

**History and Status
Illinois Urban
Fishing Program
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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) 1) Must go fishing

2) 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) 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





























Choose Your
Favorite Catfish
Stink Bait.











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