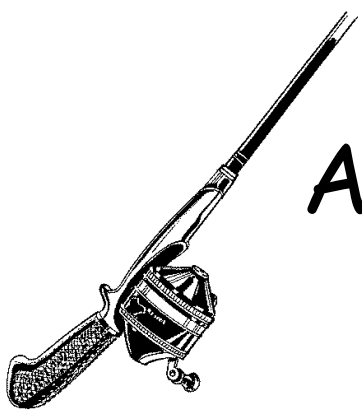




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ANGLER EDUCATION PROGRAM



Angler Education Program



Our Mission

A Brief History



Volunteer Instructors



Program Components



Program Partners



To foster public appreciation and understanding of our state's aquatic resources through the experience of fishing.



PROGRAM HISTORY



- 1979 - The **Urban Angler Program** serving primarily urban youth in Worcester and Boston
- 1984 – Wallop Breaux Amendment to the Federal Aid In Sportfish Restoration Program resulted in the **Angler Education Program**
- **Teaching people to fish** was the main focus, with water conservation, habitat protection, watersheds and wetlands, and outdoor ethics are also taught
- Primarily **fishing classes** and **weekend family fishing festivals**

Angler Education Program Today

Program goals

- Educate the public about our aquatic outdoors through the experience of fishing
- Introduce or reintroduce the public to fishing
- Promote the abundant waterways and fishing opportunities in MA
- Provide a fun relaxing outdoor experience

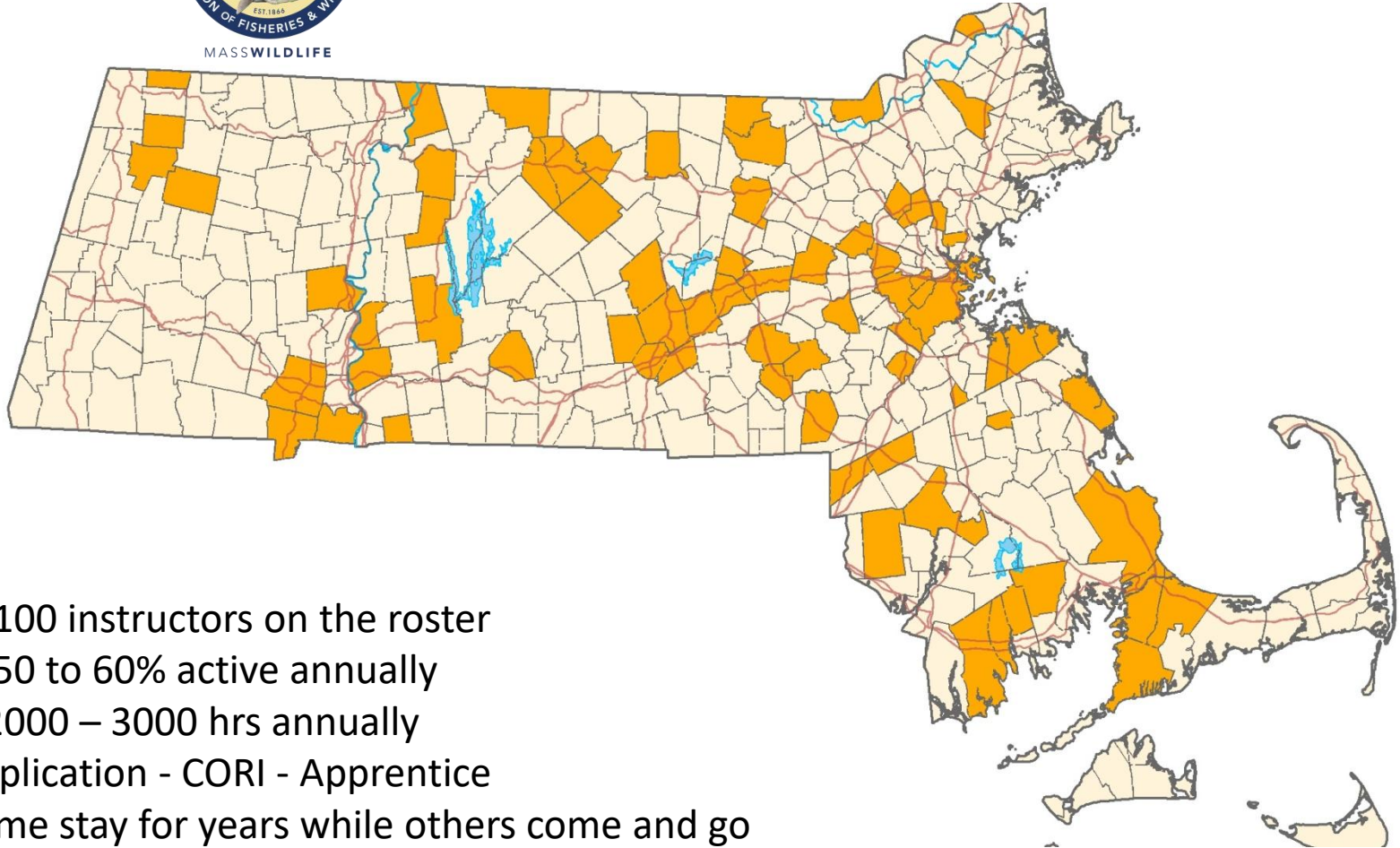
Program Instructors



“Big hearted” citizen volunteers
Program could not exist without them



Angler Ed Instructors



- ~ 100 instructors on the roster
- ~ 50 to 60% active annually
- ~ 2000 – 3000 hrs annually
- Application - CORI - Apprentice
- Some stay for years while others come and go

Angler Ed Program Today

Family Fishing Festivals



Family Fishing Clinics



Nex Step Fishing Programs



Equipment Loaner Program

Family Fishing Festivals



Family Fishing Festival Overview

- Weekend events
- 4 to 6 hours
- Open to the Public
- Partner with state agencies, businesses, and civic organizations
- Focus on Families
- Non-competitive
- Learning stations (casting/knot tying/fish I.D./equipment/etc...)
- Average 15 to 20 events annually with ~ 2,500 people attending

Family Fishing Clinics



- 2 to 3-hour programs designed to give participants a solid introduction to fishing
- Typically, weekday evenings



Fishing Clinic Overview

- 2 to 3-hour programs
- Pre-Registration Required
- Focus on smaller groups
- Short talk on: equipment, safety and ethics, fish I.D. & anatomy, and rigging up
- Casting Practice
- Bulk of time is spent fishing
- Provide instructional handouts
- Average 75 to 100 clinics annually, with 1,500 to 2,000 people/year attending





Next Step Fishing Programs



Fly Casting Clinics



Fly Tying Classes



Ice Fishing Clinics



Salt-Water Clinics

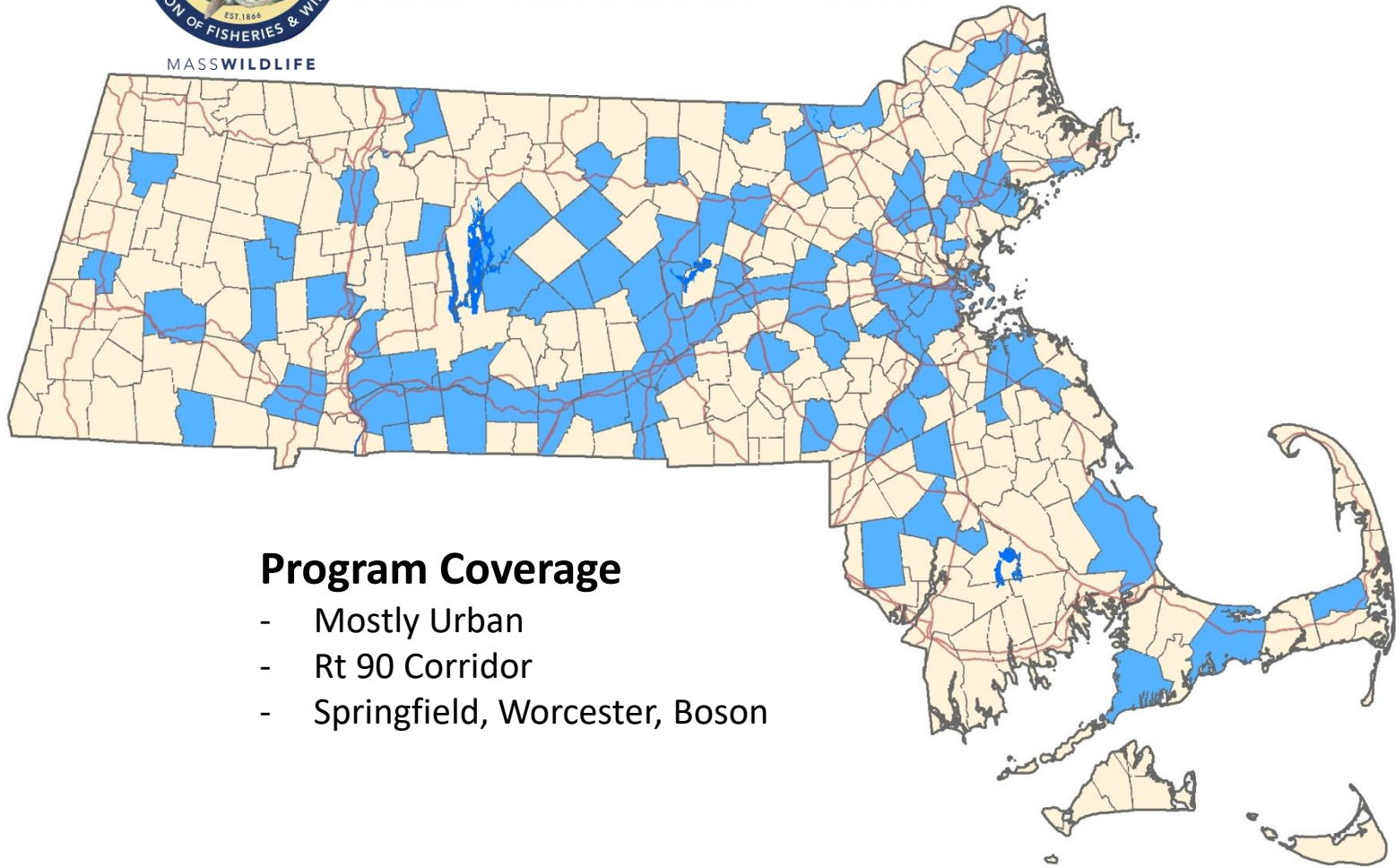


Species Specific Programs





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Program Coverage

- Mostly Urban
- Rt 90 Corridor
- Springfield, Worcester, Boston

Fishing Gear Loaner Program

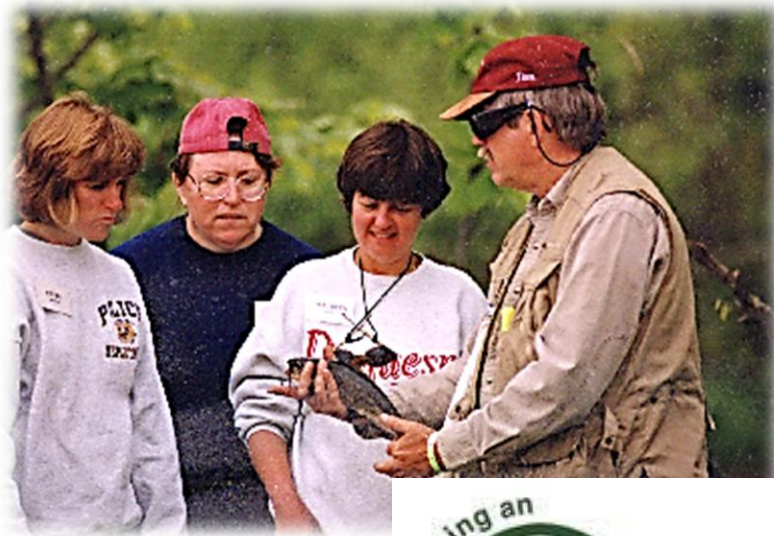


"If we can't be there, we can help by lending fishing gear"

- * We Loan out ~ 800 to 1000 rods annually, as well as terminal tackle, and instructional handouts.

Trout Stocking Programs









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