

# Creel Report

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation



Fish Management Survey and Recommendations  
for

Route 66 Park Pond & Edwards Park Pond

Oklahoma City, OK

2023

# **Creel Report**

State: Oklahoma

Project Title: Route 66 Park Pond & Edwards Park Pond Trout Creel Survey

Operating Authority: City of Oklahoma City

Period Covered: Dec 2021-February 2022

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Date Prepared: February 2023

## **Location**

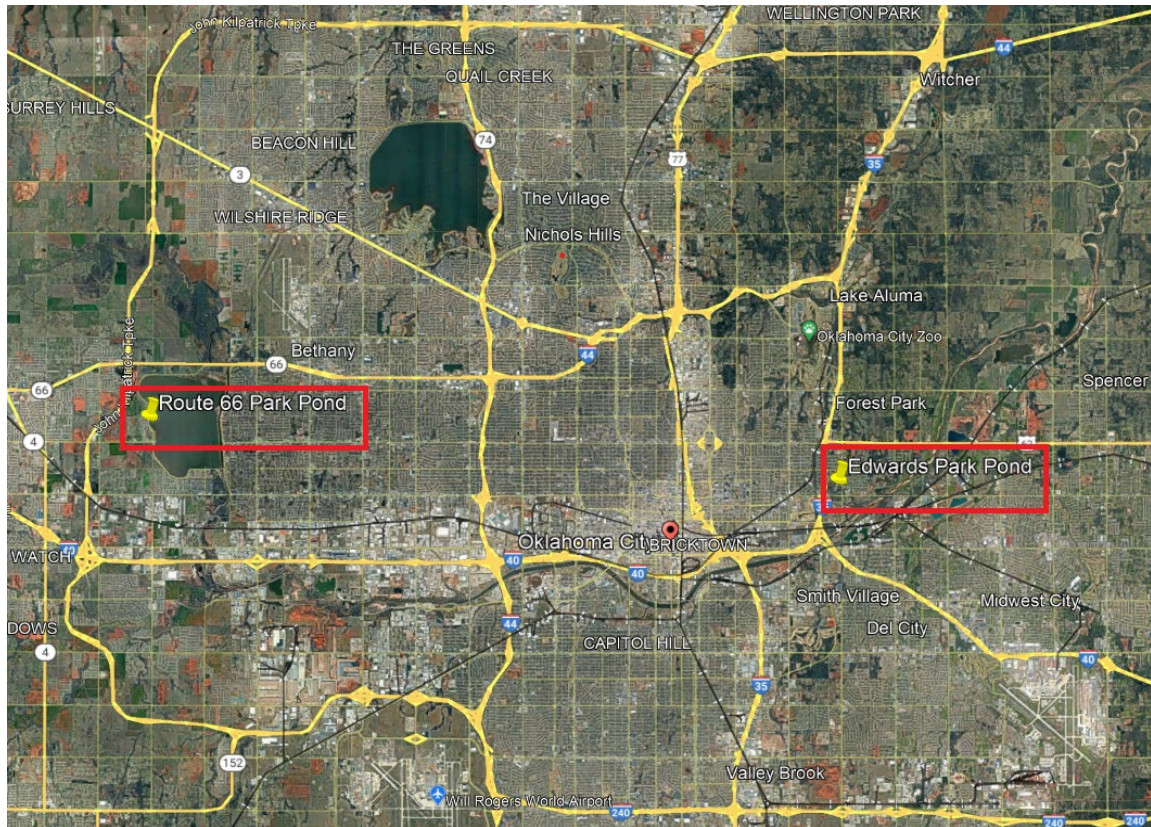
Route 66 Park Pond

&

Edwards Park Pond

## **Introduction**

A trout creel was conducted at Route 66 Park Pond (10 acres) and Edwards Park Pond (5 acres) in Oklahoma City. The ponds are located on the east and west sides of Oklahoma City. December 2021 was the first year of the trout stocking at these locations. Previously, trout were stocked at Dolese Youth Park Pond. Rainbow Trout are stocked approximately every other week from Dec-Feb. Below are the preliminary findings for an in-person trout creel for Dec. 2021-March 2022. The creel is still being conducted for 2023-2024.



## Route 66 Findings

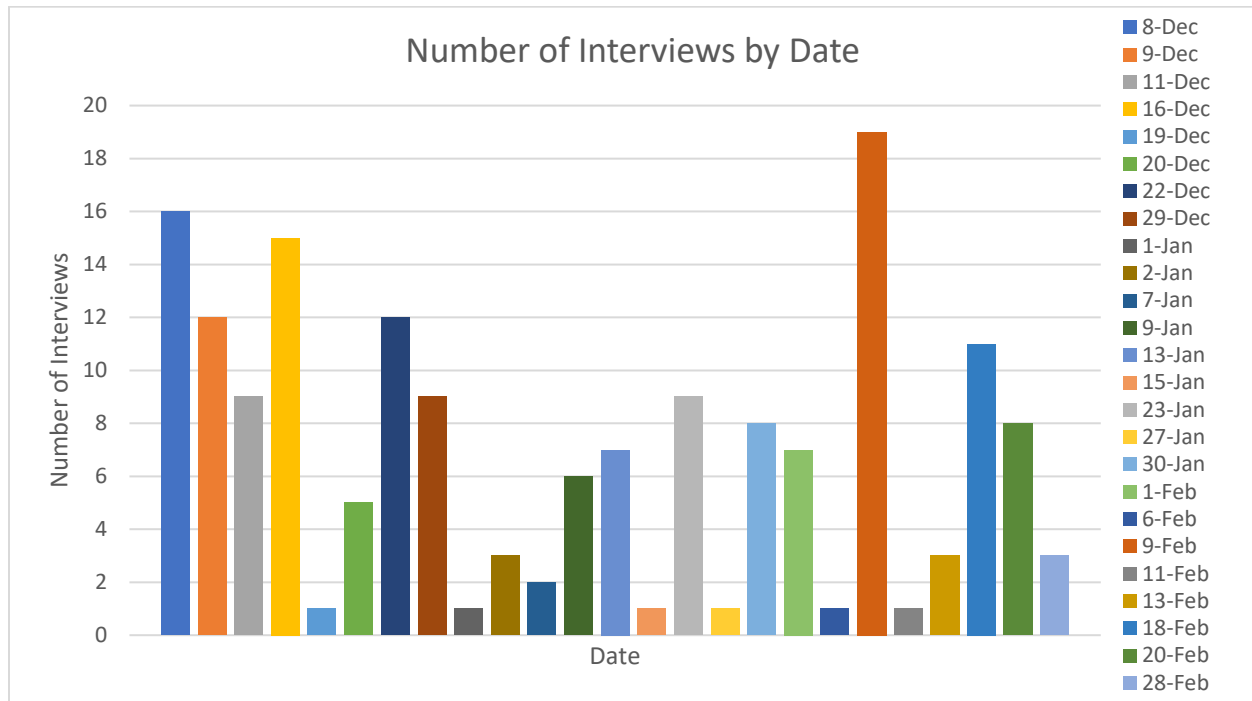
Q1: Date:

Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Q2: Can we interview you?:



Q3: Date of interview:



Q4: Time interviewed: The three hour period during survey

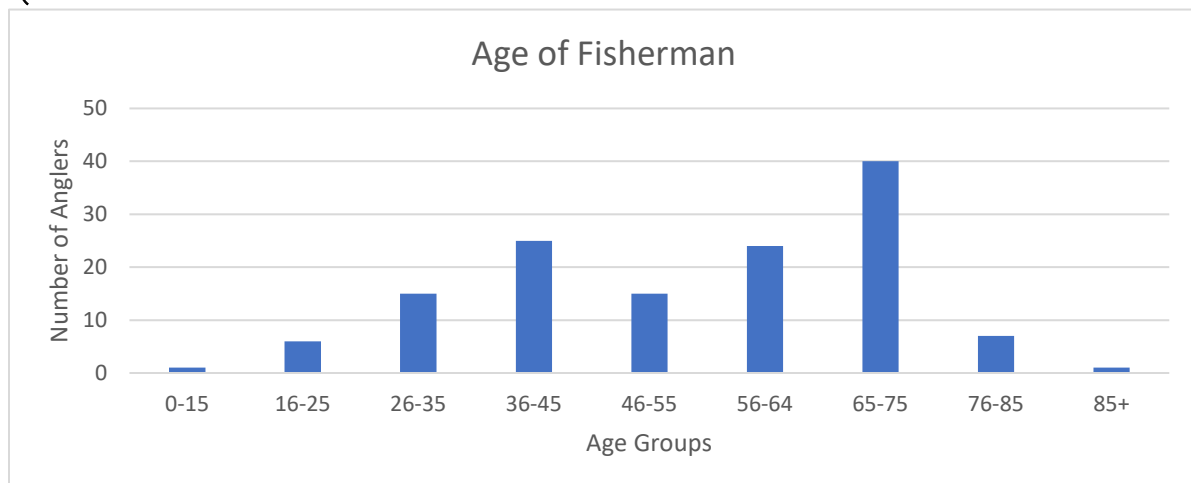
Q5: Time started fishing:

earliest time was 7:00am

Q6: Finished Fishing:

latest was 8:00pm

Q7: Date of birth:



Q8: Number in party fishing:

The average was 1.3 anglers

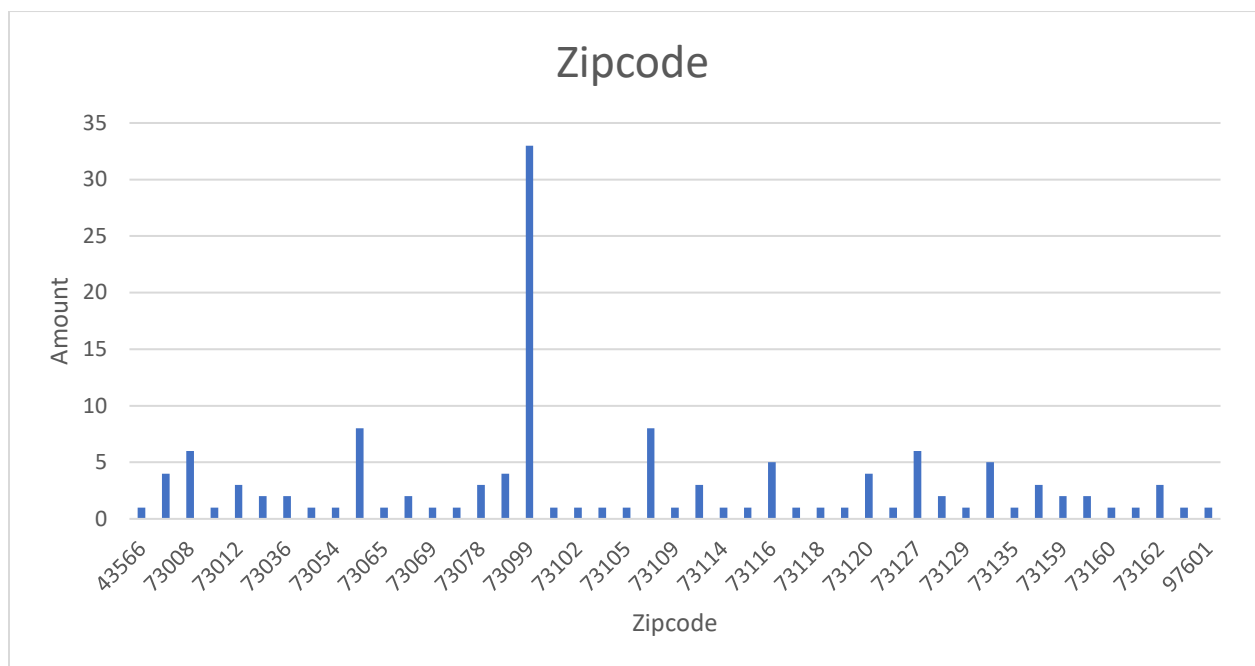
Q9: Number of adults fishing:

Total of 142, Average 1.2 anglers

Q10: Number of children fishing (<16):

In total 28 Children were fishing, and 20 of the interviewees fished with children.

Q11: Zip Code:



Q12: How many miles did you drive to go fishing today? (one-way):

Max – 45miles, Average 11.13miles

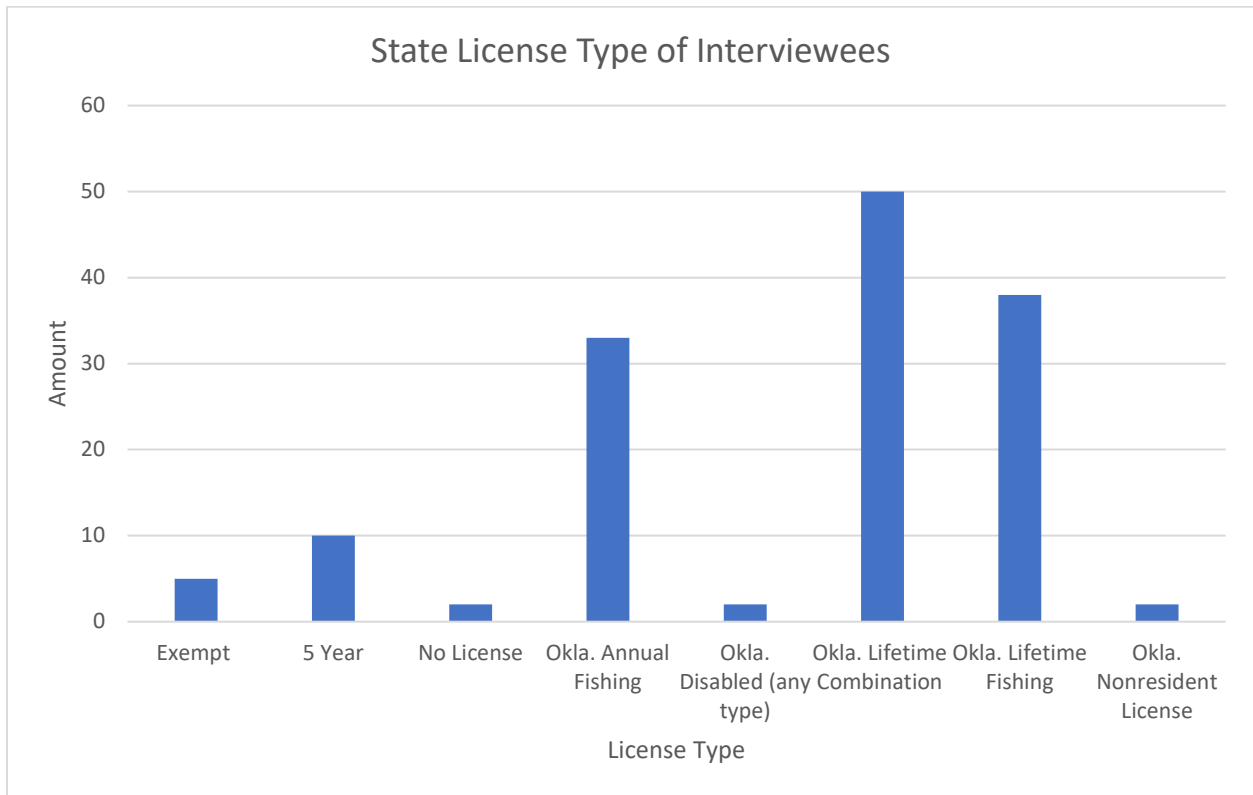
Q13: Number of trout caught and released for entire party:

Fifteen of the parties interview caught and released fish. Thirty four fish were released.

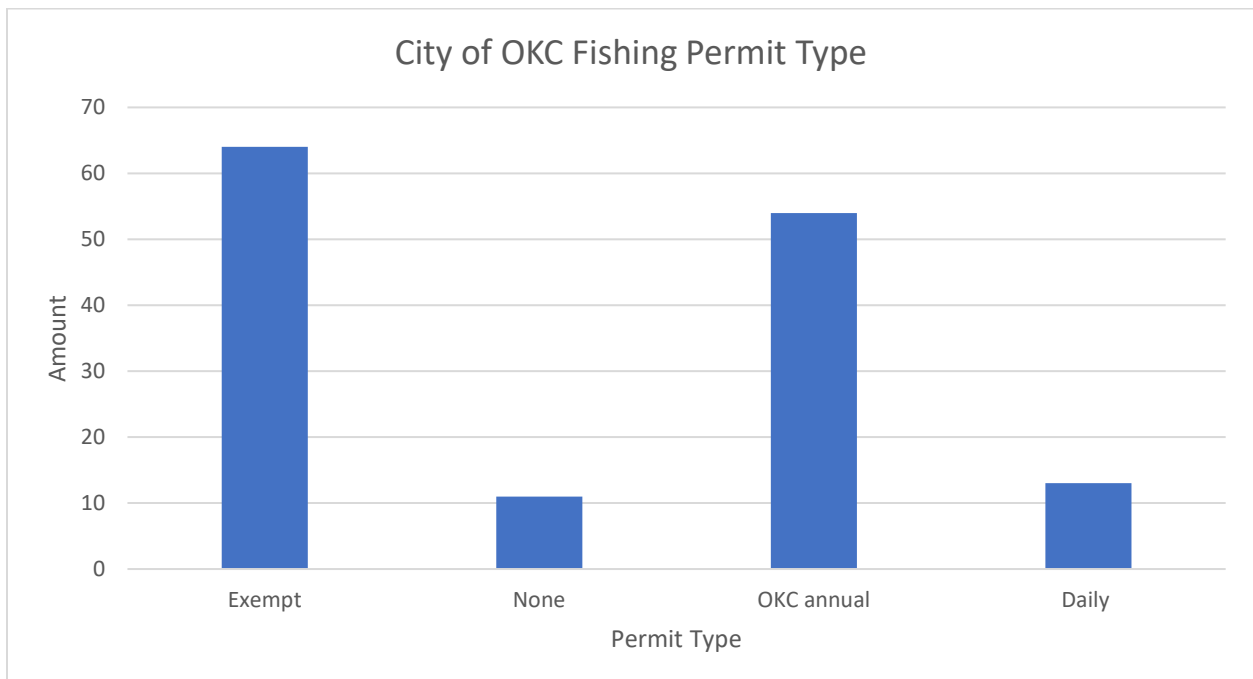
Q14: Total number of trout in possession for entire party:

Thirty-three parties had fish in possession when interviewed. They had a collective of 56 fish.

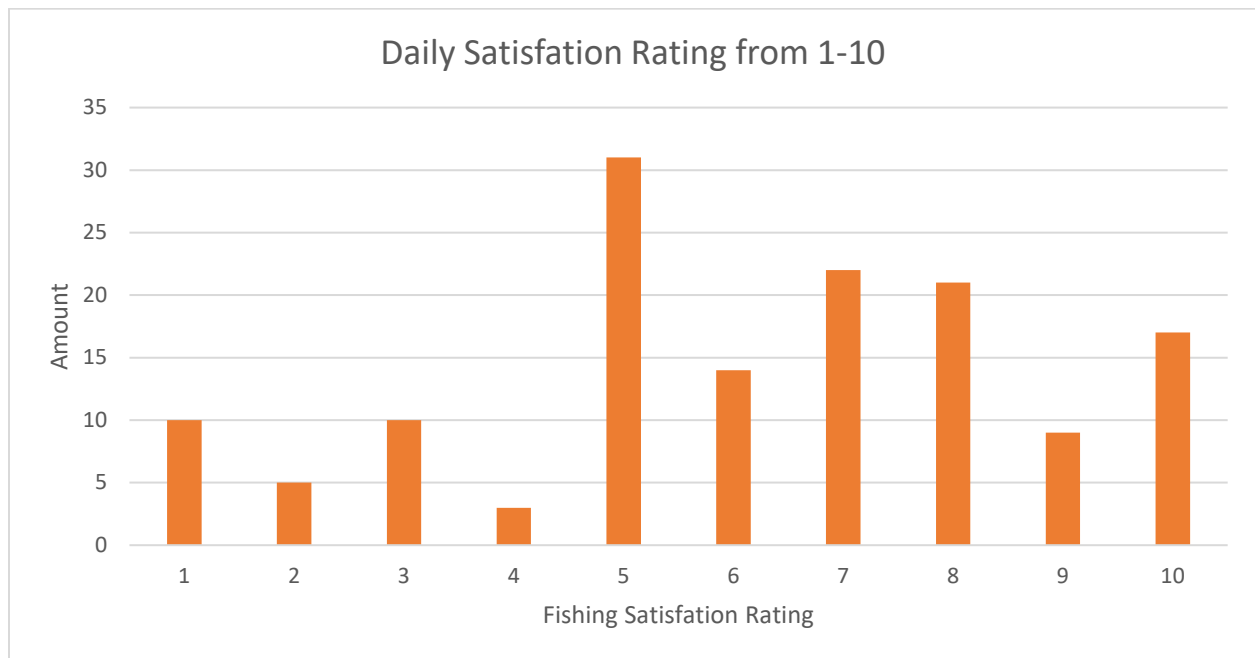
Q15: State license type or exemption applying to entire party:



Q16: OKC permit type:

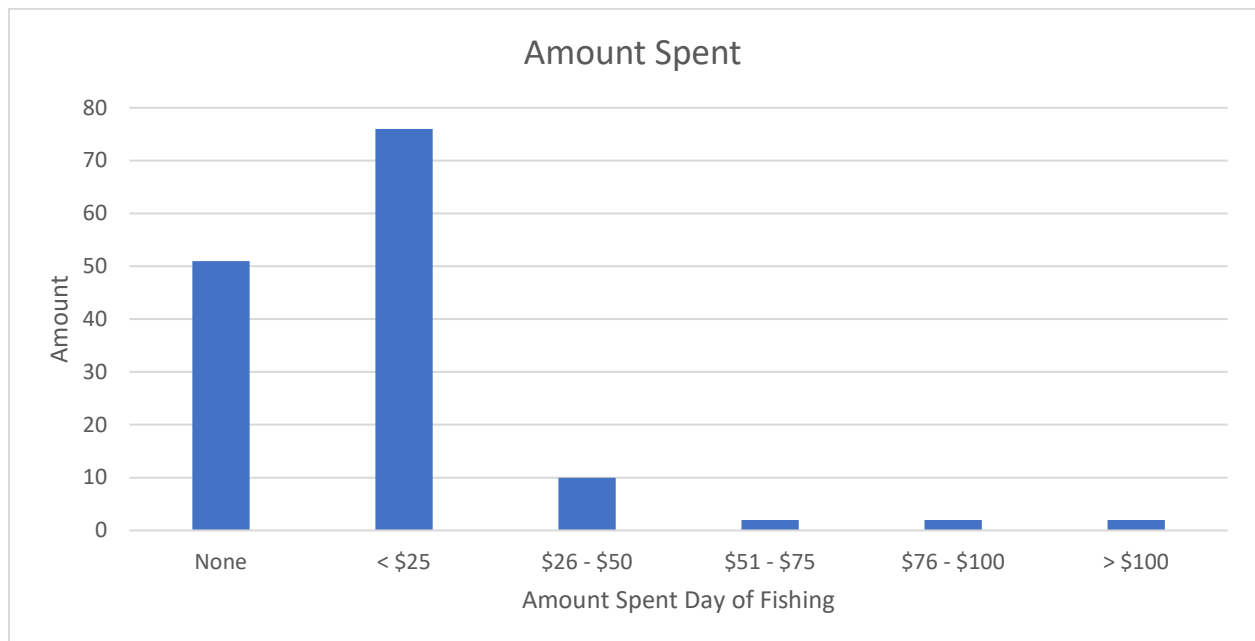


Q17: Fishing satisfaction (1 to 10) 1 being poor and 10 being excellent:

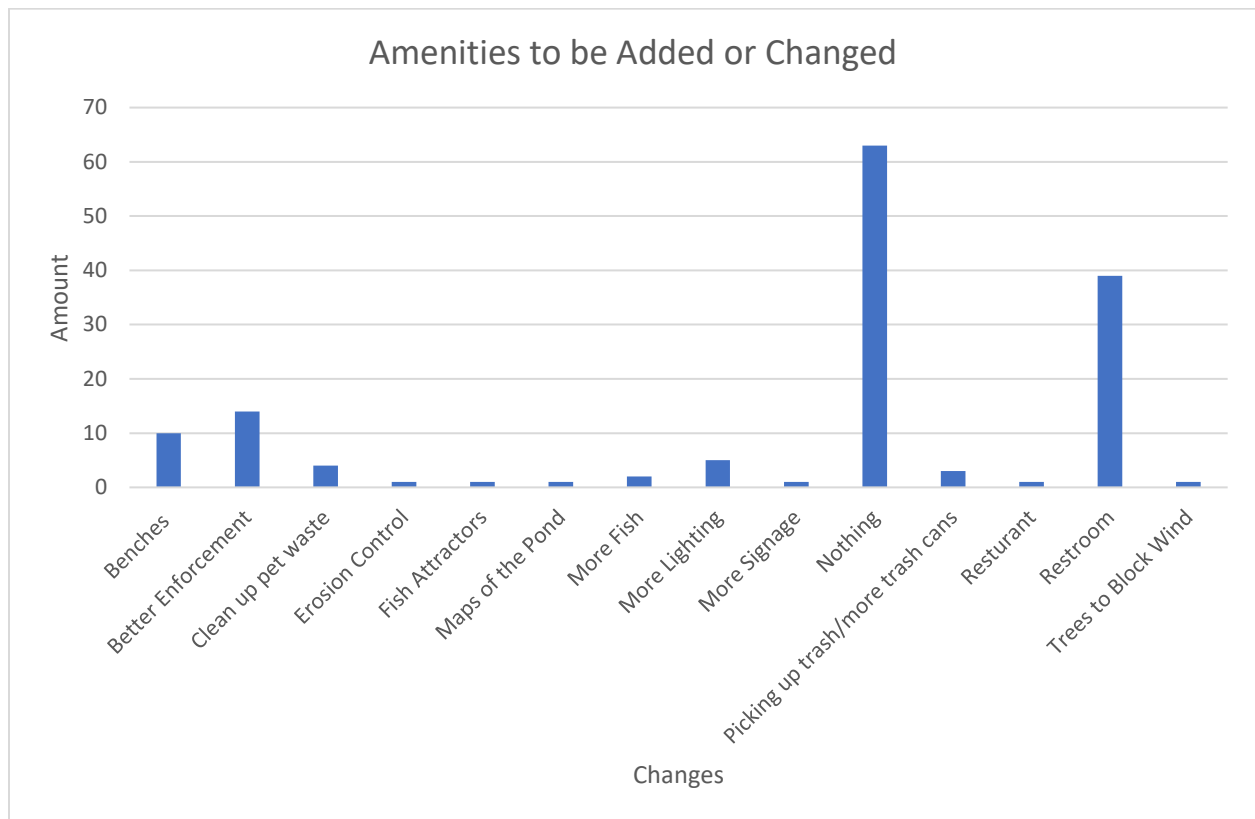


The average rating was a 6.15. When discussing the satisfaction rating with anglers, many of their rates were dependent on if they had caught fish or not. Others are just happy to be fishing.

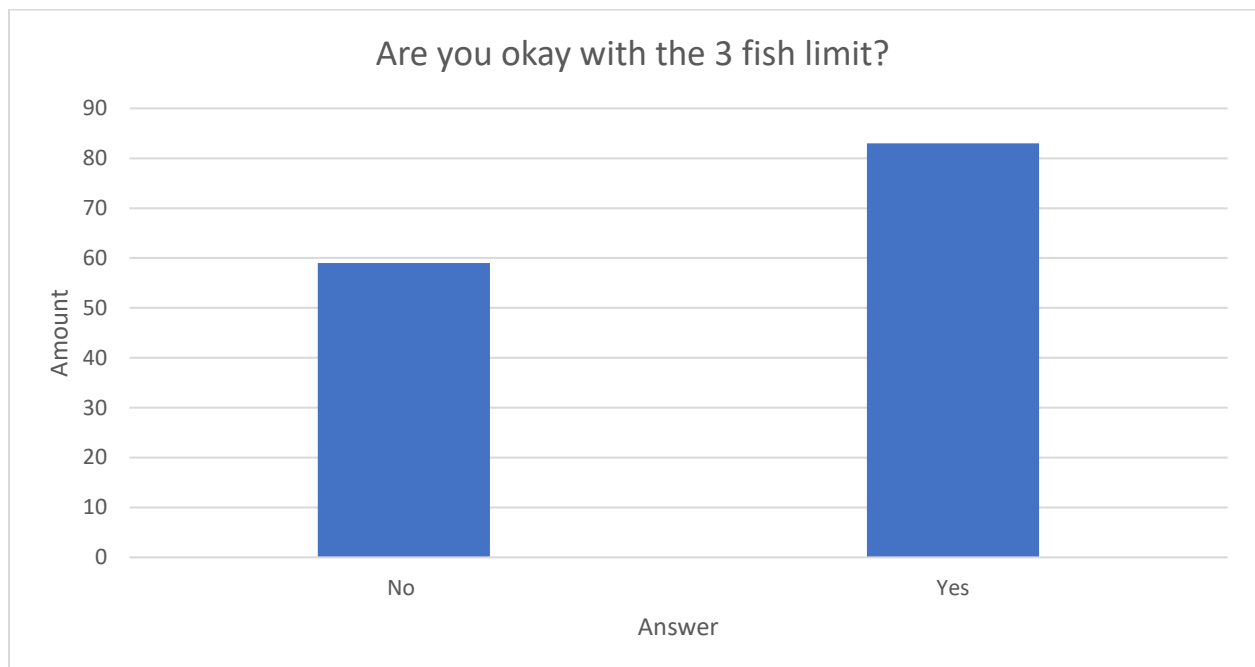
Q18: How much did you spend on your fishing trip today?:



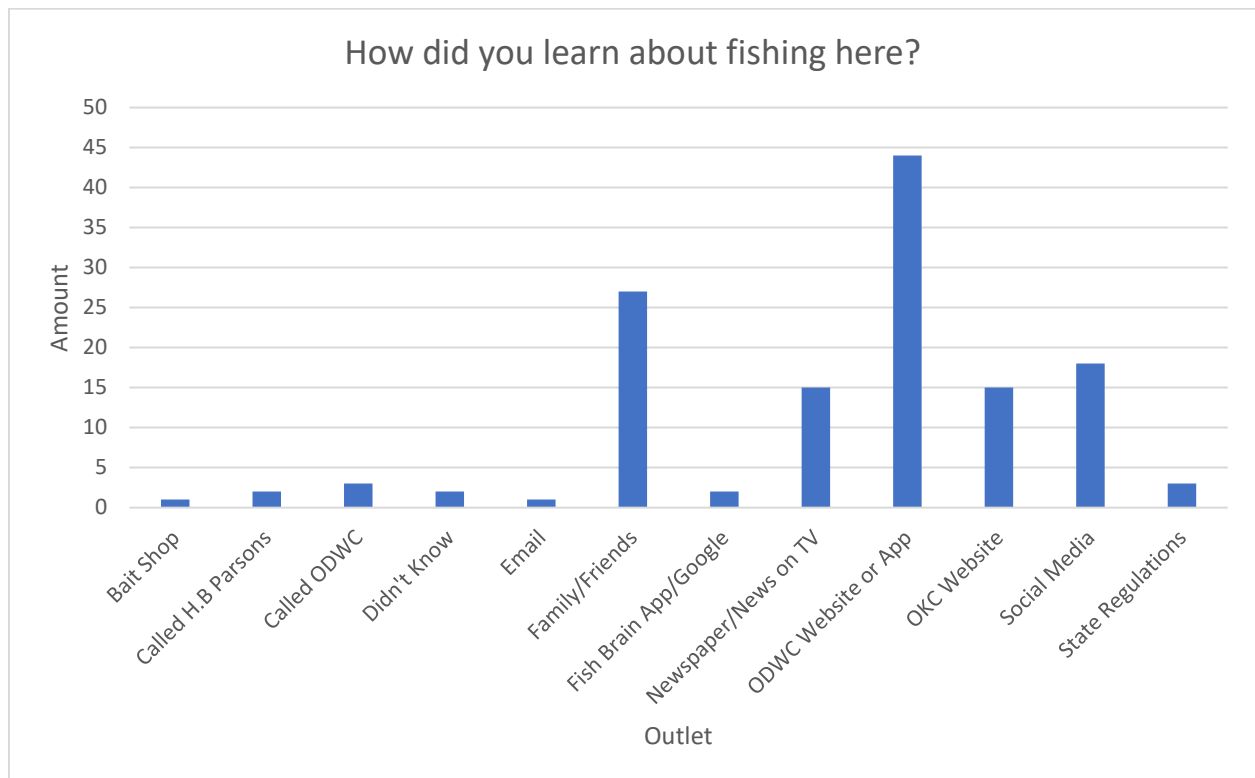
Q19: What amenities would you like to see added to this park?:



Q20: Are you OK with the new 3 fish limit?:



Q21: How did you learn about fishing at Rt 66 or Edwards?:



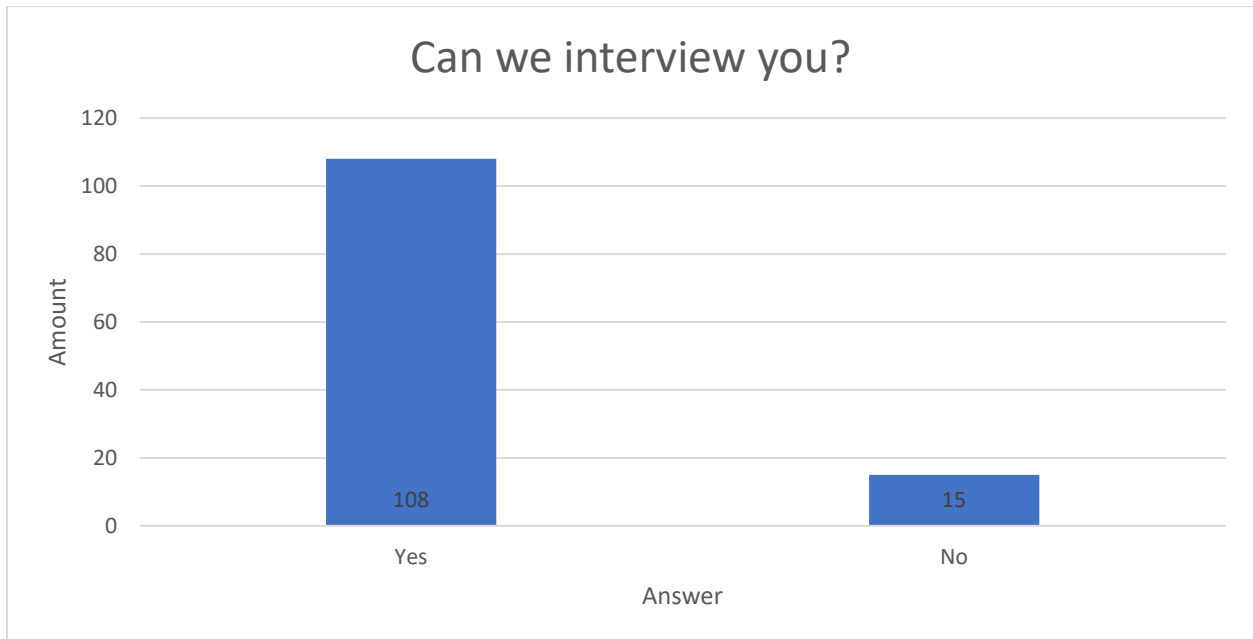
Q22: Angler comment and/or repeat visit:

There was a variety of Angler Comments. Many mentioned they were happy that trout fishing had been moved from Dolese to Route 66. Others mentioned that they enjoyed trout fishing and are happy to have an opportunity to trout fish in OKC. Some asked for more trout to be stocked and larger trout. A few asked about a trout stamp, so we could increase the possession limit.

## Edwards Park Pond Findings

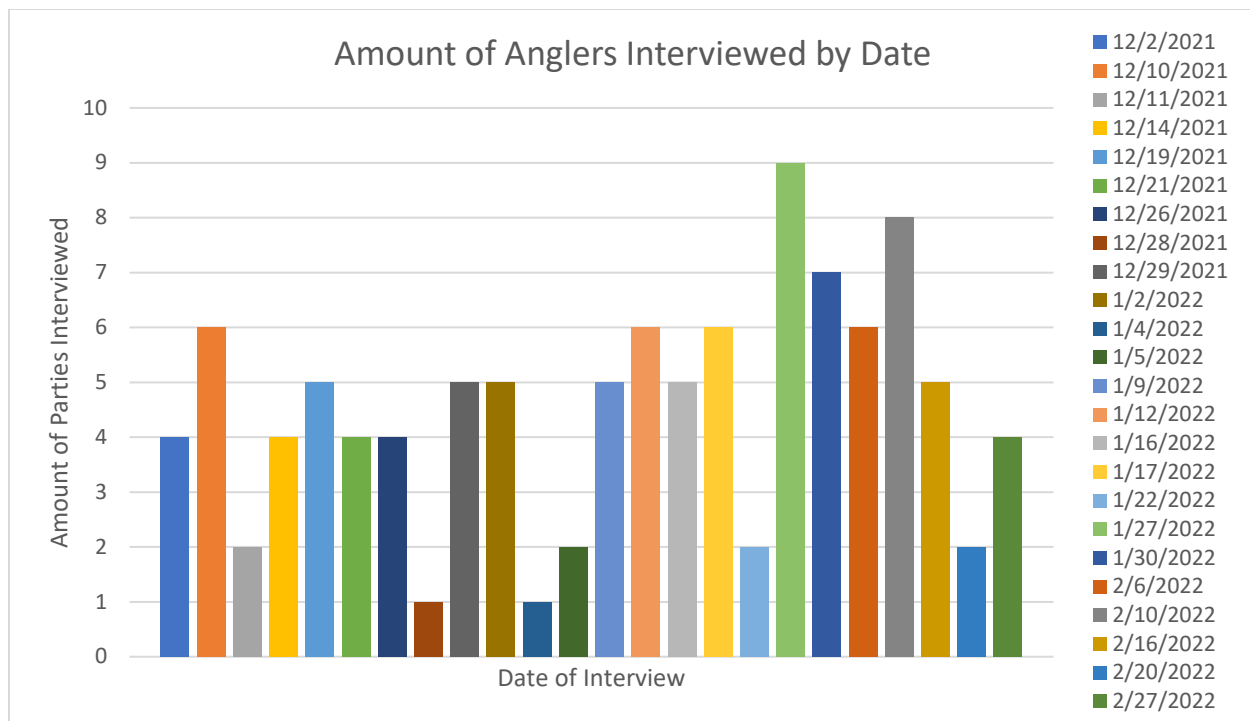
Q1: Date – Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021– Feb. 27, 2022

Q2: Can we interview you?



We talked to 148 individuals. Ninety-six of which wanted to do an interview.

Q3: Date of interview:



Q4: Time interviewed: Hours while the surveys were being conducted

Q5: Time finished fishing (nearest half hour):

Q6: Finished Fishing:

Q7: Time finished fishing (nearest half hour):

Q8: Number in party fishing:

The average party size was 1.3. The max group size was 6. Eighty interviewed fished alone and 65 fished with more than one person.

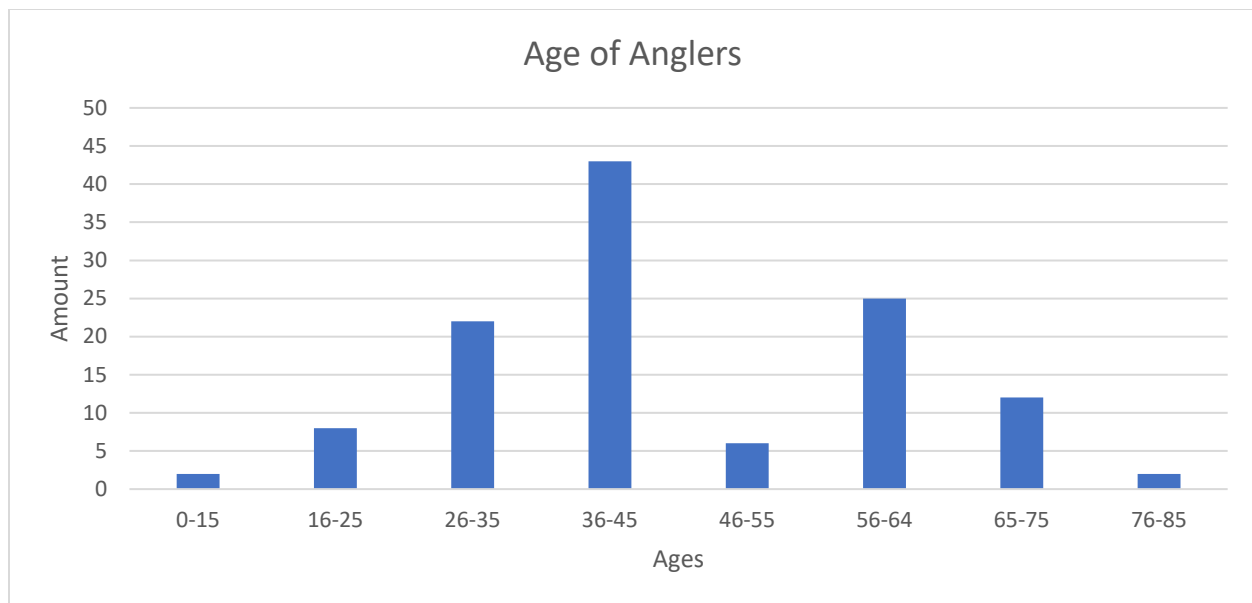
Q9: Number of adults fishing:

129 adults were fishing

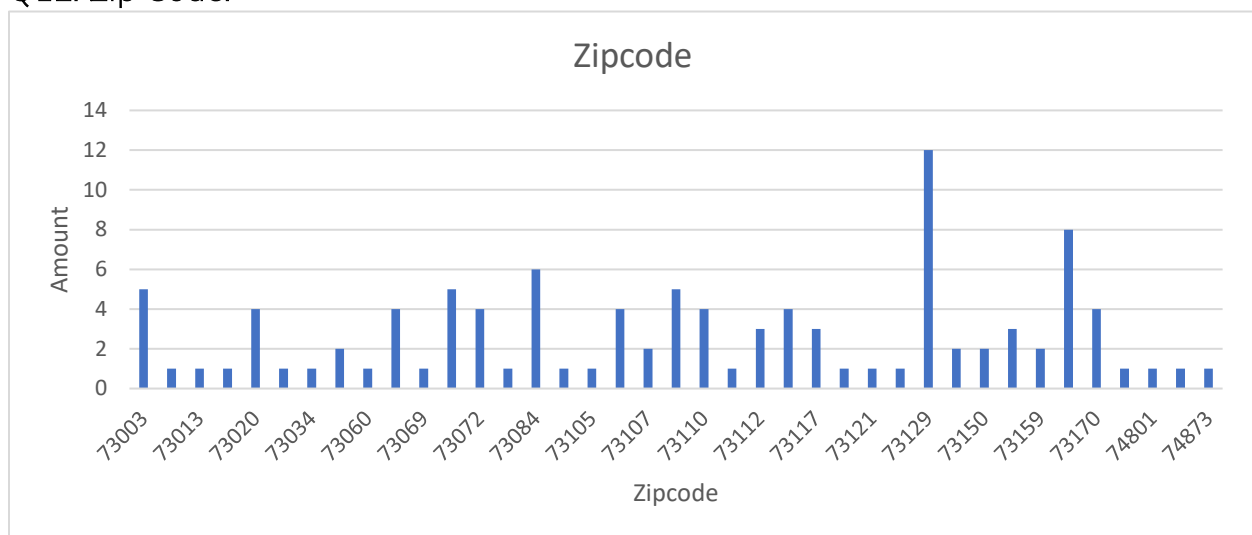
Q10: Number of children fishing (<16):

Sixteen children were fishing. Ten parties had children fishing.

Q11: What is your age bracket:



Q12: Zip Code:



Q13: How many miles did you drive to go fishing today? (one-way):

The max someone drove was 42 miles. The average was 13.47. The mode was 10.

Q14: Are you fishing for trout?:

Four anglers interviewed were not fishing for trout.

Q15: What are you fishing for?:

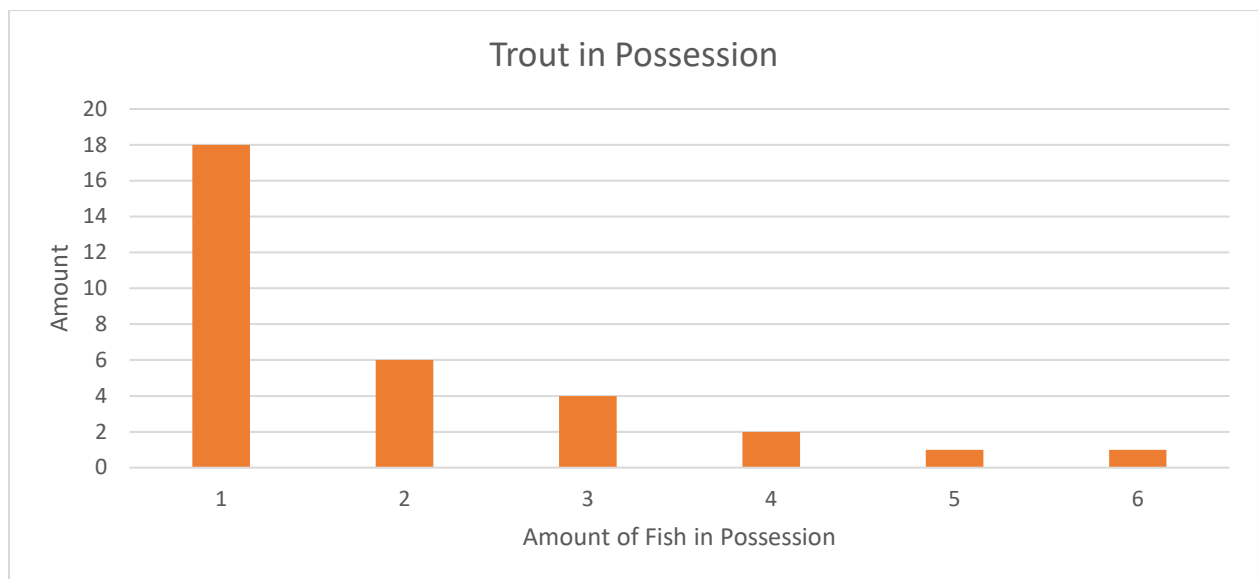
Everyone, except four, fished for trout. The others fished for Crappie, Channel Catfish, sunfish, and Largemouth Bass.

Q16: Number of trout caught and released for entire party:

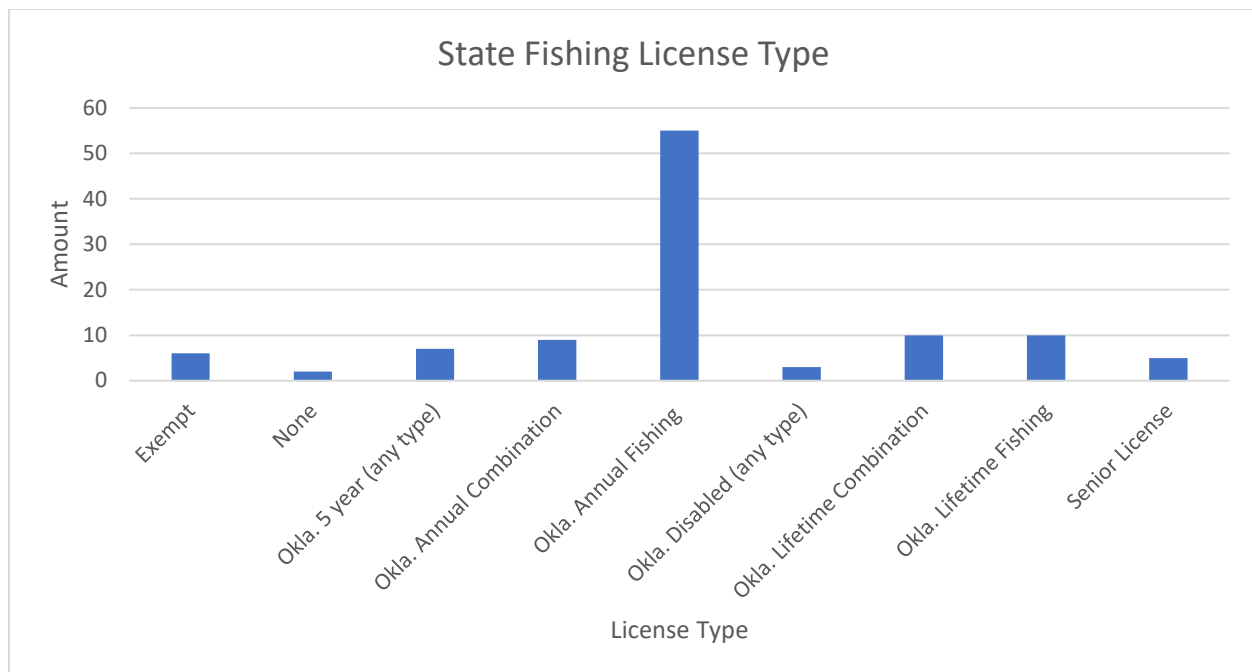
Twenty-five parties released fish. Thirty-eight fish were released.

Q17: Total number of trout in possession for entire party:

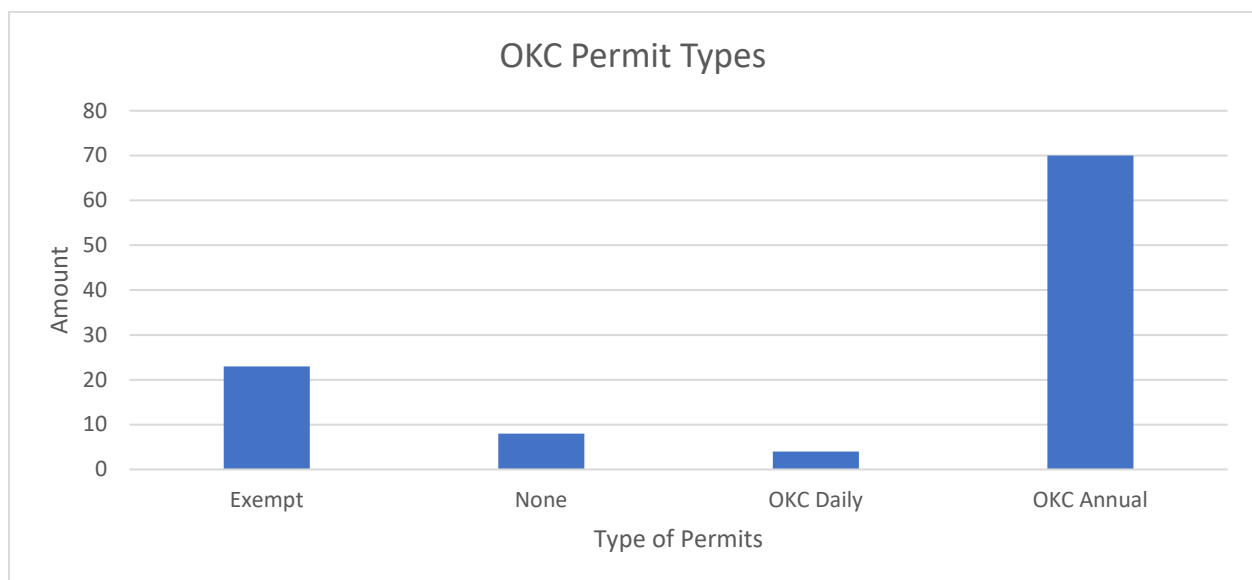
Thirty-two parties had fish in possession. Sixty-one fish were in possession.  
The most a party had was 6. Most interviewees with fish, only had one.



Q18: State license type or exemption applying to person being interviewed:



Q19: OKC permit type:

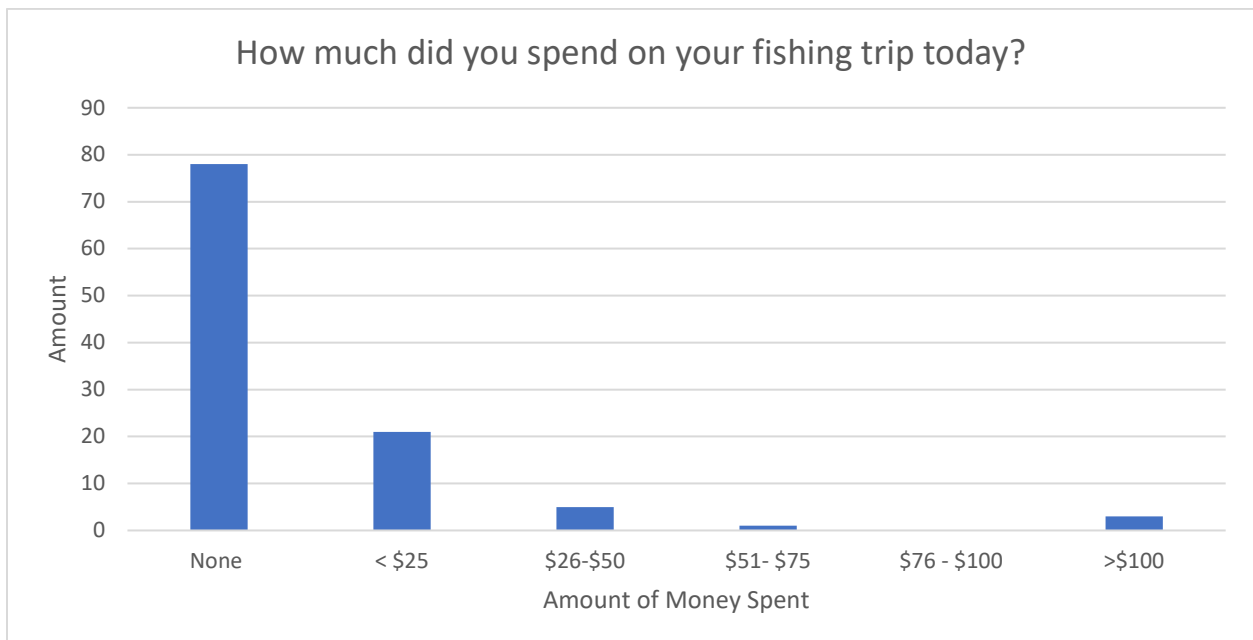


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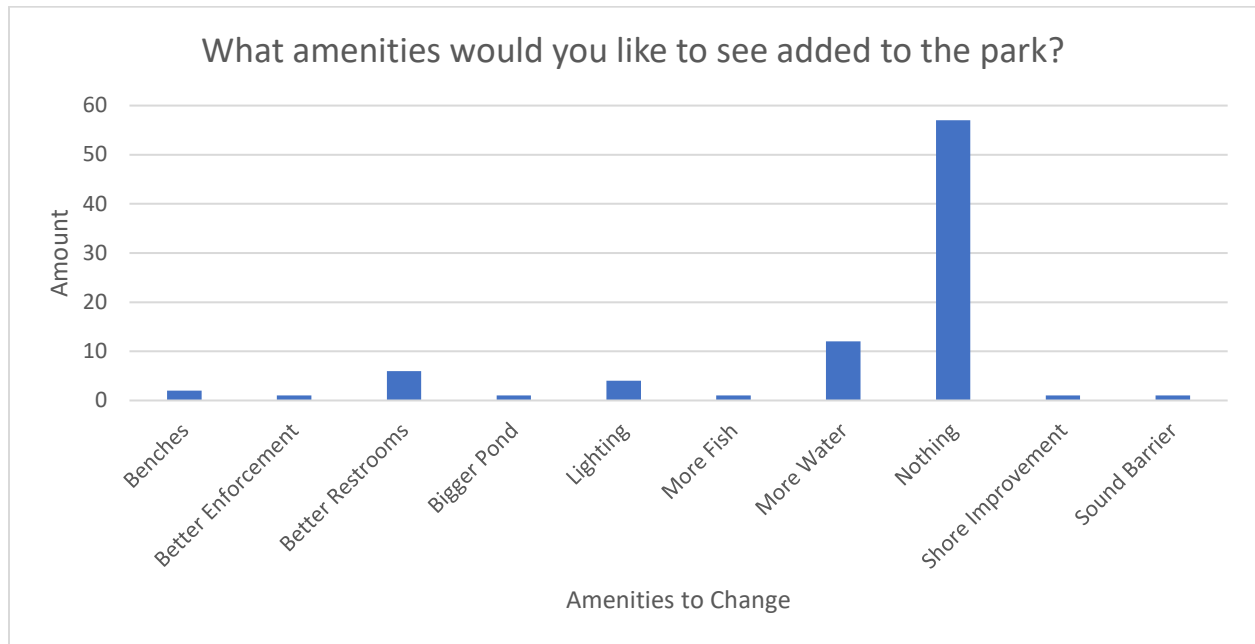


While talking with anglers, fishing satisfaction was typically dependent on whether they had caught fish or not when interviewed or the weather of the day.

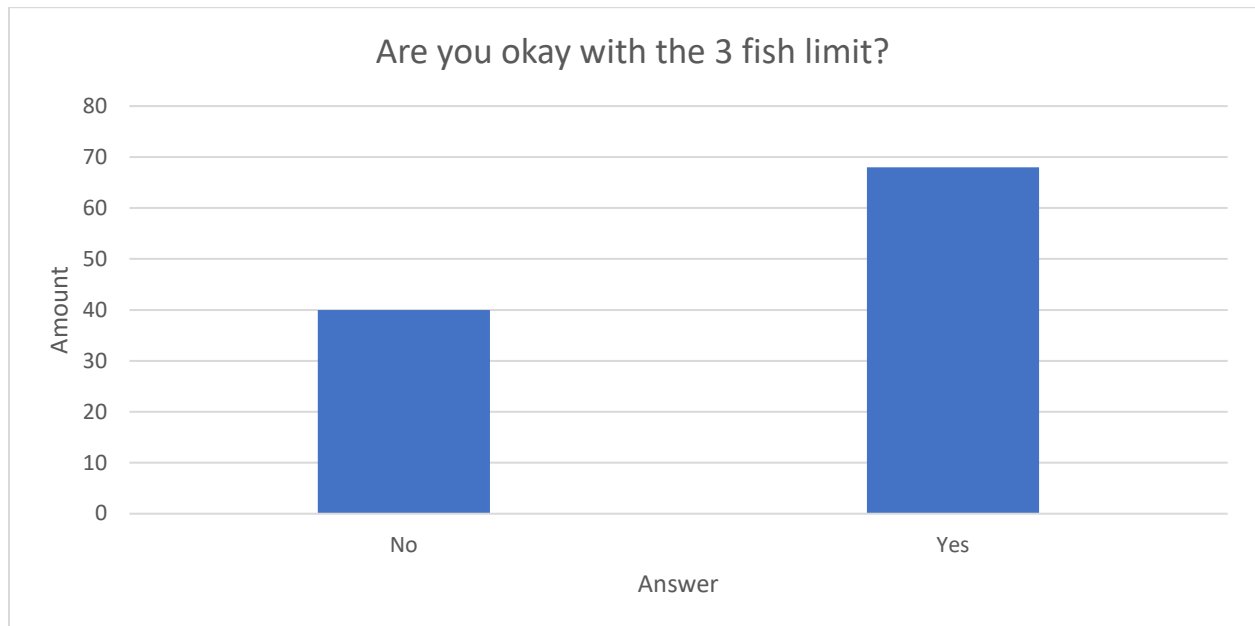
Q21: How much did you spend on your fishing trip today?:



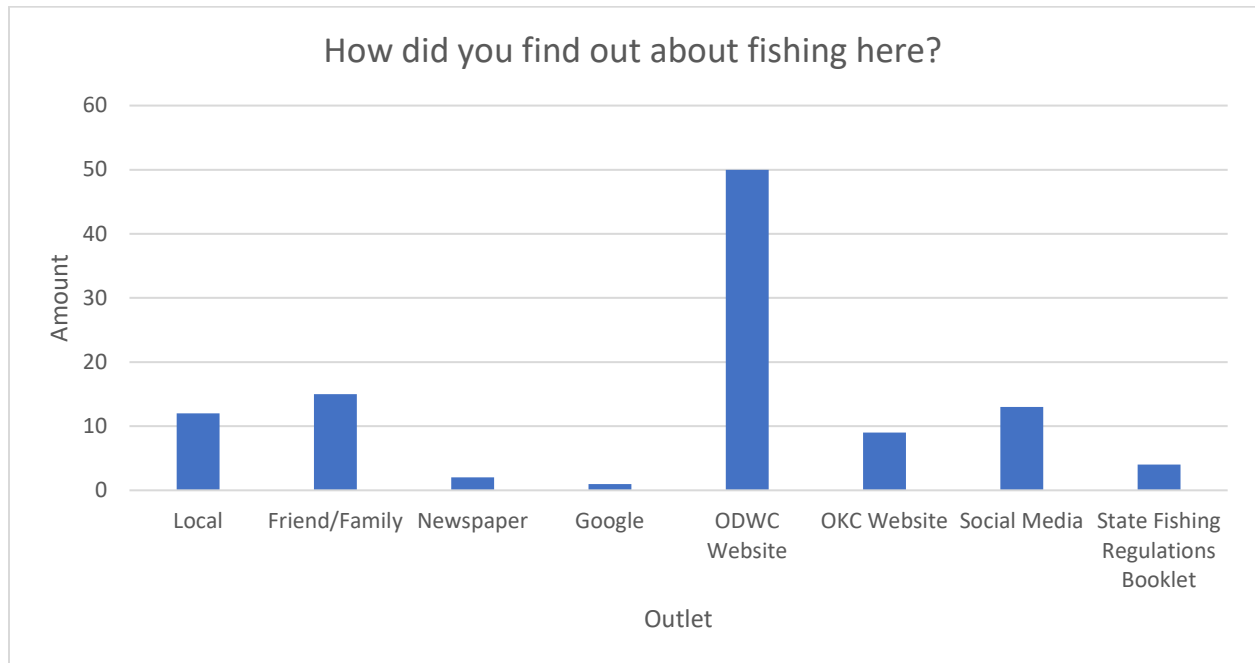
Q22: What amenities would you like to see added to this park?:



Q23: Are you OK with the new 3 fish limit?:



Q24: How did you learn about fishing at Rt 66 or Edwards?:



Q26: Angler comment and/or repeat visit:

Many think the limit is too low to be worth driving further than OKC. Some would be willing to pay for a trout stamp. Other wish the trout were larger and that there were more of them.