

Senate Bill 1168

**Establishing a Sustainable Future
for Fishing and Boating in
Pennsylvania**

Fishing and Boating in Pennsylvania

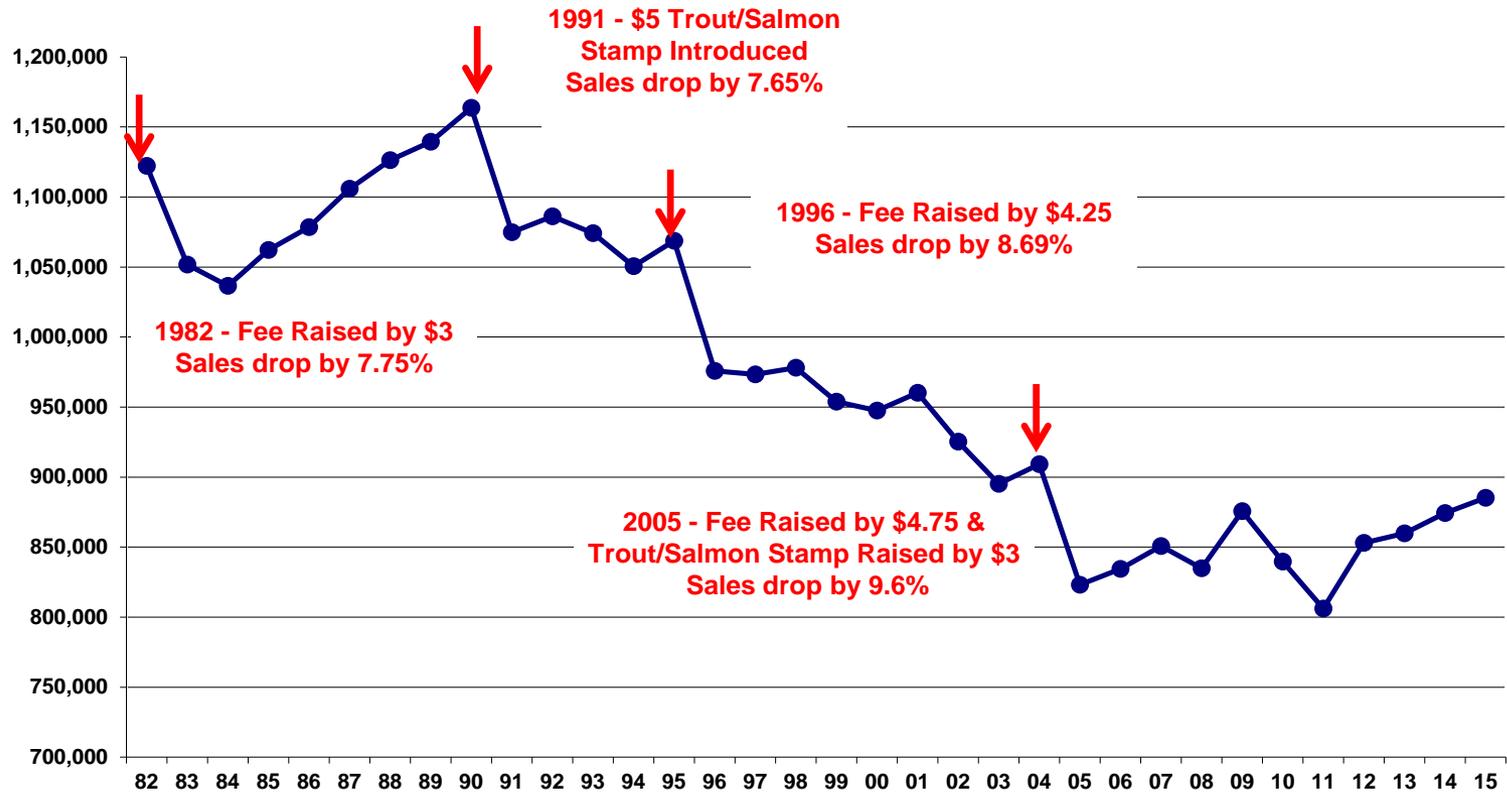
- **1.1 million anglers***
 - Over 885,000 licensed anglers in 2015
 - 70% purchase a trout permit
- **Over 3 million boaters**
 - Nearly 320,000 registered boats
 - Over 76,000 launch permits
- **PA fishing expenditures – \$1.2+ billion annually!***

* National Survey of Fishing, Hunting & Wildlife-Associated Recreation

Current System

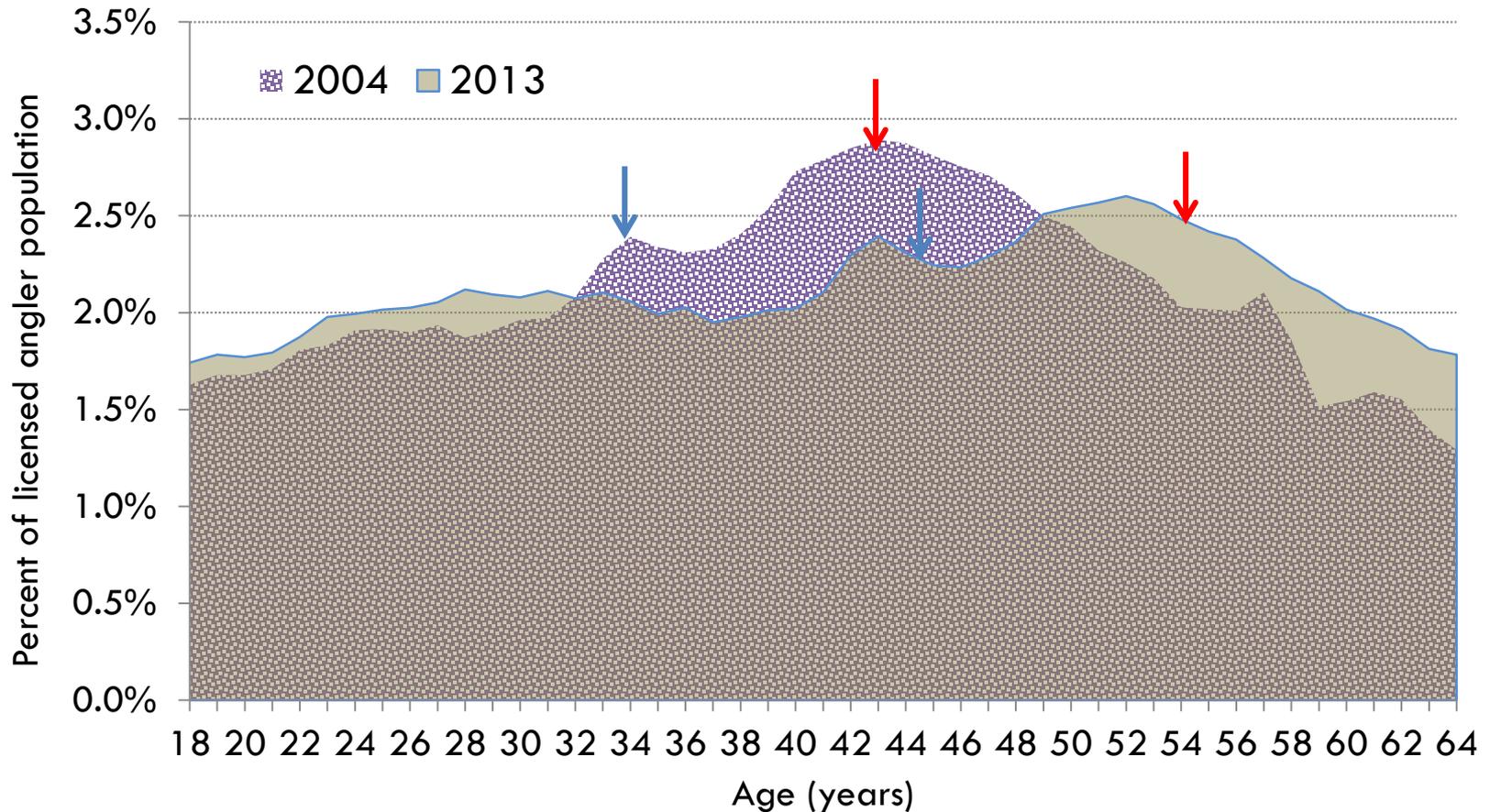
- **Legislature Sets Fees**
- **Last Boat Registration Increase in 2004**
- **Last Fishing License Increase in 2005**
- **Results in Large Increases that Drive Down Participation**
- **Act 66 of 2012 Authorized Multi-Year Licenses**
 - **Convenient and Cost-Effective**
 - **Helps Retain and Reactivate Anglers**
 - **Increases the Amount of Leisure Time Spent Fishing**

Fishing License Sales Since 1982



● Total License Sales

Age Distribution of U.S. Anglers, 2004-2013



From Senators Eichelberger and Wozniak Co-Sponsor Memo

“As an independent administrative agency that is not supported by General Fund revenues and relies on user fees to pay for almost everything it does, the PFBC has a vested business interest in setting a fee structure that generates sufficient revenues to sustain its work on behalf of anglers, boaters, and aquatic resources while having the least possible negative impact on participation and sales.”

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- **Authorizes PFBC to Establish Fees**
 - **Fishing Licenses and Permits, Boat Registrations and Titles, Other Outdated Fees**
 - **Legislature Continues to Establish the Categories**
- **Requires Public Comment**
- **3-Year Sunset**
- **Other Provisions**
 - **Broadens Use of Lake Erie Funds for Public Fishing**
 - **Technical Amendments**

PFBC Approach to Setting Fees Under SB 1168

- Account for inflation since the last license increase
- Anticipate changing demographics
- Recognize sales data patterns
- Anticipate subsequent modest, incremental increases to keep up with rising costs
- All while minimizing the long-term impacts to customers

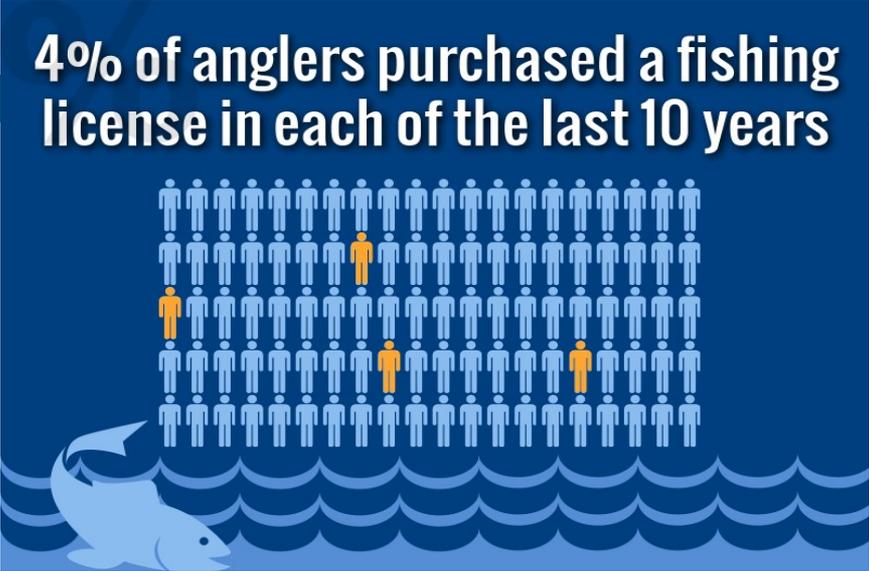
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License Category	Current Fee	Proposed Fees					
		Initial Increase	With 3% Annual Increases				
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Resident Annual	\$21.00	\$26.25	\$27.04	\$27.85	\$28.68	\$29.54	\$30.43
Nonresident Annual	\$51.00	\$63.75	\$65.66	\$67.63	\$69.66	\$71.75	\$73.90
Senior Resident Annual	\$10.00	\$12.50	\$12.88	\$13.26	\$13.66	\$14.07	\$14.49
Senior Resident Lifetime	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$103.00	\$106.09	\$109.27	\$112.55	\$115.93
3-Day Tourist	\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.19	\$33.15	\$34.15	\$35.17	\$36.23
7-Day Tourist	\$33.00	\$41.25	\$42.49	\$43.76	\$45.07	\$46.43	\$47.82
1-Day Resident	\$10.00	\$12.50	\$12.88	\$13.26	\$13.66	\$14.07	\$14.49
1-Day Tourist	\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.19	\$33.15	\$34.15	\$35.17	\$36.23
Trout/Salmon Permit	\$8.00	\$14.00	\$14.42	\$14.85	\$15.30	\$15.76	\$16.23
Combination Trout/Salmon and Lake Erie Permit	\$14.00	\$20.00	\$20.42	\$20.85	\$21.30	\$21.76	\$22.23

- **PFBC Staff Proposal Would Not Exceed SB 1103**
- **Projected Revenue After 3 Years: \$6.3 Million**



National churn among anglers



Angler loyalty in Pennsylvania and U.S.

	PA	US
Seasons Purchased	Residents	Residents
1 out of 5	40%	42%
2 out of 5	19%	19%
3 out of 5	12%	13%
4 out of 5	10%	11%
5 out of 5	20%	15%

Multiple Opportunities for Public Input on Proposed Fees

- **Transparent Decision-Making by Board of Commissioners**
- **Publication in *Pennsylvania Bulletin***
- **Opportunity for Public Comment**
- **Consideration at Two Public Meetings**

Continued Legislative Oversight

- **3-Year Sunset Provision in SB 1168**
- **Annual Reports to House and Senate Game & Fisheries and Appropriations Committees**
- **Triennial Audits by Legislative Budget and Finance Committee**
- **Senate Approval of Commissioners Every 4 Years**

Support for Senate Bill 1168

- **Senators Eichelberger and Wozniak Prime Sponsors**
- **20 Other Senators are Co-sponsors**
- **Major Sportsmen Organizations Support**
 - **Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs**
 - **Unified Sportsmen of Pennsylvania**
 - **Trout Unlimited**
 - **Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation**
- **Unanimously Reported from Senate Game & Fisheries Committee on March 23, 2016**