

THE PROSPECTS OF FISHING TOURISM ON KOLA PENINSULA



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BRIEF INFORMATION

- The territory of the Kola Peninsula is located within the two geographical zones - tundra and taiga
- 111,609 lakes
- 18209 rivers
- A high number of valuable fish species: salmon (*Salmo salar* L.), brown trout (*Salmo trutta* L.), arctic charr (*Salvelinus alpinus* L.)



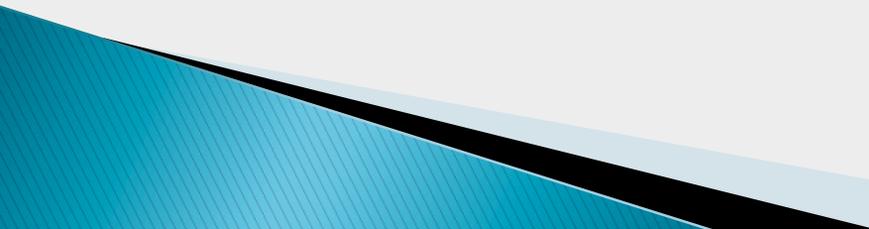


The present work aimed to assess the effectiveness of fishing tourism business in lakes and rivers of the Kola Peninsula and the prospects of tourism development in the region

Very important role of fishery research in the economy of the North-West Russia determines the work urgency



THE HISTORY OF THE SPORT FISHING DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ 1972 – start of development of recreational and sport fishing in the Kola North
 - ▶ At that time salmon fishing was organized on the Titovka River. Two years later it was carried out on five Kola rivers. In 1991 fishing areas were indicated at the most of salmon rivers of the Kola Peninsula
 - ▶ Before 1990s "catch-and-take" fishing was carried out only. This way also takes place at present. However, it is no longer the only possible way for fishing
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THE NUMBER OF SALMON CAUGHT ON LICENSE ON THE RIVERS OF KOLA PENINSULA

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2012	2013
number of river sites permitted for fishing	78	78	78	78	83	83
the number of caught salmon	2757	2888	4039	4618	6458	7545
permitted limit of salmon catch	4775	6195	7070	6823	9070	14195

GEOGRAPHY OF FISHERMEN



- Every year more than 1.5 thousand of fishermen use fly fishing on the Kola rivers
- The most of fishermen arrives from the UK (33%), the US (15%), the Scandinavian countries (21%), France (5%), and Germany (1.5%)
- In general, citizens from more than 40 countries fish on the Kola Peninsula each year



There is a question:

is it possible to increase the number of tours and fishermen on the Kola Peninsula without negative effect on the state of populations of commercial fish species?



THE PROSPECTS OF FISHERY

- Spawning salmon rivers of the Kola Peninsula are the most effective and intensive used at present
- Brown trout, arctic char, whitefish, grayling, pike, perch are not in demand
- However, in many lakes and rivers of the Kola Peninsula is still possible to catch trout, brook trout, large pike (15-20 kg), whitefish



THE PROSPECTS OF FISHERY

The prospects for the development of fishing tourism in the Kola Peninsula are far from exhausted. Among them:

- Fly fishing
- Ice fishing



Thank you for attention!

