# Section 1: Fishing Background and Preferences

**Table 1-4: Number of days fishing in different regions…**

| Strata | Northwest | | | Northeast | | | South-southwest | | | Central-southeast | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mean | SD | Range | Mean | SD | Range | Mean | SD | Range | Mean | SD | Range |
| Statewide[1] | 8.3 | 19.2 | 0-180 | 4.1 | 9.7 | 0-100 | 3.7 | 16.0 | 0-200 | 8.2 | 17.4 | 0-200 |
| Metro respondents | 5.1 | 12.4 | 0-150 | 4.4 | 9.1 | 0-70 | 1.3 | 4.4 | 0-35 | 9.5 | 19.8 | 0-200 |
| Non-metro respondents | 10.5 | 22.5 | 0-180 | 4.0 | 10.1 | 0-100 | 5.5 | 20.4 | 0-200 | 7.3 | 15.5 | 0-100 |
| | $t = 3.962***$ | | | $t = 0.564$ n.s. | | | $t = 3.741***$ | | | $t = 1.702$ n.s. | | |

[1] A stratified sample based on region of residence was drawn. Statewide data in this table is weighted to reflect regional proportions in the population.
n.s.=not significant, $*p < 0.05$,  $**p < 0.01$, $***p < 0.001$

**Table 1-5: Comparison of preferences for fish species.**

| | % who target | Mean[1] |
|---|---|---|
| Walleye | 91.8% | 4.3 |
| Crappie | 89.4% | 4.2 |
| Sunfish | 86.1% | 3.9 |
| Sauger | 54.0% | 3.6 |
| Smallmouth bass | 74.4% | 3.6 |
| Largemouth bass | 75.6% | 3.6 |
| Northern pike | 79.8% | 3.5 |
| Yellow Perch | 69.5% | 3.4 |
| Rainbow trout | 40.7% | 3.2 |
| Brook trout | 37.2% | 3.2 |
| Lake trout | 40.8% | 3.1 |
| Brown trout | 37.2% | 3.1 |
| Muskellunge | 48.0% | 3.0 |
| Salmon (Lake Superior) | 33.2% | 2.9 |
| White bass | 45.7% | 2.7 |
| Lake sturgeon | 30.6% | 2.6 |
| Channel catfish | 39.2% | 2.4 |
| Flathead catfish | 39.2% | 2.3 |
| Carp or suckers | 41.1% | 1.9 |
| Bullhead | 42.6% | 1.9 |

[1] Mean is based on the scale: 1 = strongly not preferred, 2 = not preferred, 3 = neutral, 4 = preferred, 5 = strongly preferred.
n.s.=not significant, $*p < 0.05$,  $**p < 0.01$, $***p < 0.001$