class



## **Digital Campaign Results**





#### **Email**

- 133K lapsed anglers
- 38% open rate
- 3,264 clicks to licensing site
- \$29K in license sales

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Want insider fishing tips? MassWildlife has plenty of resources to help you plan your next fishing trip, including maps, tutorial videos, and more.

<u>Click here for tips.</u>

#### Who we are

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) is the state agency responsible for the conservation of all freshwater fish and wildlife in the Commonwealth, including endangered species. MassWildlife restores, protects, and manages land for wildlife to thrive and for people to enjoy.



#### Connect with us

Questions? Call us at (508) 389-6300 or <u>email us</u> Visit us at <u>Mass.gov/MassWildlife</u> Find a MassWildlife office near you









## **License Sales**

\$1,185,763 in license sales\* tracked via UTM from paid ads

\$1,183,743 from Google Search and Display

\$2,020 from social media

#### Tracking challenges

\*A lift analysis was not performed as part of this project, so reported sales include all sales tracked from campaigns through the point of purchase in one session using Google Analytics.





## Google

- Search: Return on ad spend improved year over year
  - Gov domain
  - Quality score went down (slower page load speed)
- Total search and display conversions rose v. 2021
- Spanish Google Display generated significantly higher engagement (0.69% CTR Spanish v. 0.13% CTR English)





## **Social Media**

#### **Overall**

- 4.1M impressions
- Reached 749K
- 39K clicks

 Geographic targeting not as successful





## **Social Media**

#### **Spanish Language**

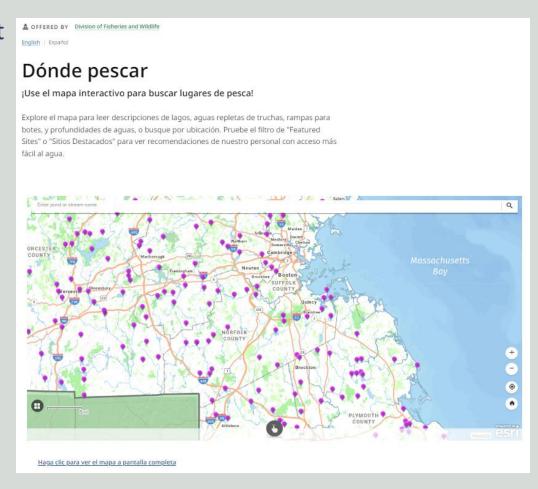
- Reached 530K
- Lower cost per landing page view
- Increased visitation to licensing site for Spanish users (0.27% v. 1%)





## **Spanish Engagement**

- Spanish content received about 10K pageviews during the campaign
- Users with browsers set to Spanish language: 19.9K in 2022 (8.7K in 2021)
- From campaign landing pages, customers most frequently clicked links to
  - Where to fish
  - Fishing classes
  - How to buy a license



## Budget

Item	Cost
Ad Spend: Social Media	\$27,000
Ad Spend: Google	\$25,400
Marketing Agency Fee	\$17,200
Total	\$69,600

## Challenges

- License fee increase
- COVID retention
- New licensing site
- Translation challenges



## **Next Steps**

- More fishing classes earlier
- Strengthen and expand partnerships
- Validate events/licensing matching
- Offer next steps to the participants from this year
- Improve conversion tracking, GA4
- Coordinate with vendor to improve licensing experience for customers with limited English proficiency





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