

Wisconsin Inland Trout Stamp by the Numbers Anglers Investment in Habitat is Paying Dividends

Wisconsin Trout Unlimited supports an inflation adjustment to the Inland Trout Stamp Fee to make trout fishing even better in Wisconsin.



Wisconsin has over 13,000 miles of classified trout streams and about 1,000 spring ponds. The Inland Trout Stamp was \$7.25 in 1992 and raised to its current price of \$10 in 2006.

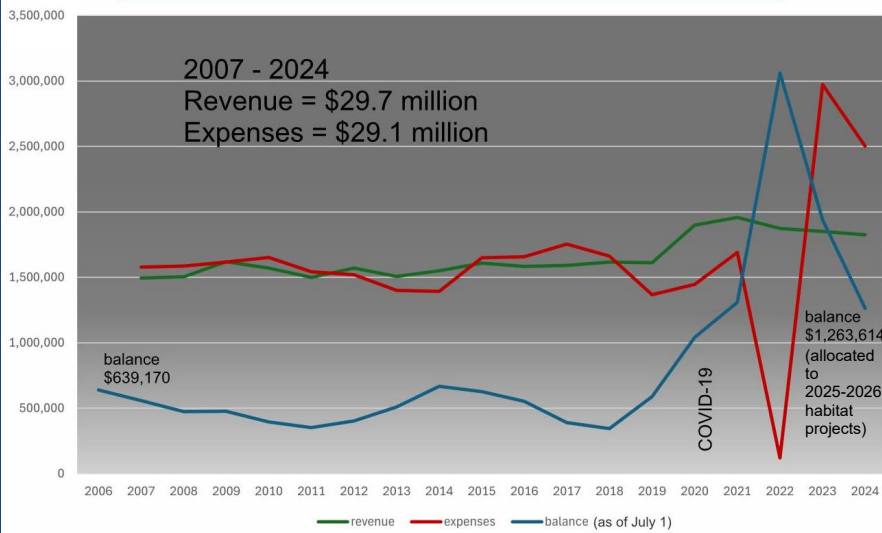
On average, Trout Stamp funds improve and maintain 25 miles of trout streams and 1 spring pond every year. (source: WI Inland Trout Management Plan, 2019-2029).

If we keep pace for the next 20 years, that's 500 miles of improvements and 20 spring ponds.

Outpaced by Inflation:

\$7.25 Fee in 1992 adjusted for inflation would be **\$16.61** in 2025.
\$10 Fee in 2006 adjusted for inflation would be **\$15.52** in 2025.

WI INLAND TROUT STAMP REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, FISCAL YEAR BALANCE



source: Wisconsin DNR

2019 Spring Hearing Results

Question #82. Would you favor a legislative change to an increase in the Inland Trout Stamp from \$10 to \$15 to allow more trout stream restoration?

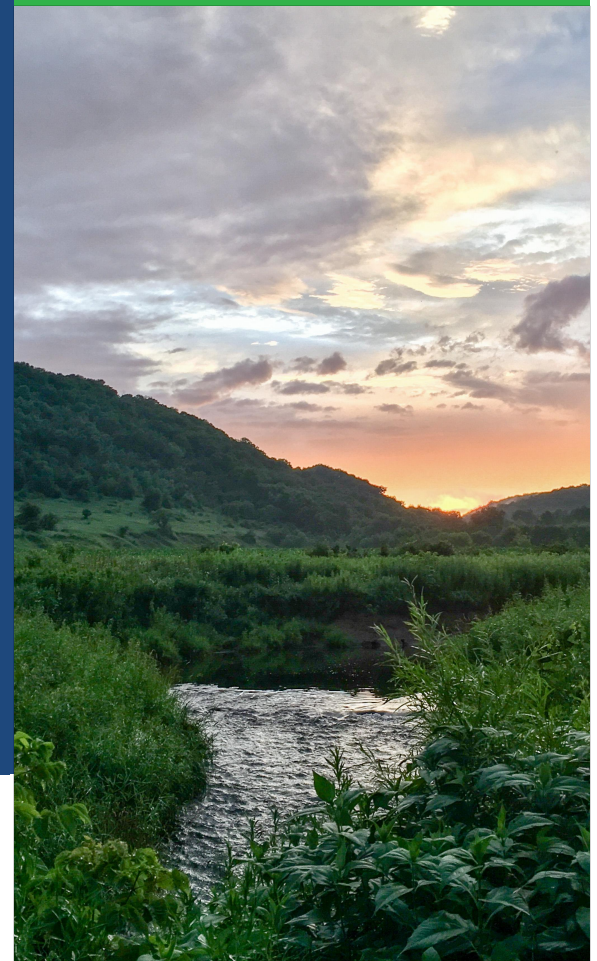
70.3% answered YES

(5324 Y, 2241 N)

What Our Neighbors are Doing:
Iowa: \$14.50 trout stamp

Minnesota: \$10.75 trout stamp plus a 0.375% Legacy Fund sales tax

Michigan: In 2014, the Trout Stamp was eliminated and their general Fishing License was raised to \$26



Wisconsin Trout Unlimited is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which consists of approximately 6,500 members in 21 local chapters working to ensure that future generations have access to cold, clean, fishable water.

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