History and Status Illinois Urban Fishing Program By Herb Dreier

Started in Chicago more than 25 years ago

Goals were and still remain

- 1) Teaching individuals of all ages to fish
- 2) Enhancing fishing opportunities in populated areas
- 3) Creating an understanding of and instilling a greater appreciation for natural resources

Getting participants interested in fishing

1) Must go fishing

2) Must catch fish

Summer Fishing Clinics

Related Fish Stockings

By 1998 five coordinators were conducting programs state wide

Fish Stockings

At one time
Stocked 126,000 Sunfish &
100,000 lbs channel catfish

Last year---112,000 sunfish and 75,000 lbs channel catfish

Simple Suggestions To Help Catch Fish

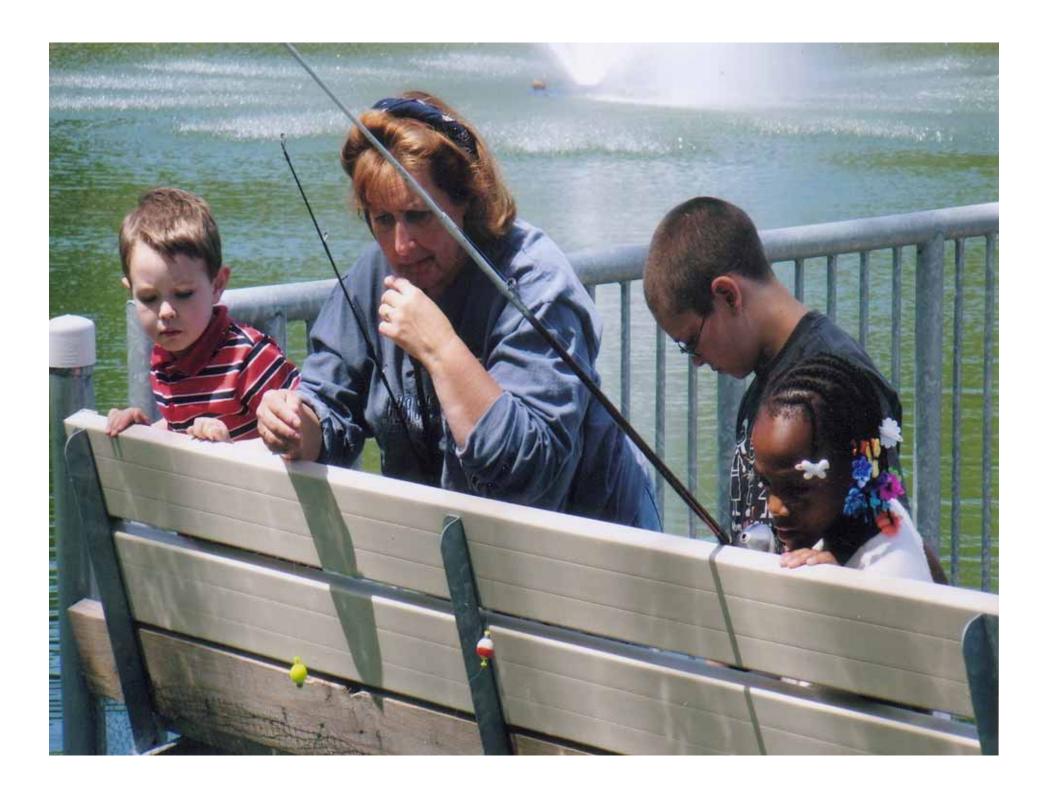
- 1) 1) Use small hook, bobber, bait
- 2) Recognize a bite & set the hook
- 3) Don't be too patient
- 4) Fish the good habitat areas

Other Fishing Programs

- With Schools
 - P.E. Programs
 - Fishing Field Trips
 - After School Programs
- Scout Programs
- Volunteer Programs
- State Fair









































Programs & Attendees

Year	Programs	Attendees
2007	2,306	84,337
2008	2,100	79,613
2009	2,268	90,048
2010	1,960	82,618