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Re: WDNR 2014 License Year Sales

During the April 2016 Lake Michigan Fisheries Forum meeting, a participant asked about license sales related to a 2 day Great Lakes Fishing License. The most recent records that we have available are for the 2014-15 license year. In that year, WDNR sold 26,088 two day Great lakes licenses. We sold a total of 130,946 Great Lakes Trout and Salmon stamps.

WDNR Finance staff confirmed that 50% of the 2 day Great Lakes license sales are deposited into the Great Lakes Trout and Salmon account. The other 50% sales are deposited into the Fish and Wildlife Segregated account. That license applies to resident and non-resident anglers. That license allows the participant to fish for any fish species in the Great Lakes including the tributaries up to the first dam. Because the license allows them to fish for other species besides salmon and trout, only half of the money collected goes into the GL Trout and Salmon stamp fund.

In addition, for that license year, we sold a total of 710,541 annual fishing licenses and 213,468 combination fishing licenses (issued to a legally married couple). Finally, we sold 108,882 non-resident licenses.