

# Tracking Angler Participation: CT's Youth Fishing Passport Program & Free Fishing License Days



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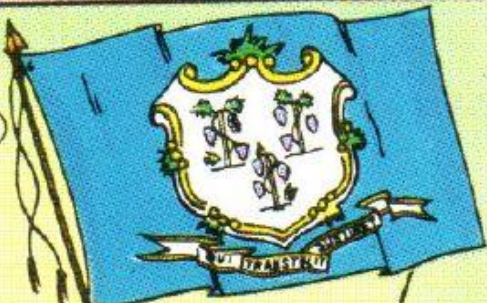




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MUSIC MOUNTAIN

# Greetings From CONNECTICUT



STATE FLAG  
TEXTILES

HARTFORD



FORESTS

ELECTRONICS  
WILLIMANTIC

VOLUNTOWN

FISHING

NEW BRITAIN

PORTLAND

BALL BEARINGS

WINTER SPORTS

WATERBURY

MIDDLETOWN

NORWICH

STATE BIRD  
ROBIN

DANBURY

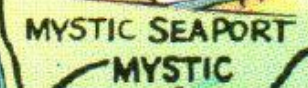
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CLOCKS  
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ANSONIA

SILVER

THAMESVILLE



MYSTIC SEAPORT  
MYSTIC

MACHINERY

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WALLINGFORD

HAMDEN

BRANFORD

FRUIT FARMS

GUILFORD

CLINTON

NEW LONDON

OCEAN BEACH

SUBMARINES



STATE FLOWER  
MOUNTAIN LAUREL



HATS

FURNITURE

NEW HAVEN  
MILFORD

BRANFORD

GUILFORD

CLINTON

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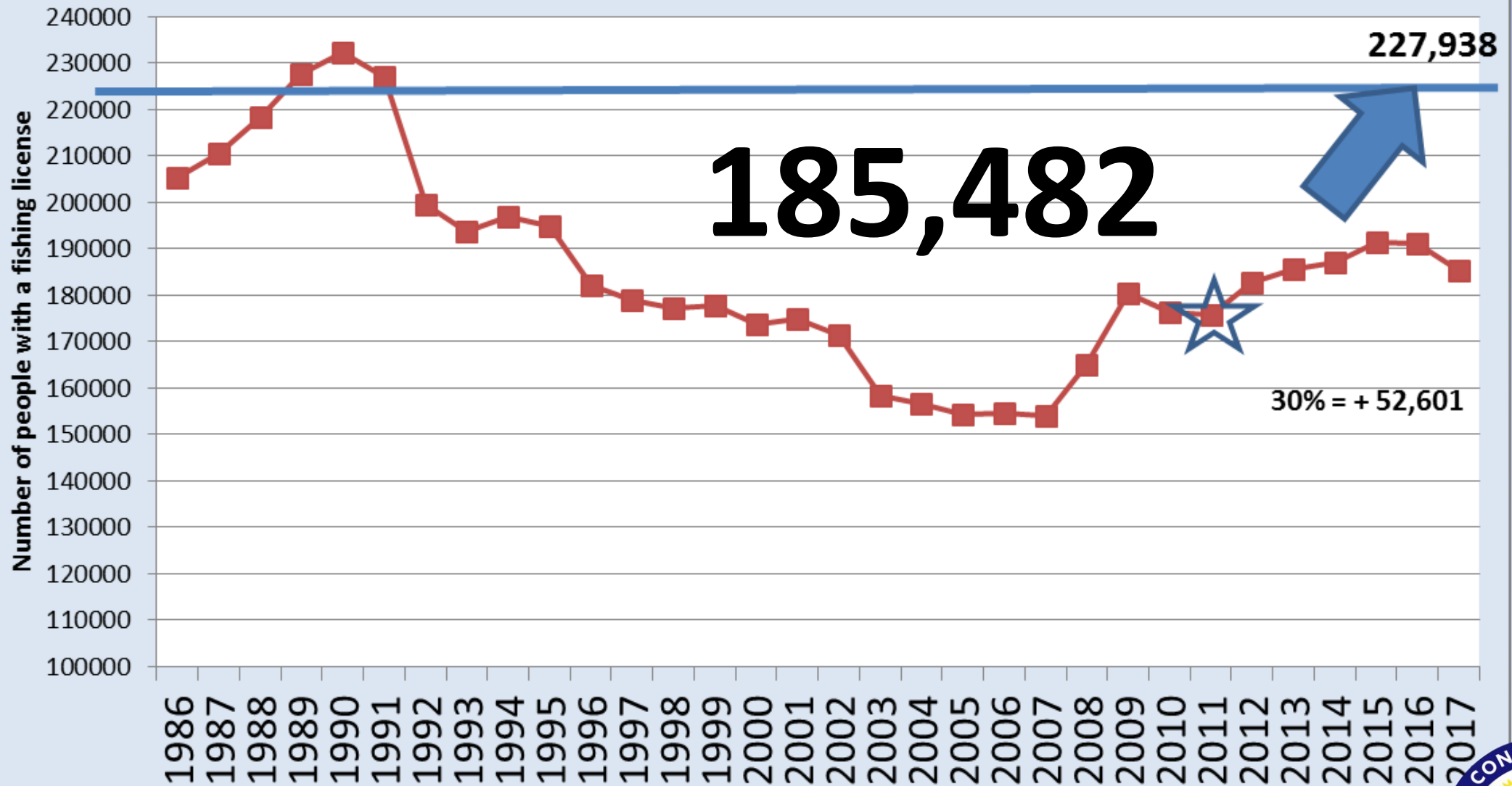


FISHING

# What is Connecticut's State Fish?



# People With A Fishing License



Fisheries Division

Recruit, Retain, Recapture, Relevant

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# Youth Fishing Passport

# Free *Fishing License* Days





New Haven  
2017

# CT Angling Resources Education

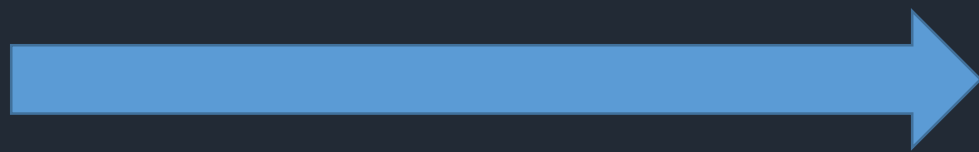
A group of students and adults are fishing by a pond. The students are wearing light green t-shirts, some with "L.I.T. Leadership Training" printed on them. They are holding fishing rods and are focused on their fishing. The background shows a grassy area with trees and a building in the distance.

**Students = 6,376**

**Instruction Hours = 27,170**

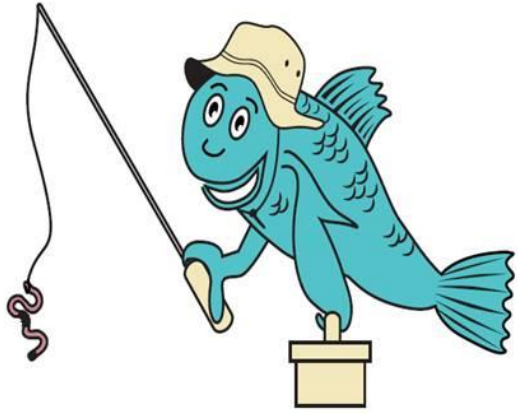


**Participant**



**Angler**





# Connecticut's Youth Fishing Passport

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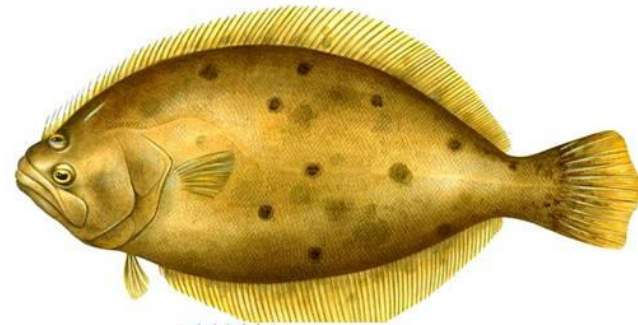
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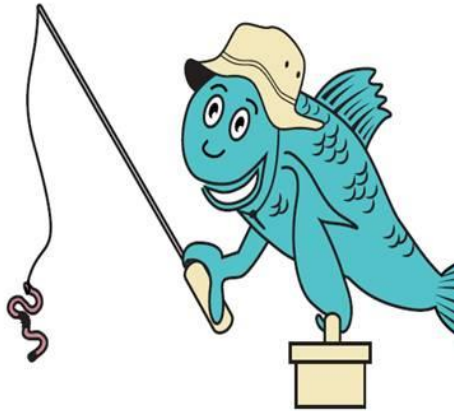


Connecticut Department of  
**ENERGY &  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION**





Connecticut  
Youth Fishing Passport  
Name: [illegible]  
Age: [illegible]  
Species: [illegible]  
Date: [illegible]



**Mike Be**

**Assigned to:**

**123456789**

**My Conservation**



Connecticut Department

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PROTECTION**

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**Connecticut  
Department of Energy and  
Environmental Protection**

**2012 Conservation License 2012**

Applicant

**Conservation ID# 500936**

PAUL SMITH  
79 ELM ST

HARTFORD, CT 06106  
US

Gender: M  
DOB: 01/01/2000  
HT: 4' 6" WT: 110  
Eyes: BLUE  
Hair: BROWN

Privileges

**YOUTH FISHING PASSPORT**  
10/11/2012 through 12/31/2012

*This free youth fishing passport acknowledges the holder's privilege of fishing in accordance of the laws of Connecticut and is eligible for an adult fishing license at the age of 16*

Date Issued

10/11/2012

I declare under penalties of false statement as provided for in the Connecticut General Statutes that the statements herein made by me are true and correct.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This license is not valid unless it is signed.

Refer to the current hunting and fishing guides, boaters guide, the marine circular or the DEEP's website for specific regulations and reporting requirements.

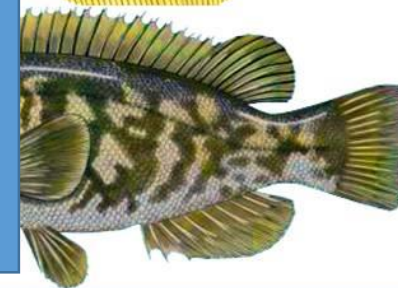
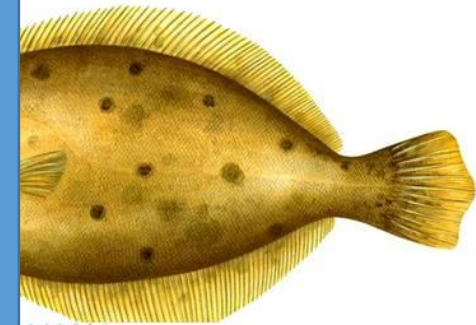
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DEEP EnCon Police TIP Line: 1-800-842-4357 (HELP)  
DEEP EnCon Police Line: 1-860-424-3333  
ACT CT DEEP License



500936

**Must be carried on board when operating a vessel.**

# ut's Passport



# Youth Fishing Passport Activities

## Fishing Challenge



Your "Fishing Challenge" is to try and catch one of each of these different fish within the calendar year. Some will be very easy and some may take some effort. To help you be successful, research each fish to find out what it likes to eat and where it likes to live (links on our web page, [www.ct.gov/deep/fishing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/fishing)). The Connecticut [Angler's Guide](#) has a complete listing of places to go fishing. Good luck with the Fishing Challenge!




Name:

Conservation ID Number:





These fish are found in most of our lakes, ponds, and slow moving sections of rivers.

	Caught
<u>Bluegill</u> 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Pumpkinseed</u> 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Largemouth Bass</u> 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Smallmouth Bass</u> 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Yellow Perch</u> 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Brown Bullhead</u> 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Chain Pickerel</u> 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Common Carp</u> 	<input type="checkbox"/>







Stocked trout can be found in many rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds including; community fishing waters, trout parks, and trout management areas.

	Caught
<u>Brook Trout</u> 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Brown Trout</u> 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Rainbow Trout</u> 	<input type="checkbox"/>

These fish are found in specific waters in Connecticut. Check the Angler's Guide for locations near you.

	Caught
<u>Channel Catfish</u> 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Northern Pike</u> 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Walleye</u> 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Kokanee Salmon</u> 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Broodstock Atlantic Salmon</u> 	<input type="checkbox"/>

These are common throughout Long Island Sound. They can be caught fishing from a boat or from many of our shoreline access points.

	Caught
<u>Blackfish</u> (Tautog) 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Bluefish</u> 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Fluke</u> (Summer flounder) 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Striped Bass</u> 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scup (Porgy) 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Blue Claw Crab</u> 	<input type="checkbox"/>

### MAKE YOUR CATCH COUNT!

Email DEEP a photo of you and your catch to

[DEEP.Inland.fisheries@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.Inland.fisheries@ct.gov)

Include your Conservation ID number as we keep a running tally of all of the fish caught by each Youth Fishing Passport Angler during the current year. Those who catch the greatest number of these different species win a fishing prize pack.

# Youth Fishing Passport Activities

## Geo "Catching"

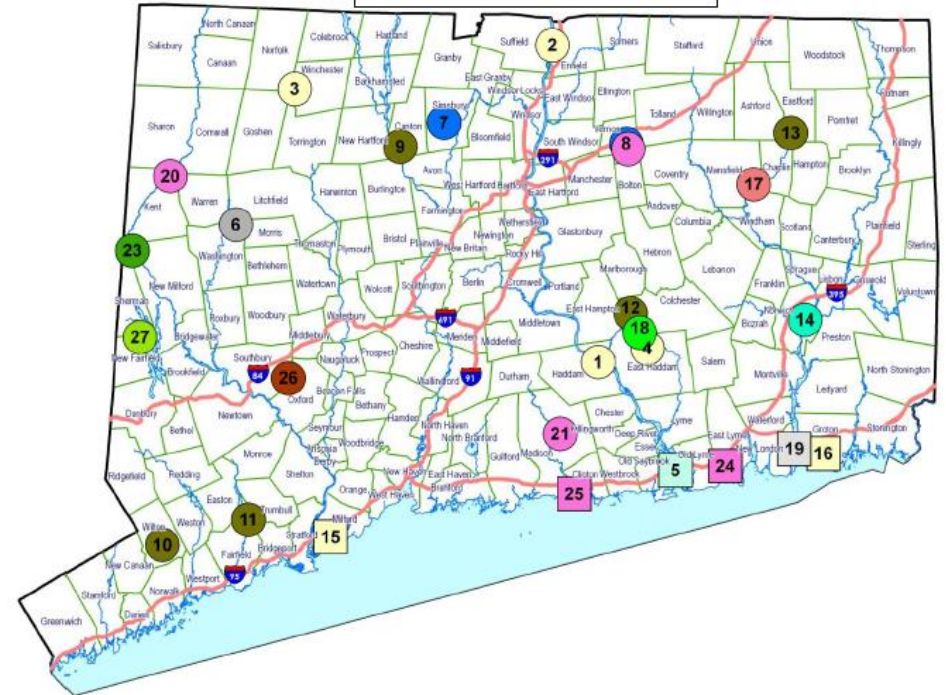


### GEO-CATCHING

#### Featured Fish

- Bass
- Bluefish
- Broodstock Atlantic Salmon
- Brook Trout
- Brown Trout
- Catfish
- Fluke
- Northern Pike
- Pickerel
- Porgy
- Rainbow Trout
- Smallmouth Bass
- Striped Bass
- Sunfish
- Walleye

### Official Geo-Catching Destinations



- |                       |                        |                         |                     |                         |               |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1 Connecticut River   | Wethersfield to Haddam | 13 Natchaug River       | Eastford to Chaplin | 25 Hammonasset S.P.     | Madison       |
| 2 Connecticut River   | Enfield to Hartford    | 14 Spaulding Pond       | Norwich             | 26 Southford Falls S.P. | Oxford        |
| 3 Lake Winchester     | Winchester             | 15 Silver Sands S.P.    | Milford             | 27 Squantz Pond S.P.    | New Fairfield |
| 4 Moodus Reservoir    | East Haddam            | 16 Bluff Point S.P.     | Groton              |                         |               |
| 5 Connecticut River   | Old Lyme/Old Saybrook  | 17 Mansfield Hollow Dam | Mansfield           |                         |               |
| 6 Mount Tom Pond      | Morris                 | 18 Pickerel Lake        | Colchester          |                         |               |
| 7 Stratton Brook Pond | Simsbury               | 19 Fort Trumbull S.P.   | New London          |                         |               |
| 8 Tankerhoosen River  | Vernon                 | 20 Kent Falls Brook     | Kent                |                         |               |
| 9 Farmington River    | Hartland to Farmington | 21 Schreeder Pond       | Killingworth        |                         |               |
| 10 Norwalk River      | Ridgefield to Norwalk  | 22 Valley Falls Pond    | Vernon              |                         |               |
| 11 Mill River         | Easton to Fairfield    | 23 Housatonic River     | Sharon to Kent      |                         |               |
| 12 Salmon River       | Colchester             | 24 Rocky Neck S.P.      | East Lyme           |                         |               |

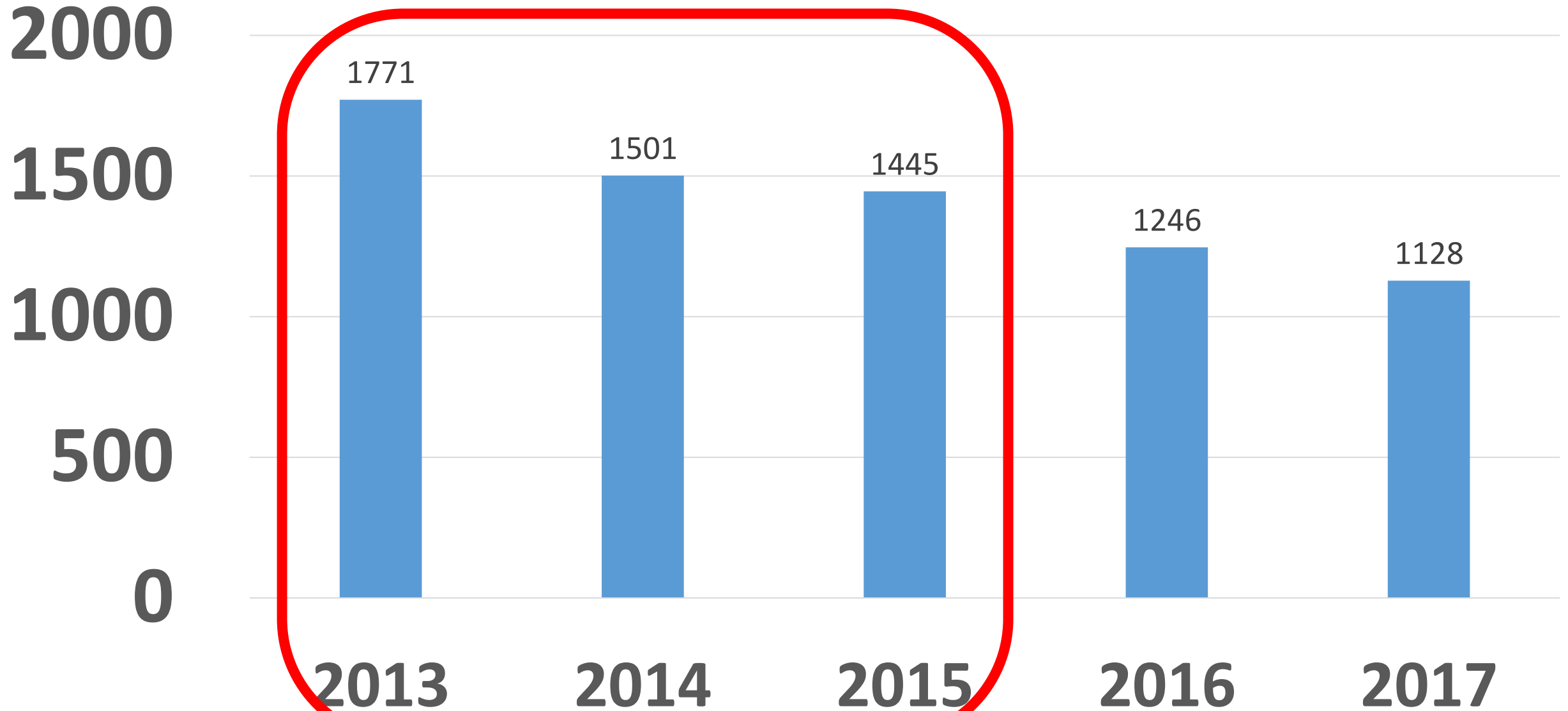
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# Youth Fishing Passport Sponsors

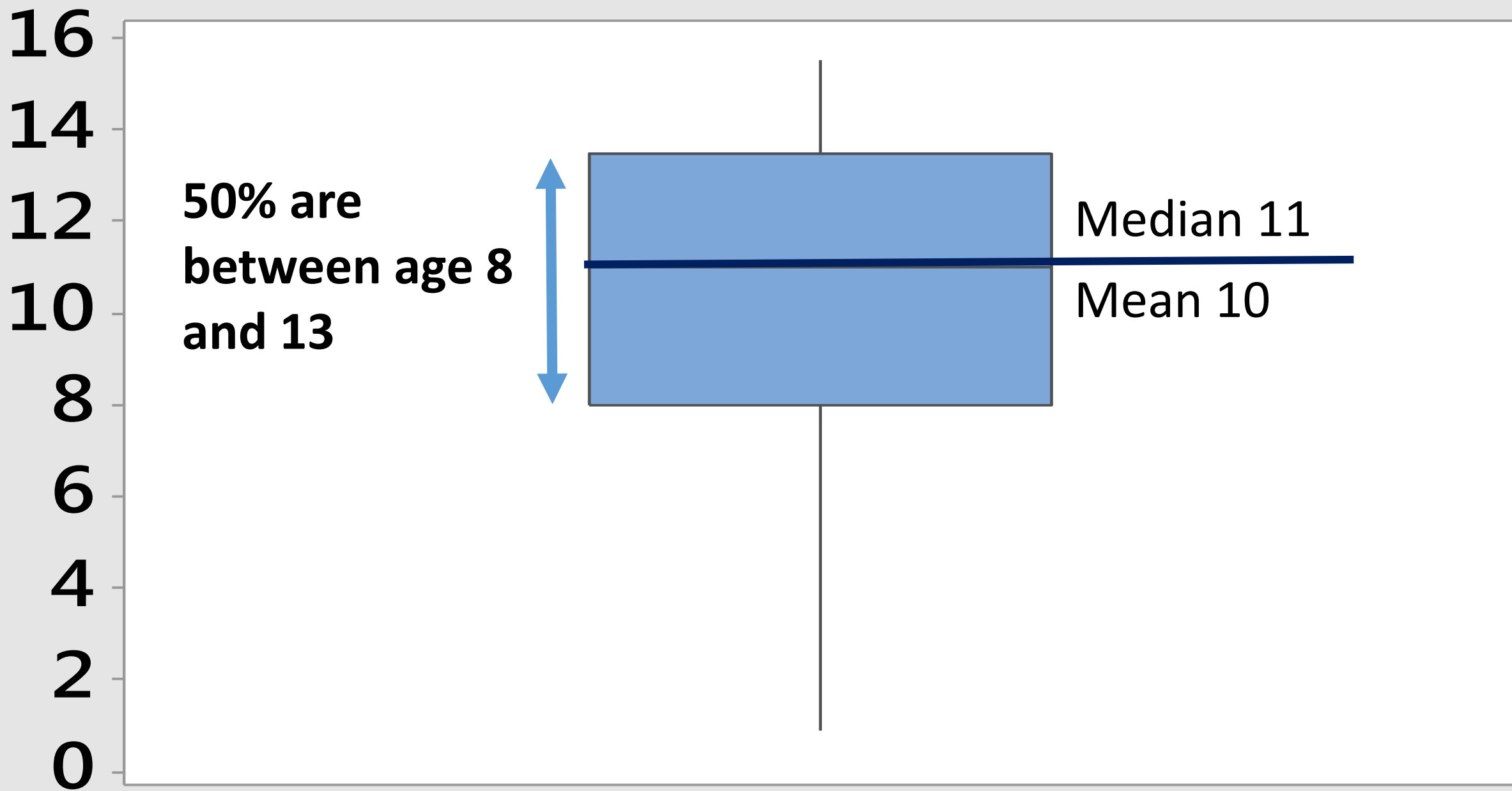
A man wearing a grey t-shirt and a green baseball cap is sitting on a boat, holding a fishing rod. A young boy in a blue t-shirt is sitting next to him, looking out at the water. In the background, there is a city skyline with several tall buildings and a bridge over the river. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

**Discounts &  
Free "Stuff"**

# Youth Fishing Passports By Year

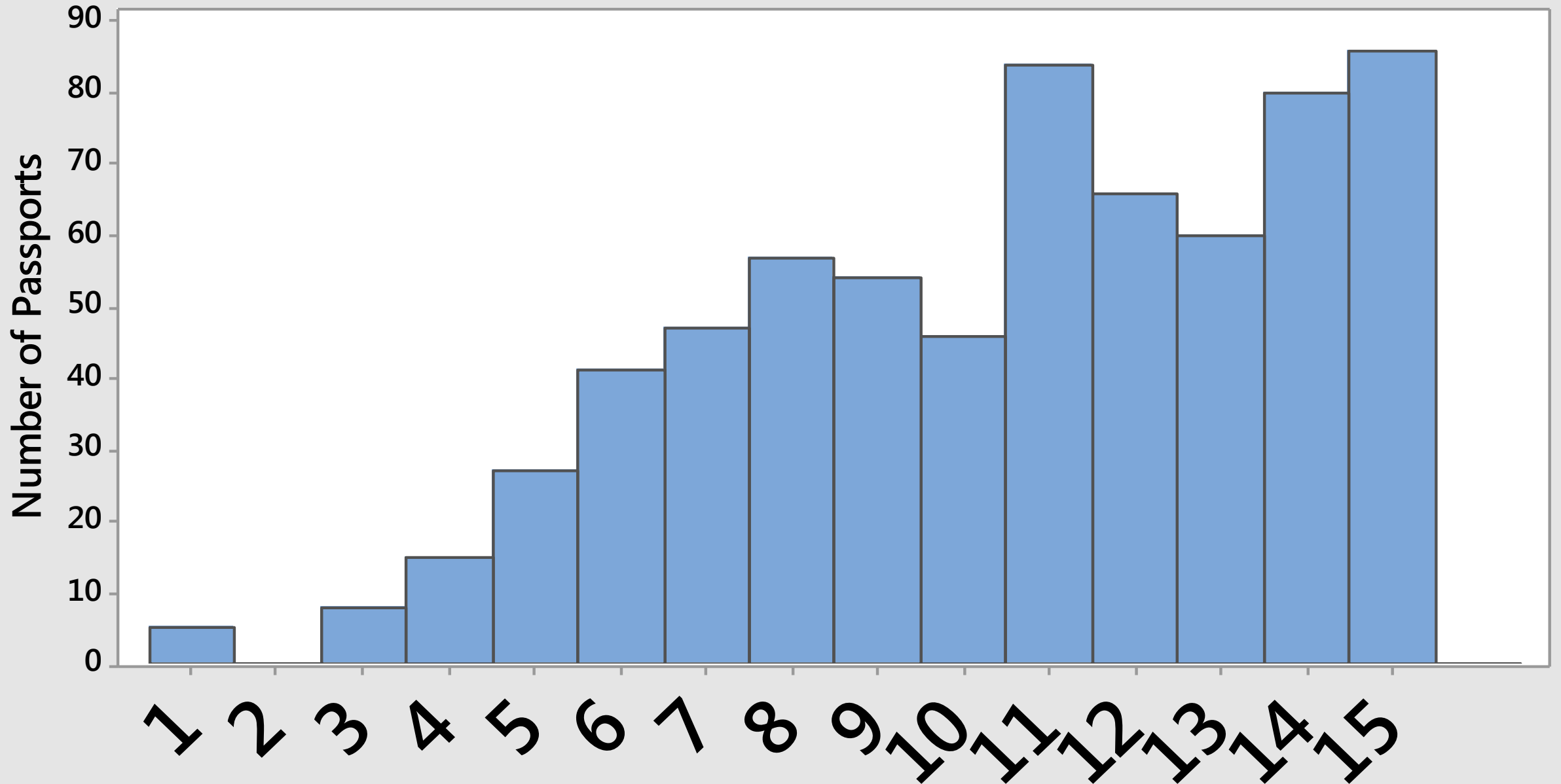


# Boxplot of Age of Current Youth Fishing Passport Holders

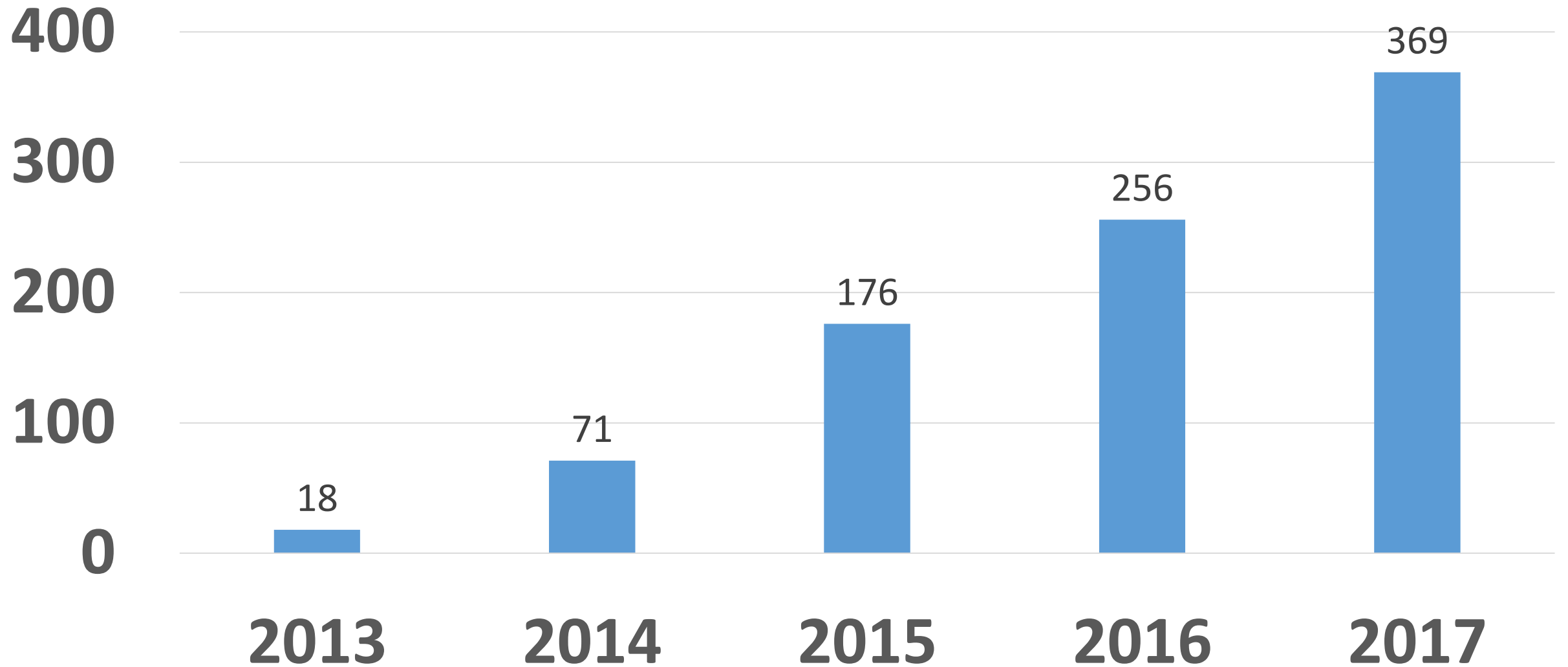




# Number of Passport Holders by Age



# Licenses Purchased by Former Youth Fishing Passport Holders





DOWNSIDE HIGH  
SCHOOL  
Class of 2015

Department of  
Environmental  
Quality  
& Assessment

# Free Fishing License Days





# Public Act 14-201





# “Free-Loaders”: Number of People who obtained the Free 1 Day License

1500

1000

500

0

1034

1123

832

2015

2016

2017

1034

1123

832



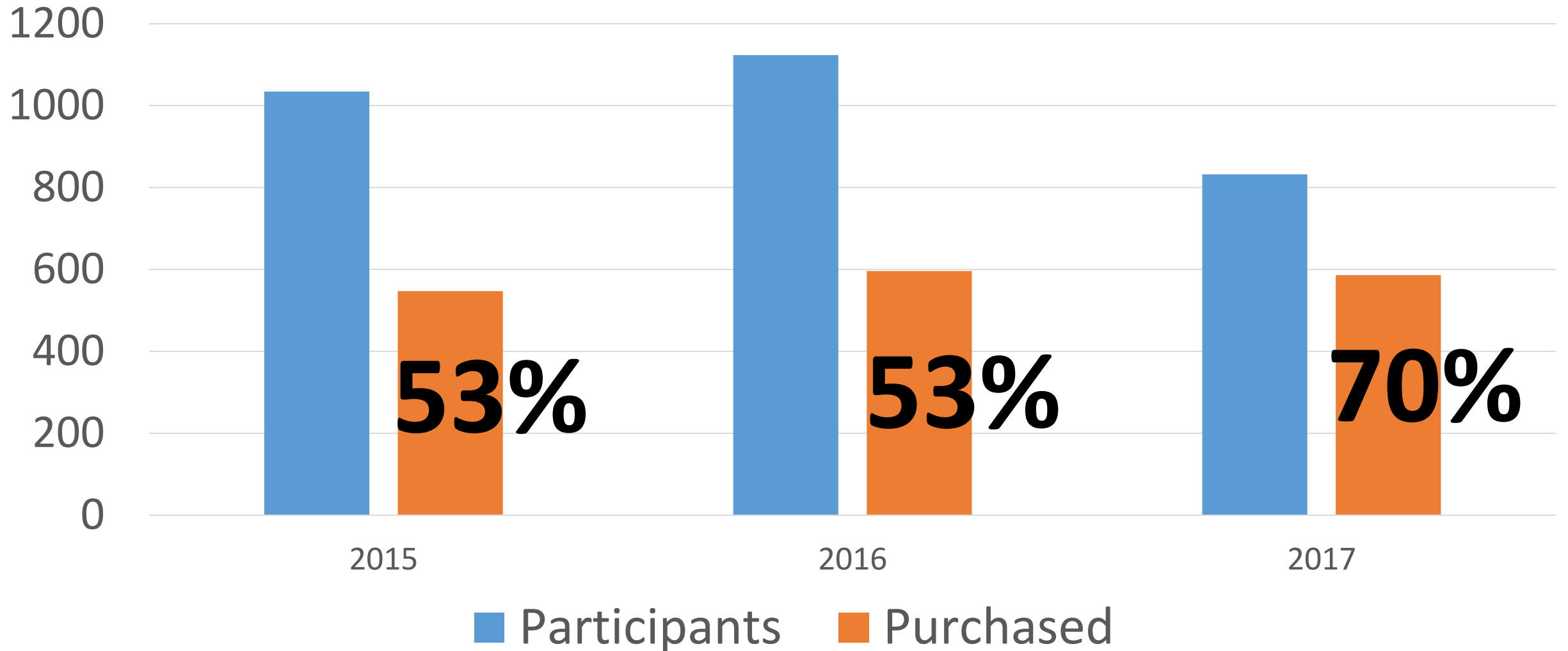


# Generalizations from Post-Surveys

- Heard about the opportunity from the DEEP web page
- **Have “beginner” level fishing skills**
- Wanted to be with friends and family who were fishing
- A male Connecticut resident who is in his 40's
- **Was not the first time fishing**
- Fished Freshwater
- **Think they will go again within 1 year**
- Thought the fishing was excellent

# Free Fishing License Day

## Participant and post event license purchase



# Take away

- **Small Numbers – Big Value**
  - acquire customer information, monitor activity, & communicate
- **Still New, Still Learning**
  - Room to grow



**FISH ON!**