

## STUDY PERFORMANCE REPORT

**State:** Michigan

**Project No.:** F-81-R-2

**Study No.:** 489

**Title:** Comparison of mail and creel survey estimates for recreational fishing on the Great Lakes

**Period Covered:** October 1, 2000 - September 30, 2001

**Study Objective:** To examine the feasibility of using a mail and/or telephone survey to provide estimates of effort, targeted effort, harvest, and targeted harvest by month and Statistical Reporting District for selected species from Michigan's waters of the Great Lakes.

**Summary:** The study was not completed due to several complicating factors. The study was amended to facilitate its eventual completion.

**Job 8 Title:** Prepare annual report.

**Findings:** This report was prepared. The Research Associate working on this project took another job in 1998. Although the former research associate continued to work with the principal investigators, progress has been very slow. For example, when the former Research Associate met with Dr. Bence in September, 2000 he was confident that a final version of the databases would be ready within weeks. A not quite complete version of the full database was received in late July 2001. Although additional work has been done since then on correcting errors in the database, the database is not yet completely error checked and finalized. The PI's have determined that they can no longer rely on the former Research Associate to complete the final report. During the next year the lead PI (Bence) will review what is needed to complete this project. That plan will be implemented during 2002-2003. As a consequence editing and finishing of the final report by Research Administration will be delayed until 2003-04.

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