



Angler Education Program Annual Tackle Loaner Report FY 2022



The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Tackle Loaner Program under the direction of the Angler Education Program aims to recruit or reactivate anglers to the sport by providing access to fishing equipment to visitors free of charge. The primary audience is families and groups who have never fished or who already enjoy fishing yet might not have access to equipment.

The overall statewide **FY 2022** (Sep 1st – Aug 31st) reported **3,170** users, a **110% increase from FY 2021** – a **significant increase and possible trend toward pre-pandemic numbers**. The Tackle Loaner Program received reports from **36 Tackle Loaner sites** throughout the state. These sites include **28 State Parks** and **8 non-TPWD sites, including 4 libraries** that have access to fishable public waters, with some nearby TPWD stocked Neighborhood Fishing Ponds.



FY 2022 breakdown by gender & age; *23% reported as 1st time anglers

Adult Males	Adult Females	Youth Males	Youth Females	Total Borrowers	*1 st Time Anglers	Fish Caught
972	659	927	612	3,170	730	474



FY 22 also **saw 7 sites activated or reactivated in FY 2022**. The program continued to provide resources to support fishing line recycling at Tackle Loaner sites.

As an active Tackle Loaner site, you can request a fishing line recycling collection tube or cardboard stand. Sites can also request a prepaid, preaddressed box to send their collected fishing line for recycling.

Four fishing line collection tubes and 3 preaddressed, prepaid fishing line recycling collection boxes were sent in FY 22.