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Abstract:

The study uses the nested logit model (has the ability to represent similarities among groups of alternatives) to find out what effect the choice of nesting structure has on welfare estimates for the angler. The study compares nine nesting structures and finds that the variation in welfare estimates is not large. It studies what effect nesting structures have on angler's choice of recreation sites.