

Frozen Down Under

A Four-Year Assessment of Ice Anglers and Aquatic Invasive Species in Oneida County

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LESSONS LEARNED

- AIS outreach during winter months generates engaging, productive, and positive AIS discussions with ice anglers.
- Why? Because, unlike the open-water season, when AIS dialog must move rapidly due to rushed activities at busy boat landings, most ice anglers are not in a hurry!



Survey Conducted in 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2018

Total Surveys Completed: 764

Oneida County Ice Fishing Survey

1. In addition to ice fishing do you also do open water fishing?
 Yes No
2. How often do you ice fish multiple lakes in one day?
 Never Rarely Sometimes Often Always
3. What species of fish do you ice fish for? *(check all that apply)*
 Panfish Walleye Northern Some other fish? _____
4. Do you ever refresh your bait bucket with lake water when you ice fish?
 Yes No I don't use bait – I only use artificials
5. When ice fishing with bait, once your bait has been in the water, do you *EVER* return the used bait to your bait bucket?
 Yes No I don't use bait – I only use artificials
6. During a typical ice fishing day, which time periods do you fish? *(check all that apply)*
 Morning (dawn to 12:00 pm) Evening (5:01 pm to 9 pm)
 Afternoon (12:01 pm to 5:00 pm) Night (9:01 pm to pre-dawn)
7. During a typical winter, how many ice fishing tournaments do you fish?
 If none, please enter "0".

 I typically fish _____ ice fishing tournaments each year

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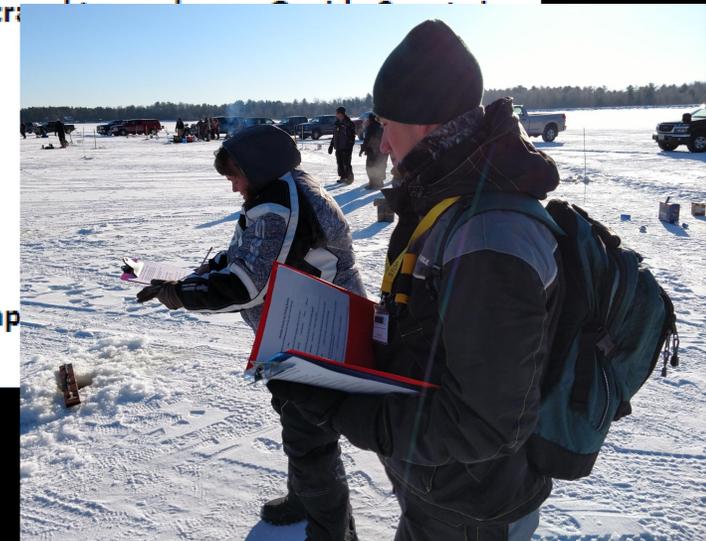
8. Do you believe aquatic invasive species are dormant (inactive) in winter?
 I don't know enough about aquatic invasive species to answer
 Yes, all aquatic invasive species become dormant in the winter
 Some become dormant but others remain active during the winter
 No, all aquatic invasive species remain active during the winter
9. During any fishing season (open water or ice fishing), have you ever been approached by an individual that discussed AIS with you?
 Yes No Unsure

 If yes, do you know who that individual was affiliated with?

 Clean Boats Clean Water (CBCW) program DNR
 County Land & Water Department Other _____
10. Did you travel from a state other than Wisconsin to reach this lake?
 No Yes If yes, from which state did your travel start? _____
11. How many miles, ONE-WAY, did you travel to reach your fishing lake?

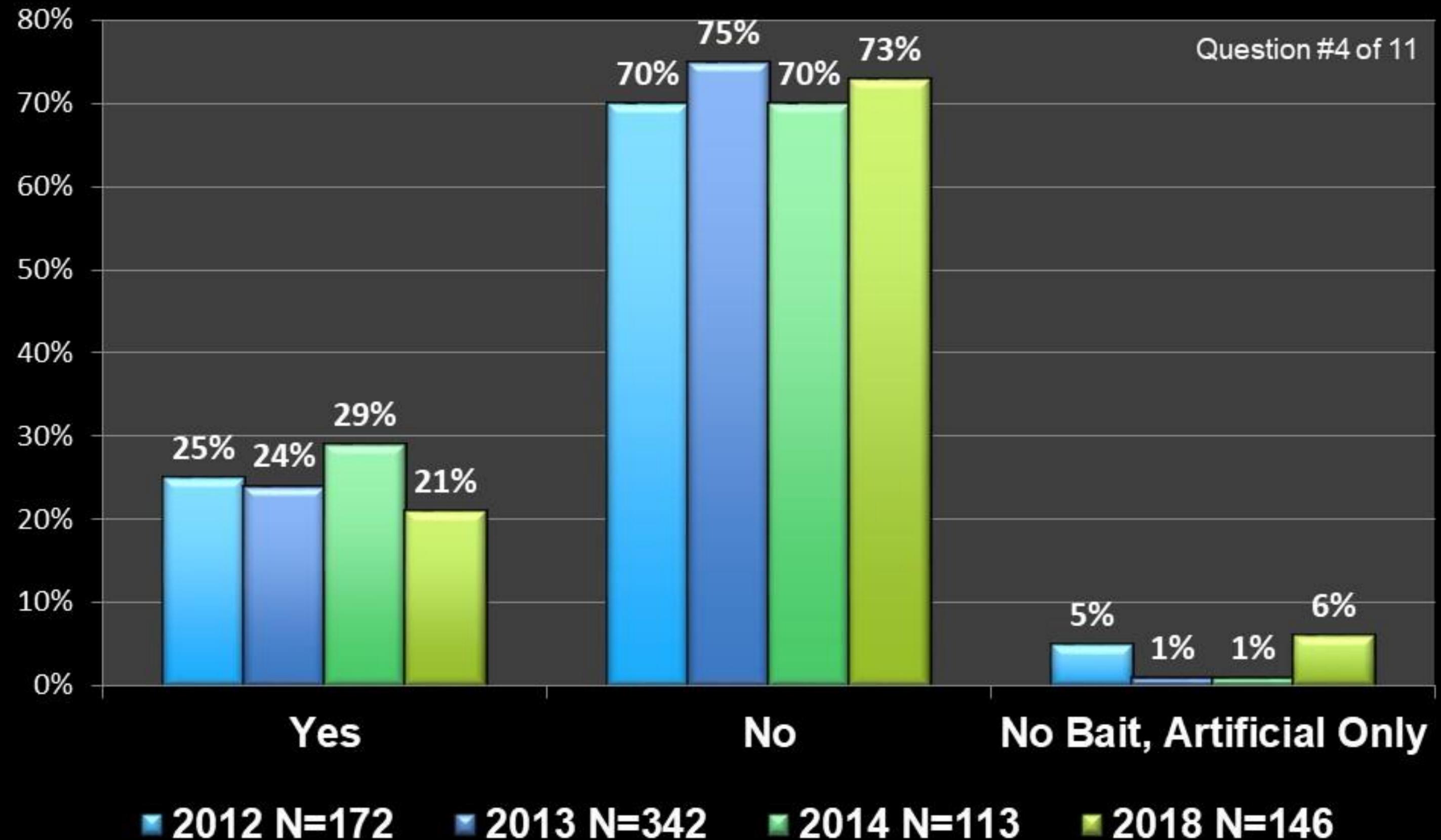
 _____ miles one-way.

Thank you for completing the survey!



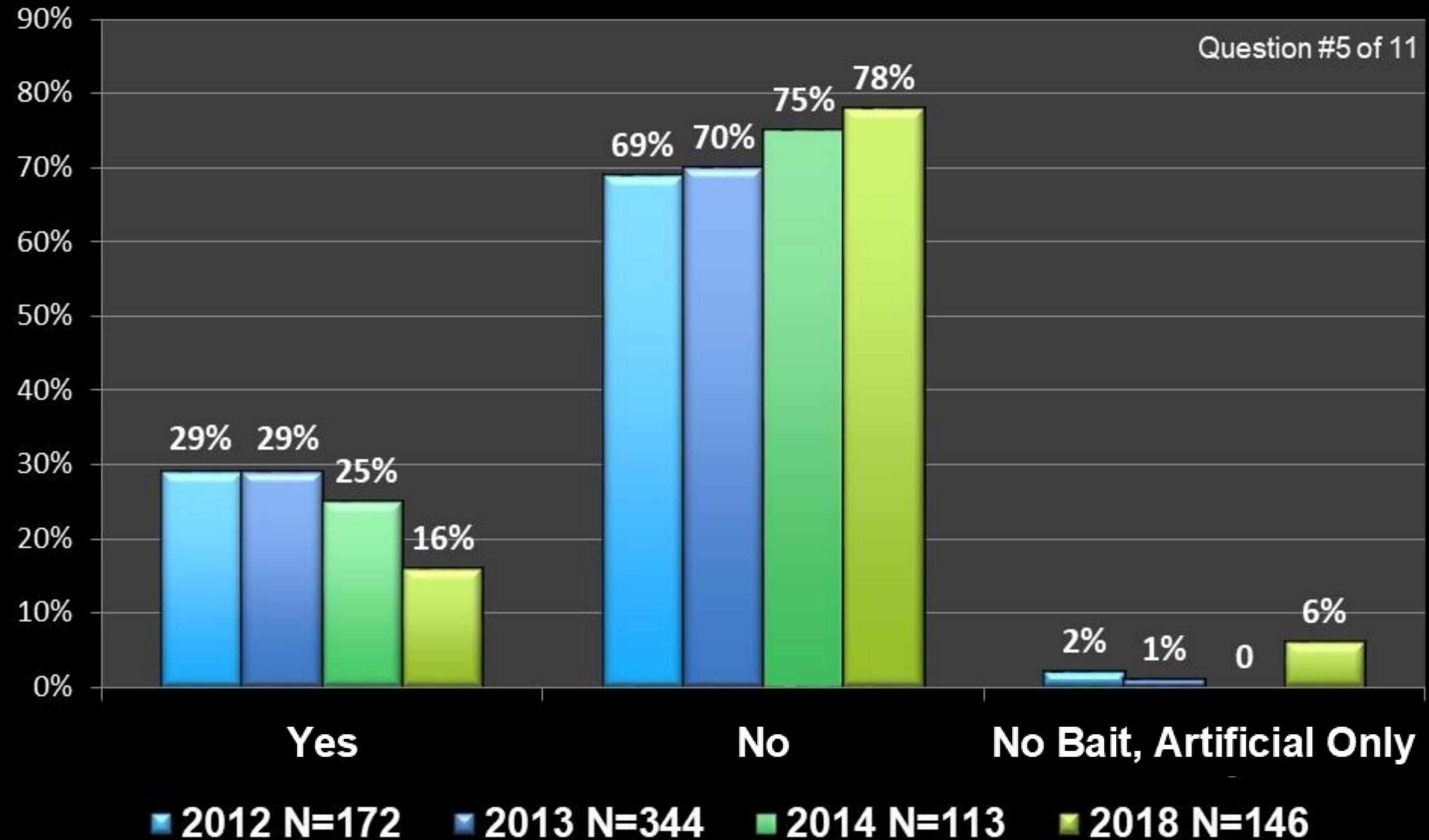
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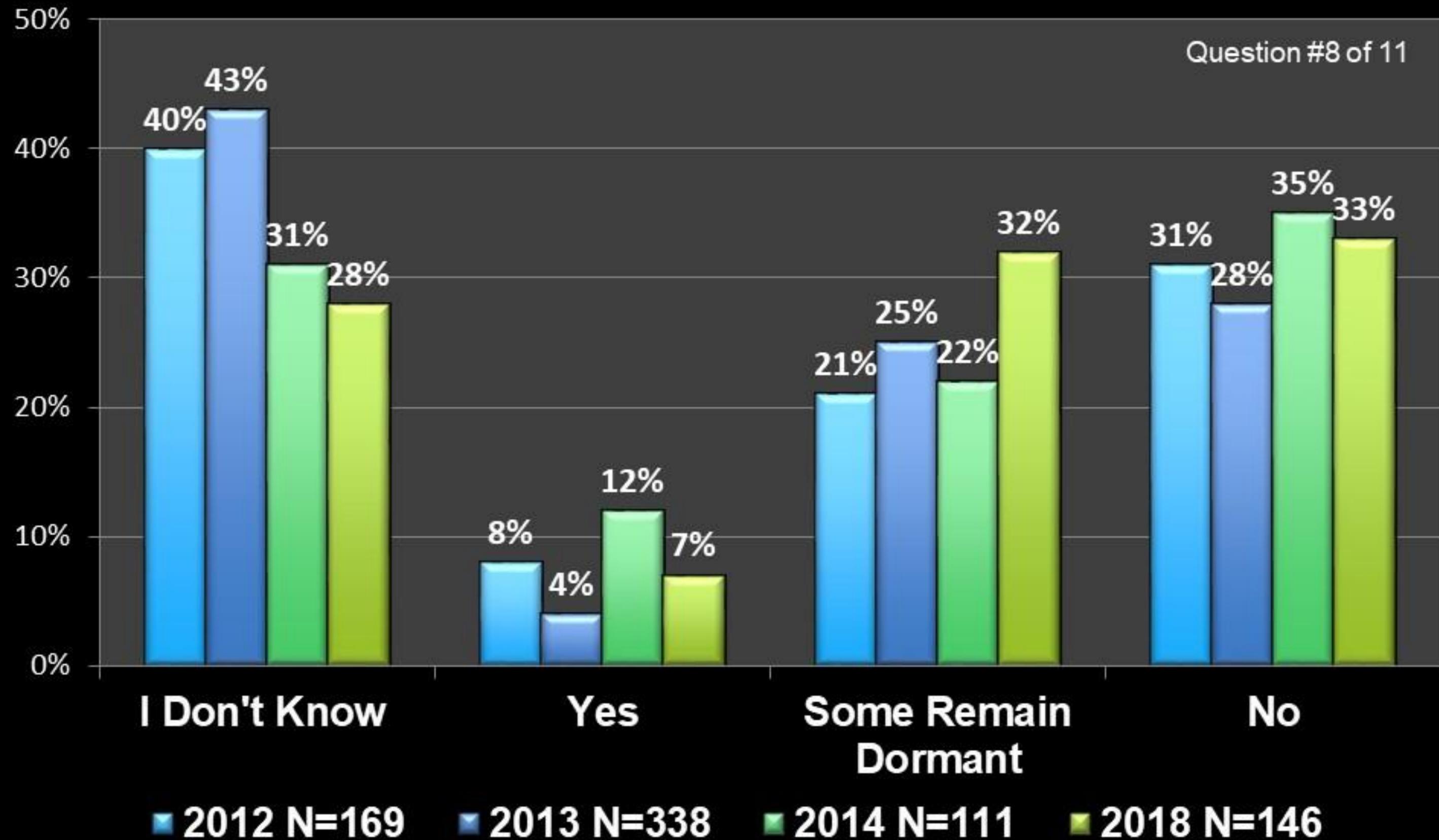
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Do you believe aquatic invasive species are dormant (inactive) in the winter?

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How many miles, ONE-WAY, did you travel to reach your Oneida County ice fishing lake?

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