## Vermont Fish and Wildlife 2014 License Sales

PRESENT AND FUTURE TRENDS


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## Background: Licenses and Permits

- Generate almost $\$ 7$ million annually
- Second largest source of revenue for the Department; 1/3 of the overall budget.
- Peak license sales:

1974 114,985 hunting
1982 107,110 fishing

## Historic License Sales

Annual Hunting and Combination License Sales 1950-2014


## Historic License Sales

Annual Resident Fishing and Combination License Sales 1950-2014


## Historic License Sales



## License Sales and Population



## Vermont's Population in 2014



## Population and License Sales


*Please note that the left axis is for population and the right axis is for \# of licenses sold*

## Revenues Generated by Age



## Summary

- Majority of license buying population is between 42 and 64 years old
- Highest concentration in their mid-50s
- Hunting license sales are correlated closely with population
- Decline will likely continue based on demographic trends


## License Sales and Opportunity



## County

| Coulnty | Population Age 18-64 | Population IDensity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Addison | 23,975 | 48 people/square mile |
| Bennington | 21,849 | 54 people/square mile |
| Caledonia | 19,337 | 48 people/square mile |
| Chittenden | 109,348 | 296 people/square mile |
| Essex | 3,688 | 9 people/square mile |
| Franklin | 30,694 | 76 people/square mile |
| Grand Isle | 4,443 | 85 people/square mile |
| Lamoille | 16,018 | 54 people/square mile |
| Orange | 18,153 | 42 people/square mile |
| Orleans | 16,177 | 39 people/square mile |
| Rutland | 37,921 | 65 people/square mile |
| Washington | 37,734 | 86 people/square mile |
| Windham | 27,321 | 56 people/square mile |
| Windsor | 34,071 | 58 people/square mile |

## Resident Fishing - Purchase Rates



## Resident Hunting - Purchase Rates



## Resident Combination - Purchase Rates



## Waterfowl Stamp- Purchase Rates



## Resident Fishing License Sales by Town Top 25\% of Sales



## Resident Hunting License Sales by Town Top 25\% of Sales



## Resident Combination License Sales by Town Top 25\% of Sales



## Summary

- Resident fishing purchase rates trend higher toward northwestern Vermont.
- Resident hunting purchase rates trend higher toward northeastern Vermont.
- Waterfowl stamp purchase rates trend higher toward the Champlain Valley.
- Chittenden and Windham counties have low purchase rates for numerous licenses.


## Price Elasticity for Select F\&W Licenses

## Resident Combination Licenses



## Nonresident Annual Fishing Licenses



Average year over year change in the number of licenses sold for non-fee years $=-0.24 \%$ Average year over year change in the number of licenses sold for fee years $=-5.24 \%$

## Nonresident Combination Licenses



Revenue Analysis of Proposed Change in Permanent License Age

|  | FY2015 | FY2016 | FY2017 | FY2018 | FY2019 | FY2020 | FY2021 |
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| Revenues from Permanent License Sales | \$ 108,850 | \$ 117,626 | \$ 61,200 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Revenues from Annual License Sales | \$ | \$ | \$ 33,711 | \$ 97,443 | \$ 154,779 | \$ 209,266 | \$ 263,429 |
| TOTAL SALES | \$ 108,850 | \$ 117,626 | \$ 94,911 | \$ 97,443 | \$ 154,779 | \$ 209,266 | \$ 263,429 |

Sold an average of 2,169 permanent licenses annually between 2013-2015.

