On the Conditions for Developing Hunting and Fishing Tourism in Sweden

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My project

• Create employment in rural areas
• Focus on family forest farms
• Use of wildlife and fish for rural development
Possible solution?
Sustainable development

• Environmental
• Economic
• Social
Objectives

1. What are the general public’s attitudes toward recreational hunting and fishing in Sweden?
2. Is there a risk that the general public’s attitudes will become more negative in the future?
3. What are the perceptions toward hunting and fishing tourism among rural inhabitants?
4. What are the general public’s attitudes toward catch and release fishing?
5. Do recreational anglers accept catch and release as a management policy?
Local residents attitudes

Differentiated RPA (mean score)
- under 10
- 10 - 12
- over 12

Util. use of prot. nature (mean score)
- under 21
- 21 - 24
- over 24

Fishing household (%)
- under 55
- 55 - 72
- over 72

Hunting household (%)
- under 25
- 25 - 45
- over 45
Catch & release (C&R) angling

• C&R can be used to have a sustainable fishing and still allow a high number of anglers
• C&R can also be controversial as it involves using animals purely for recreation
## C&R norm results

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Summary

• General public
  • High support in general
  • Stable or slightly increasing in time
  • Support drops for hunting and fishing with no utilitarian motive

• Local residents
  • Might perceive tourism as an intrusion

• Recreational anglers
  • Majority accepts at least part of their catch
  • Support for C&R is higher among younger anglers
  • Situational factor can be very important for the support (e.g. pike specialists anglers were often C&R anglers)
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