

2015 Paddlefish Angler Survey

Each year, the Wildlife Department conducts a survey of paddlefish permit holders to learn about paddlefish angler participation, effort and harvest, as well as attitudes and opinions about certain topics. Here is a snapshot of the 2015 survey results.



2015 paddlefish permit holders had home ZIP codes from all across the US. The majority, however, were homegrown and from the surrounding states of Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri.

32%

Respondents who have been fishing for paddlefish in Oklahoma for a year or less, while another 25% have been fishing for paddlefish for 10 or more years!



More than half of paddlefish anglers preferred to use boats for their paddlefish angling.



The Grand Lake Region has been the most popular area to snag a paddlefish, especially for non-resident anglers. That held true in 2015, with more than 40% of paddlefish anglers having fished in this region.



Three out of 4 paddlefish anglers were successful in reeling in at least one paddlefish. The majority of successful anglers caught just one or two fish total.

71%

of surveyed anglers who kept at least one paddlefish in the Grand Lake Region brought their catch to the Paddlefish Research Center, near Miami, Okla., for processing.

\$186

The average cost of an Oklahoman's paddlefishing trip in Oklahoma during 2015. Paddlefishing trips from out-of-state travelers averaged over \$500.

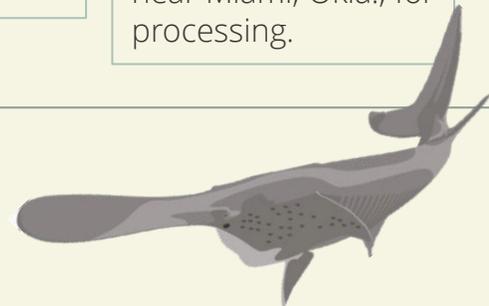
Gone Fishin'

FOUR

Average number of **day trips** taken by paddlefish anglers.

TWO

Average number of **overnight trips** taken by paddlefish anglers.



Results are from paddlefish permit data and 679 responses to the 2015 Paddlefish Survey. Data analysis and infographic design by **Corey Jager, Responsive Management Specialist**. Full report available at wildlifedepartment.com