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**SOCJOEKONOMICZNE ASPEKTY WĘDKARSTWA SPORTOWEGO
NA PRZYKŁADZIE ZAWODÓW SPŁAWIKOWYCH**

**SOCIOECONOMIC ASPECTS OF SPORT ANGLING ON THE EXAMPLE
OF FLOAT COMPETITIONS**

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ABSTRACT

Totally 109 questionnaires were collected and analysed in order to assess socio-economic importance of sport angling in Poland. An example of float competitions was used, and the anglers from 30 regional departments of the Polish Anglers Association (PAA) were interviewed directly during Polish National Championships. Evaluation of social role of sport angling was based on the quantitative analyses of participation in the competitions, as well as the anglers' preferences (fish species, types of water bodies, methods of fishing, features of organisation). Economic importance was determined on the basis of costs of participation and data on sponsoring. The studies revealed that sport angling plays an important socioeconomic role, constituting a substantial part of the whole value of recreational fisheries in Poland.