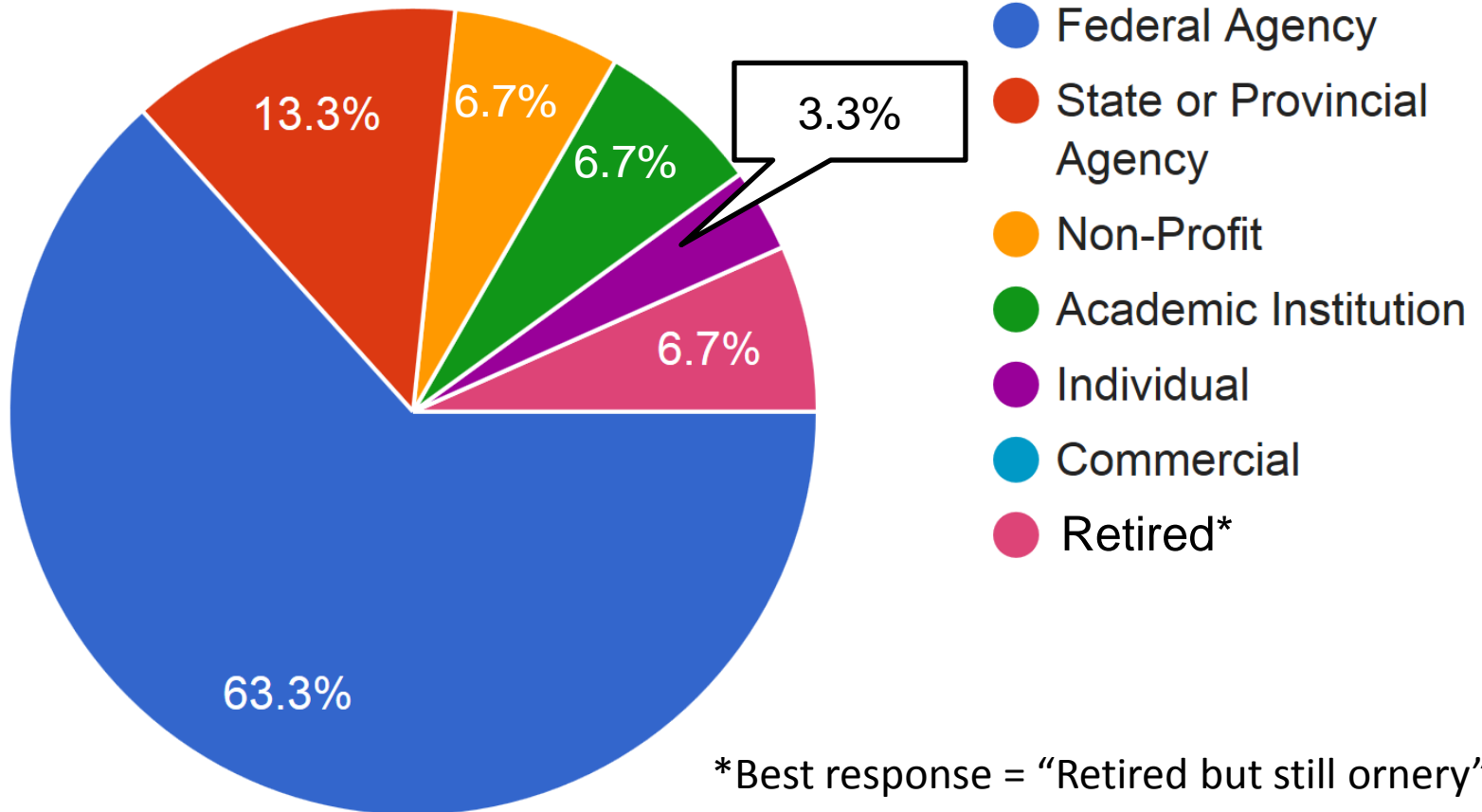




Section 1: Participant Information



(1) What type of organization do you currently work for?



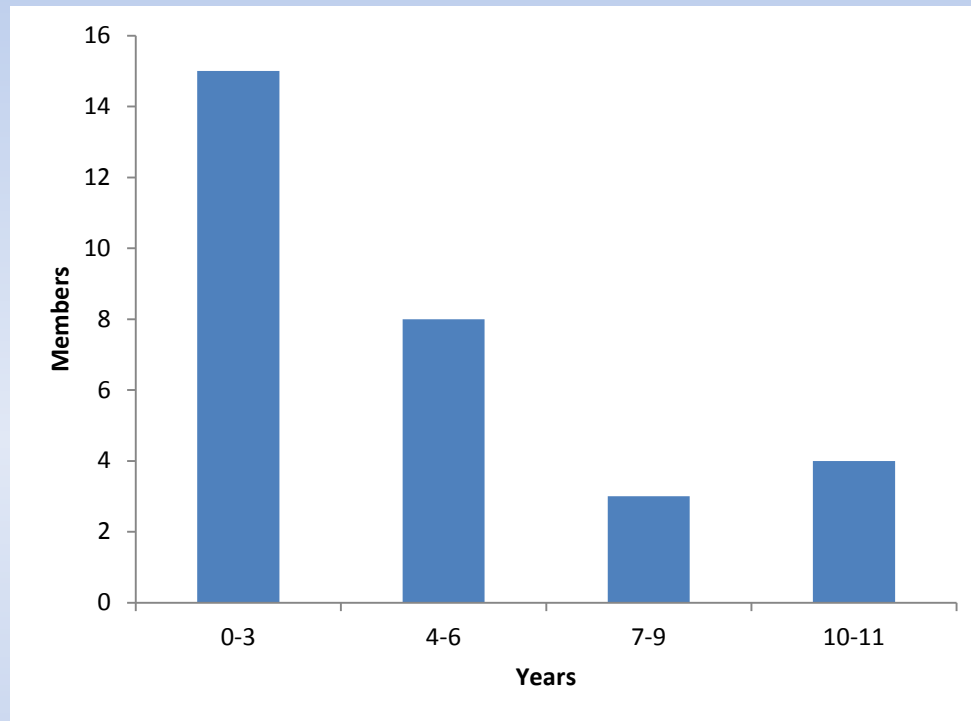
% Respondents (n=30)

*Best response = "Retired but still ornery"

(2) How many years have you been involved with the AMBC?

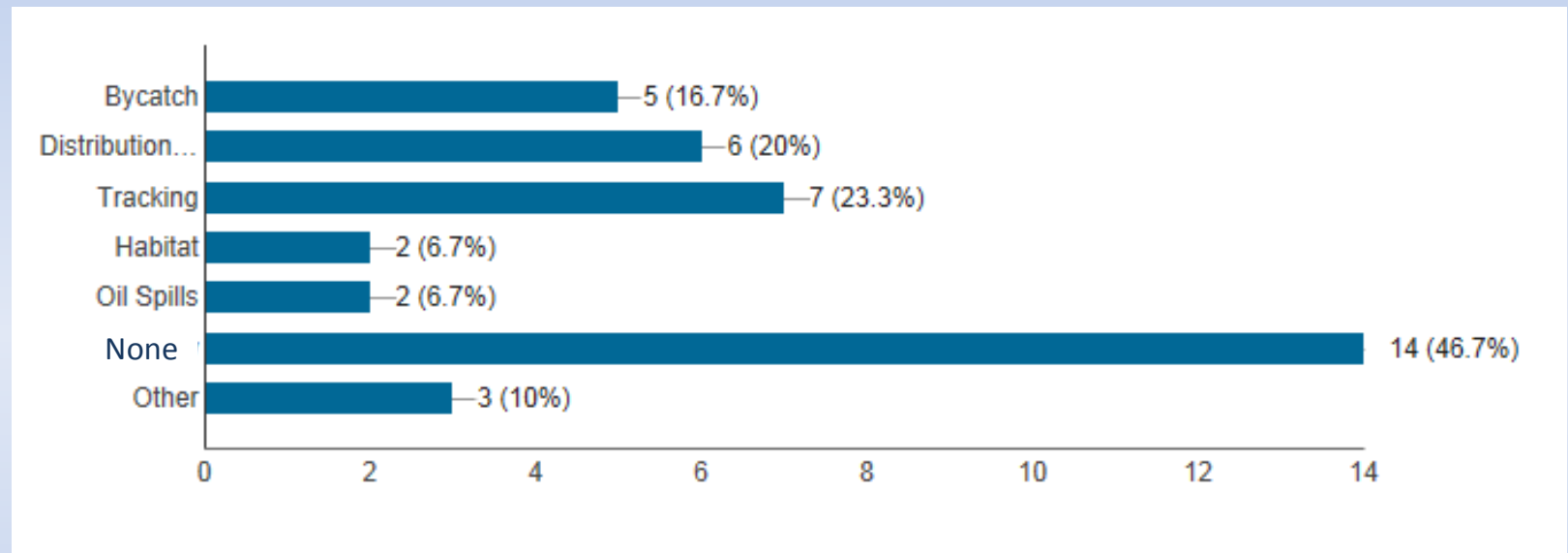


30 respondents



(3) Which AMBC Working Groups have you been a part of in the past (check all that apply)? Check “None” if never previously involved

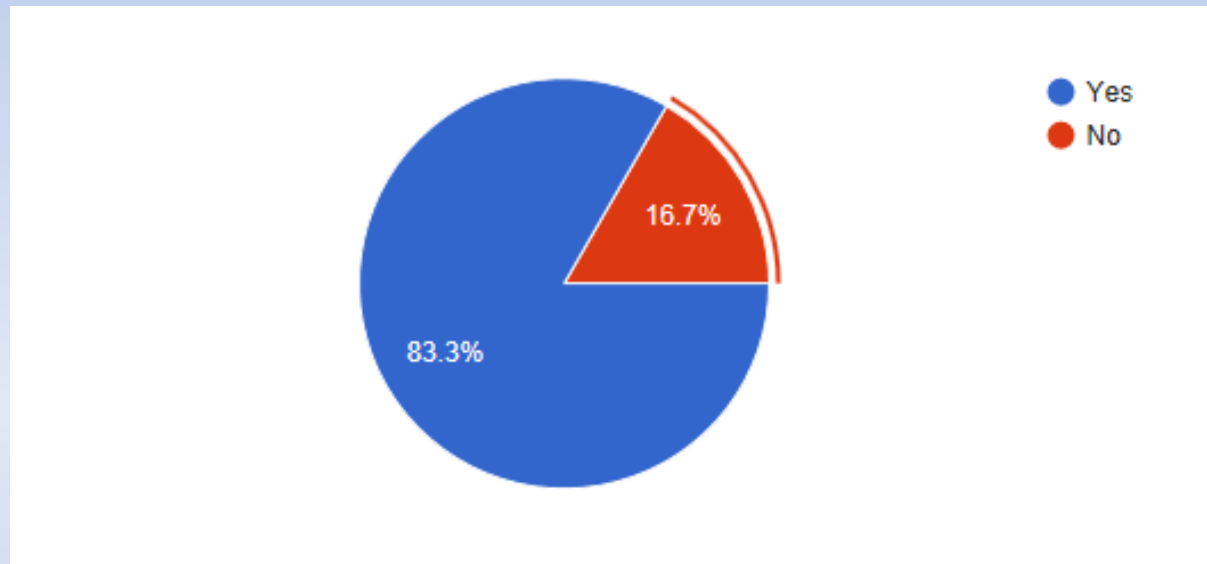
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Other: Communication & Outreach (x2); Data Mgmt. (x1)

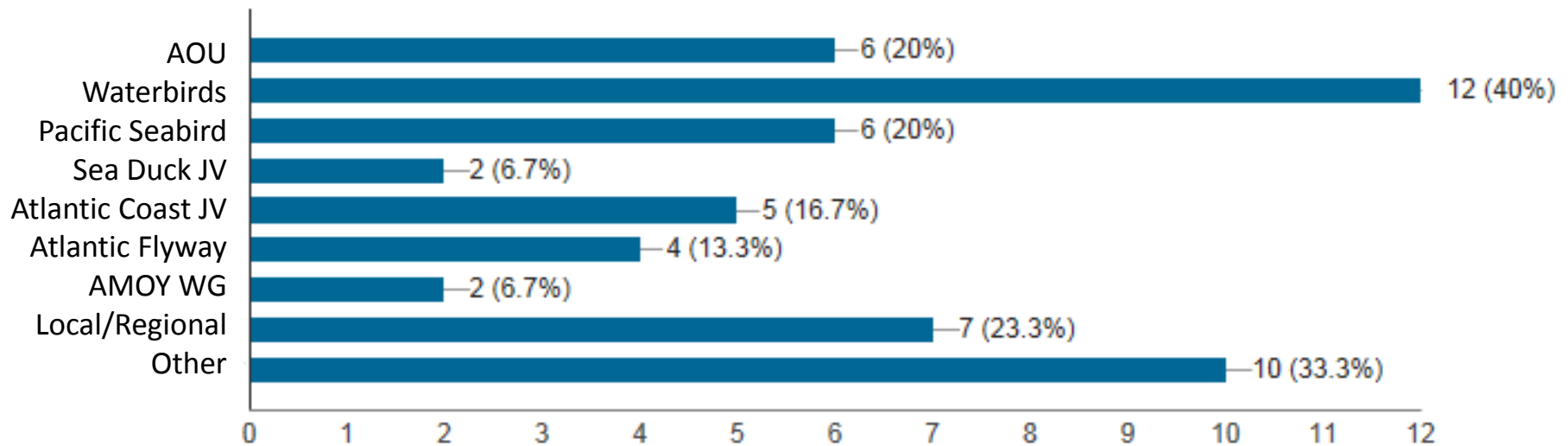
(4a) Are you a member of any other science &/or conservation groups

30 respondents



(4b) If you answered "Yes" to 4a, please let us know which groups you are a part of (check all that apply)

30 respondents



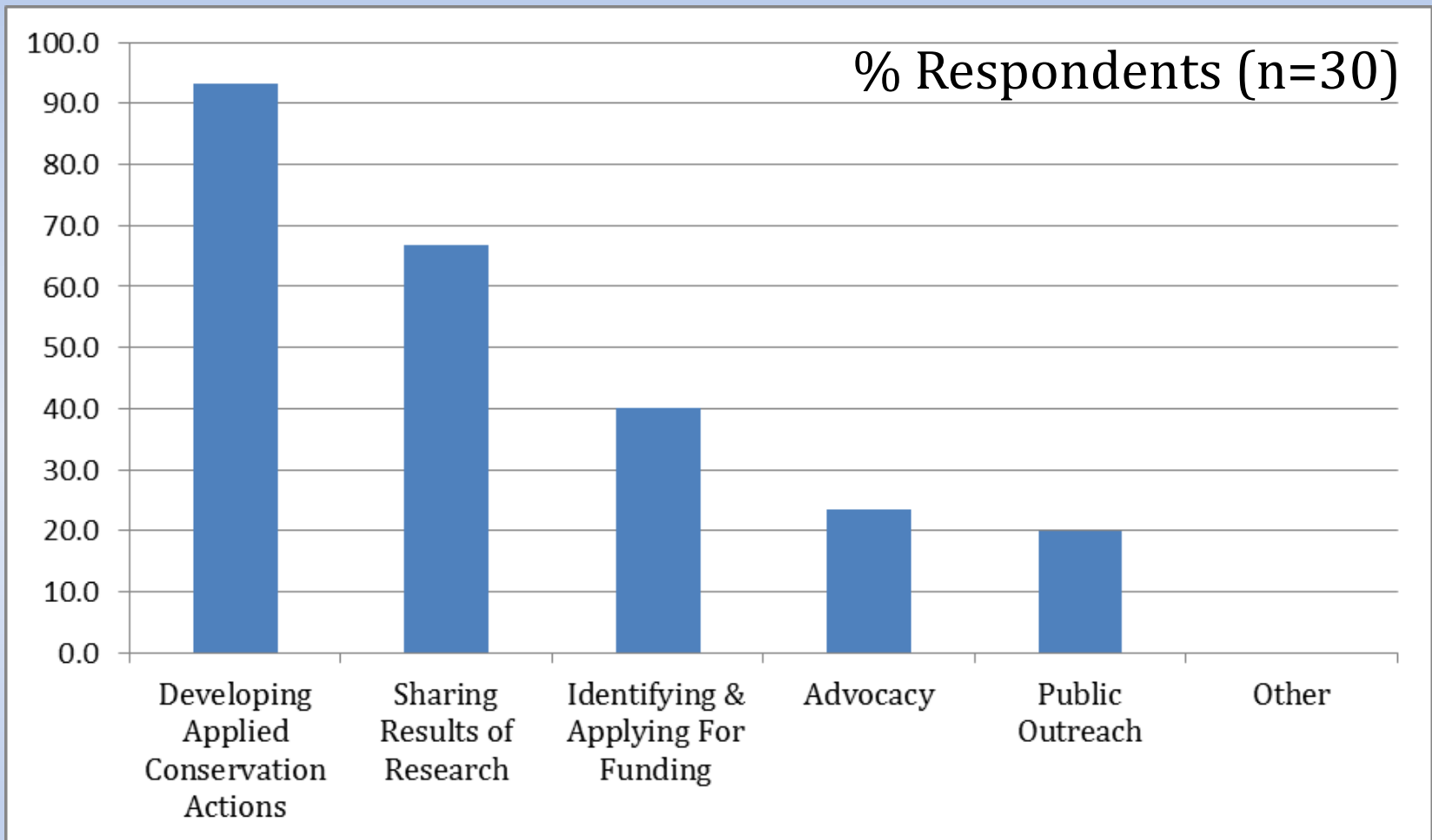


Part 2: All respondents



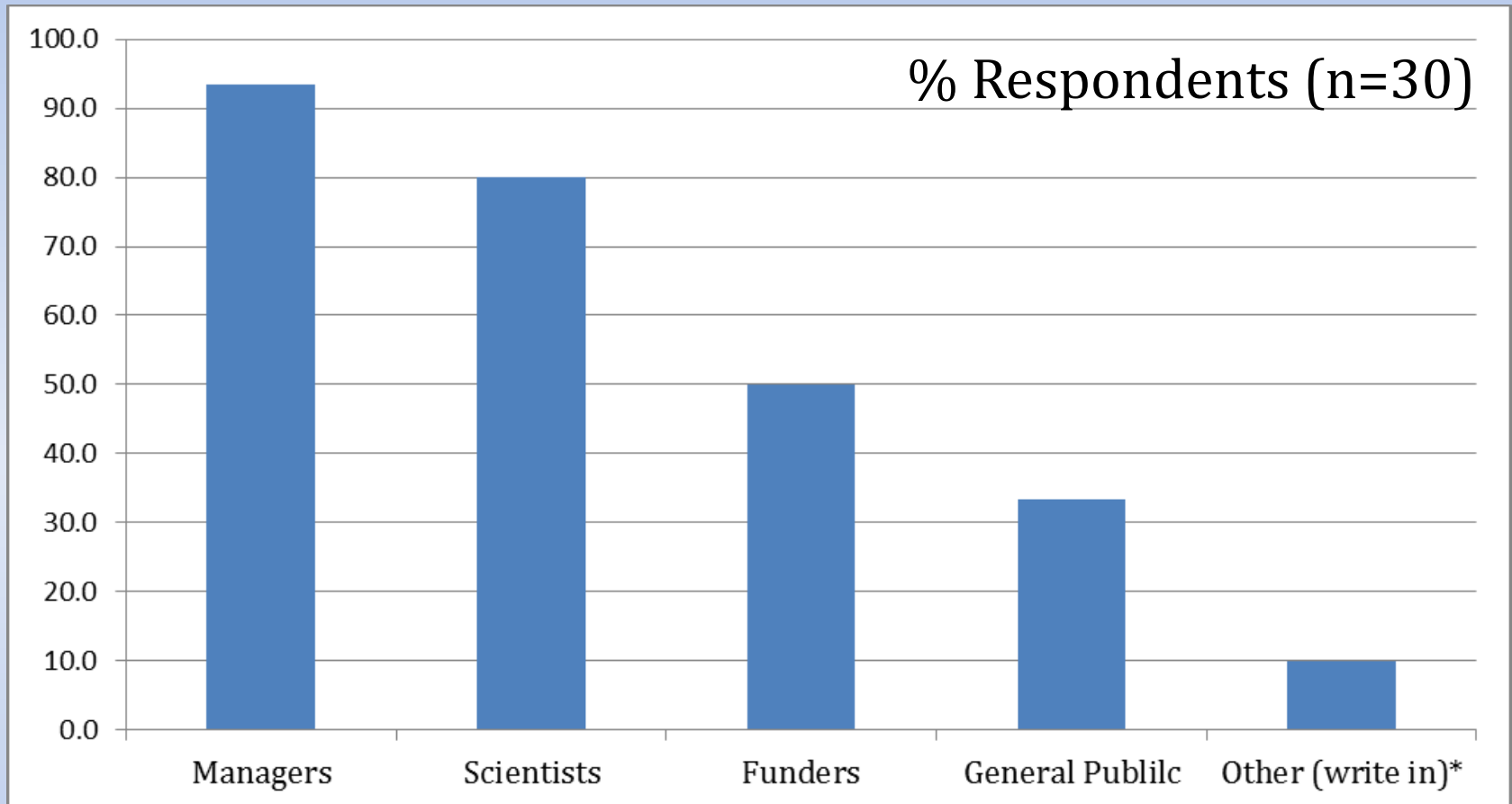
(1) What **activities** would you most like the AMBC to focus on? (up to 3)

AMBC
Atlantic Marine Bird Cooperative



(2) Which **audiences** are you most interested in targeting (check as many as needed)

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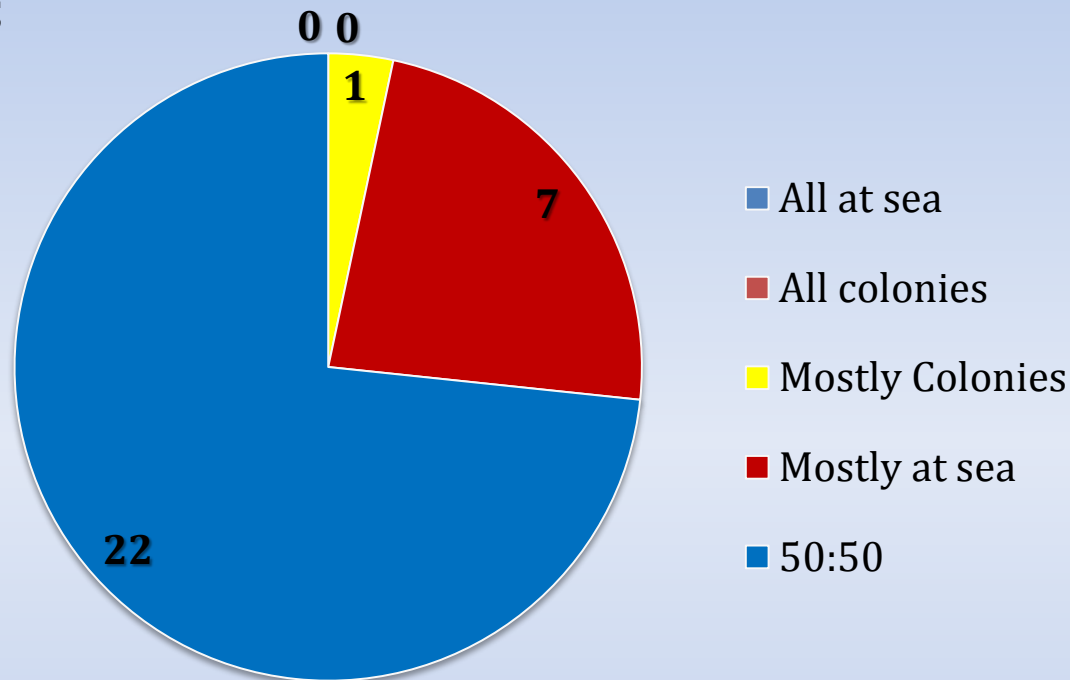


* Write In: Fishing Industry (x2); NGOs (x1)

(3) What **scope** do you think the AMBC should have?

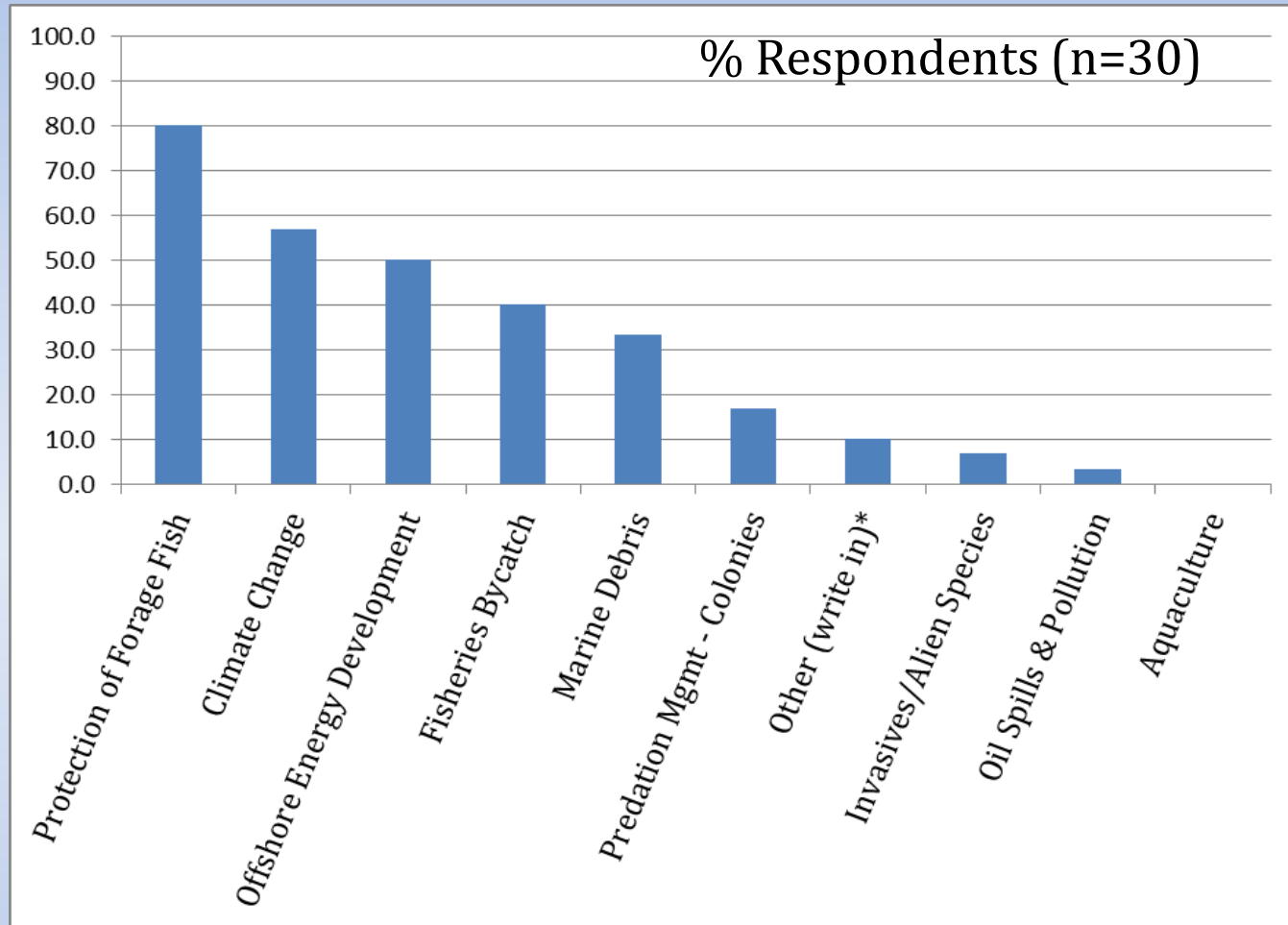


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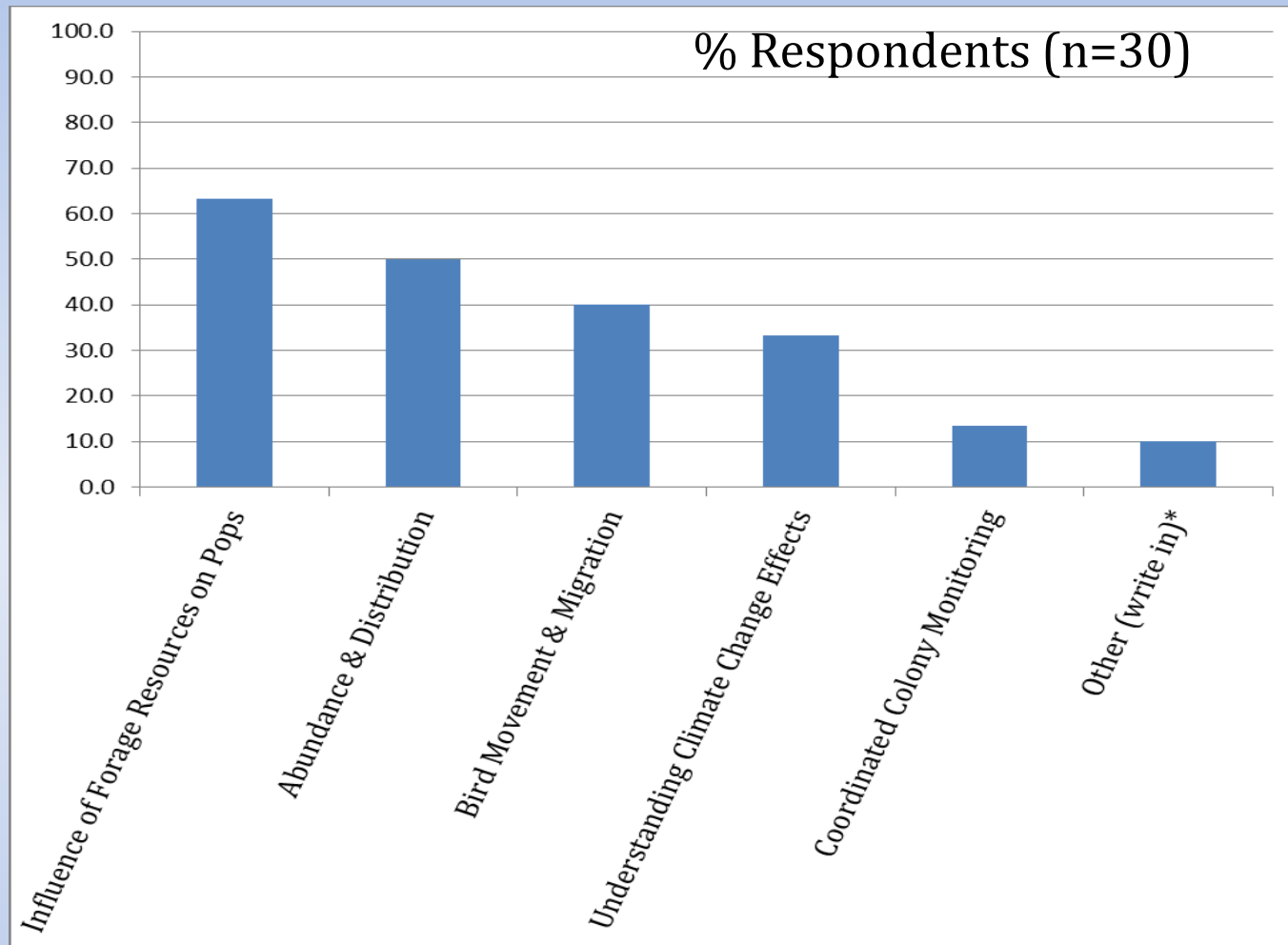
Similar results for returning members (22): 68% = 50:50

(4a) Select the 3 most important **conservation issues** for group over next 5 years



* Write In: Human disturbance - breeding; Staging area protection; Whatever has funding

(4b) Select the 2 most important **science gaps** for group over next 5 years

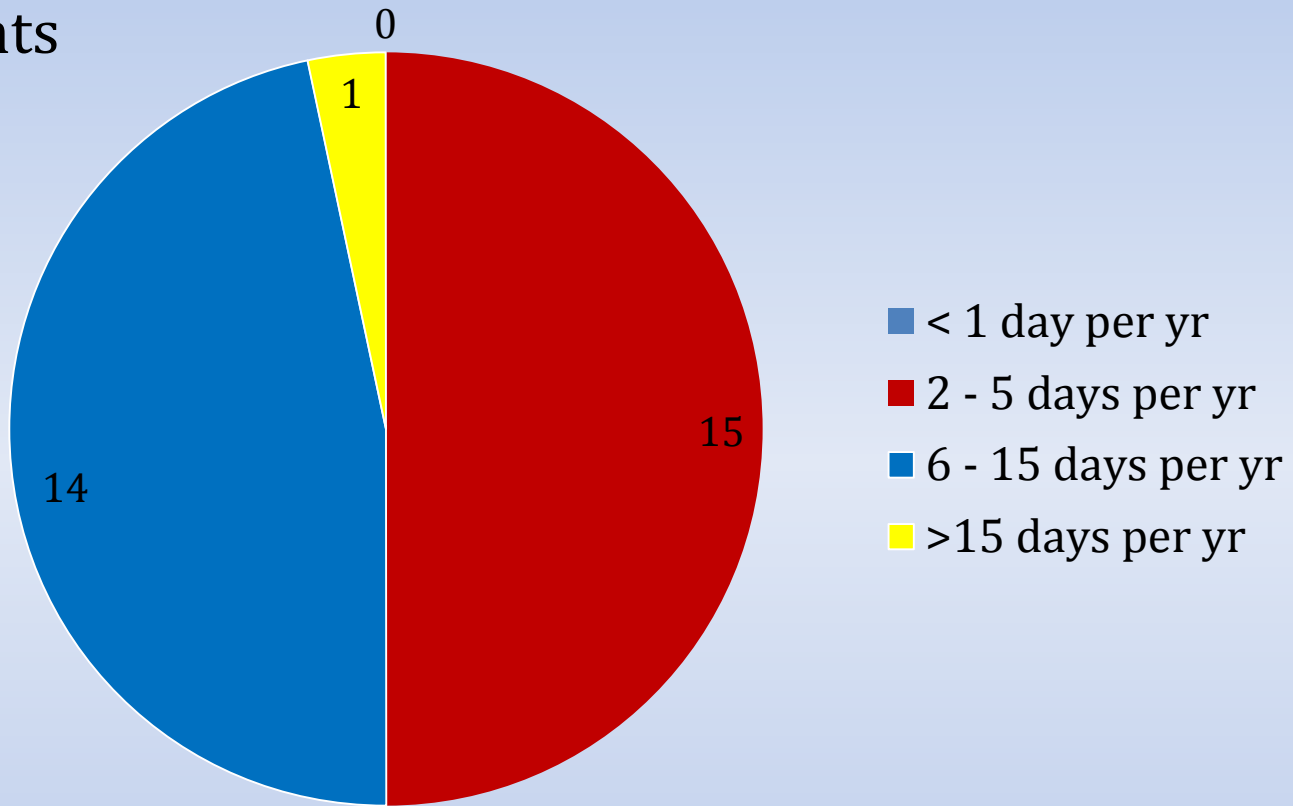


* Write In: Menhaden biology – winter; Marine debris impact; “Where are nonbreeding adults?”

(5) How much time out of meetings would you be willing to devote?



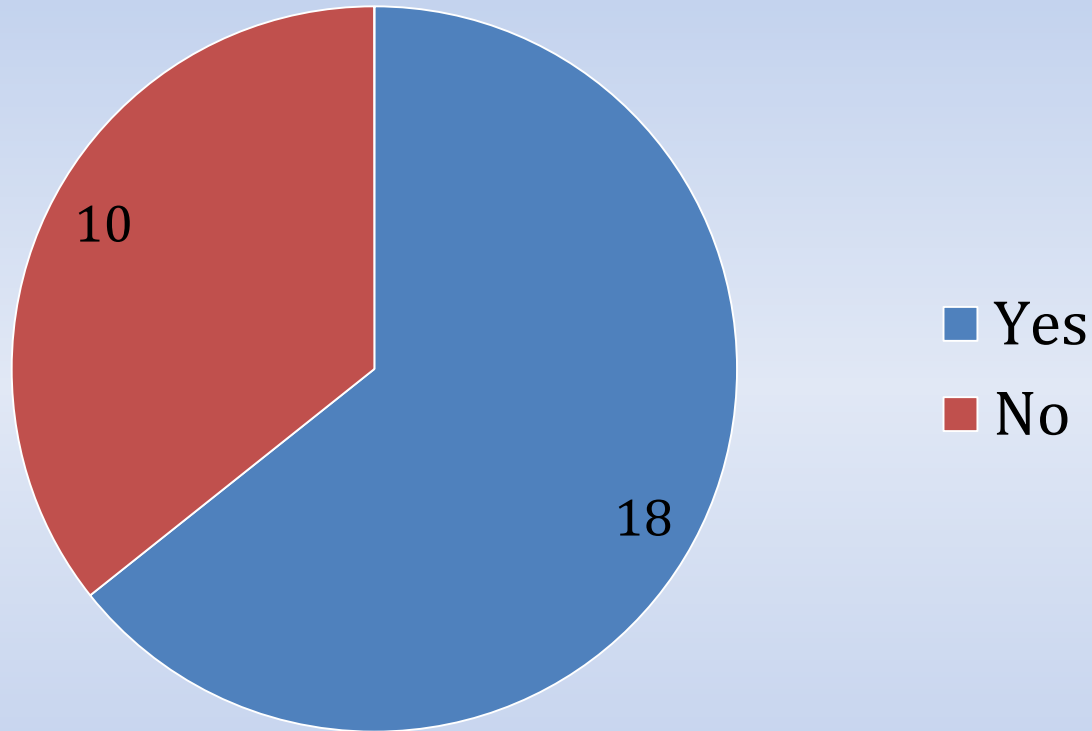
30 respondents



(6a) **Should the AMBC have a formal structure** (e.g., Mgmt Board &/or Steering Committees)?



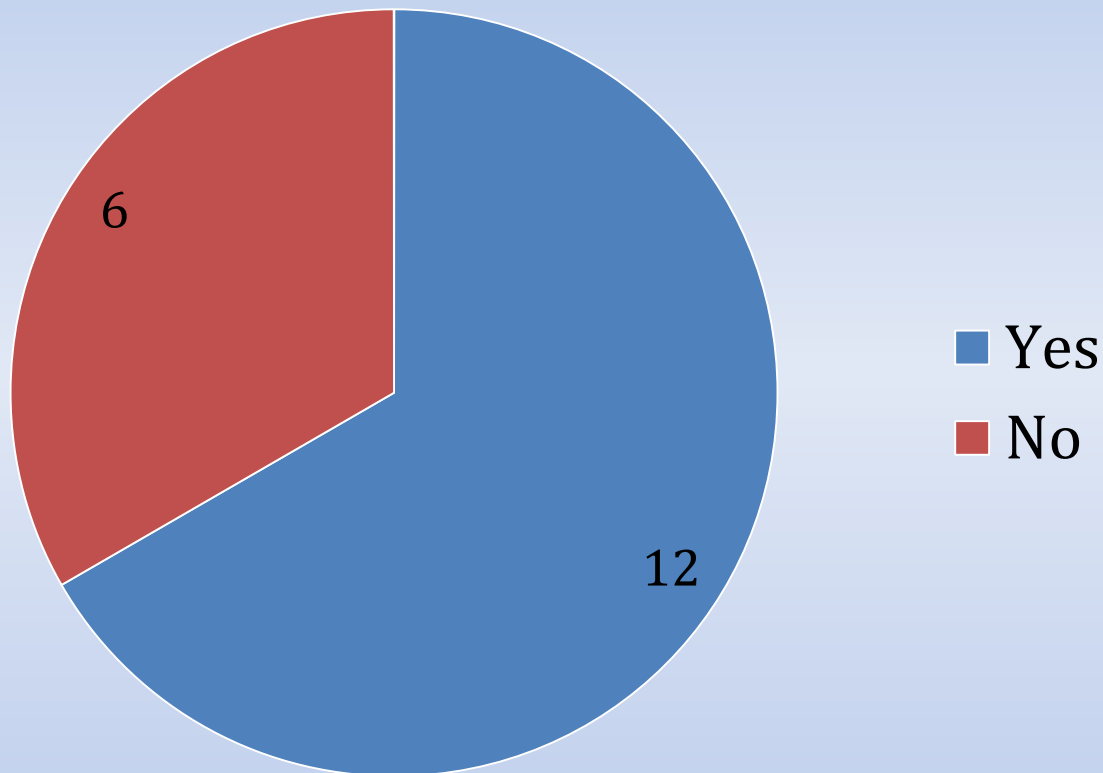
28 respondents



(6b) If “yes” to 6a, **would you be willing to volunteer** for an active role?



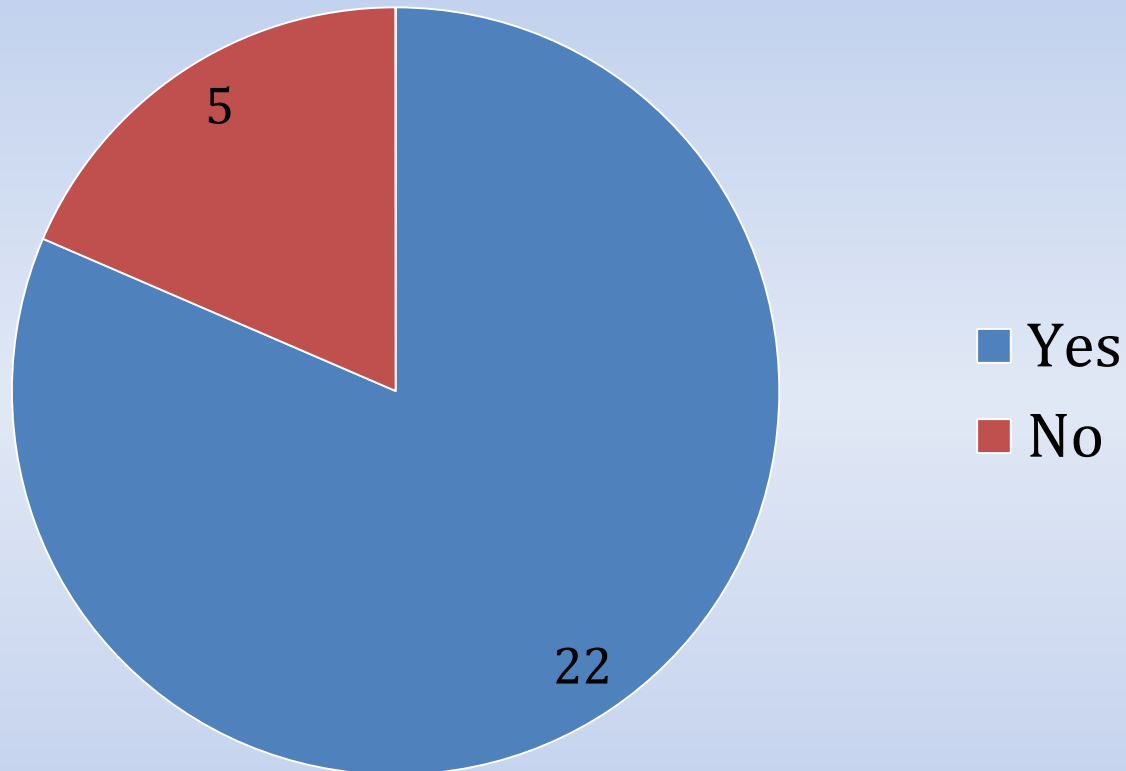
18 respondents



(7) Should AMBC meeting time be devoted to breakout **Working Groups** focused on specific issues?



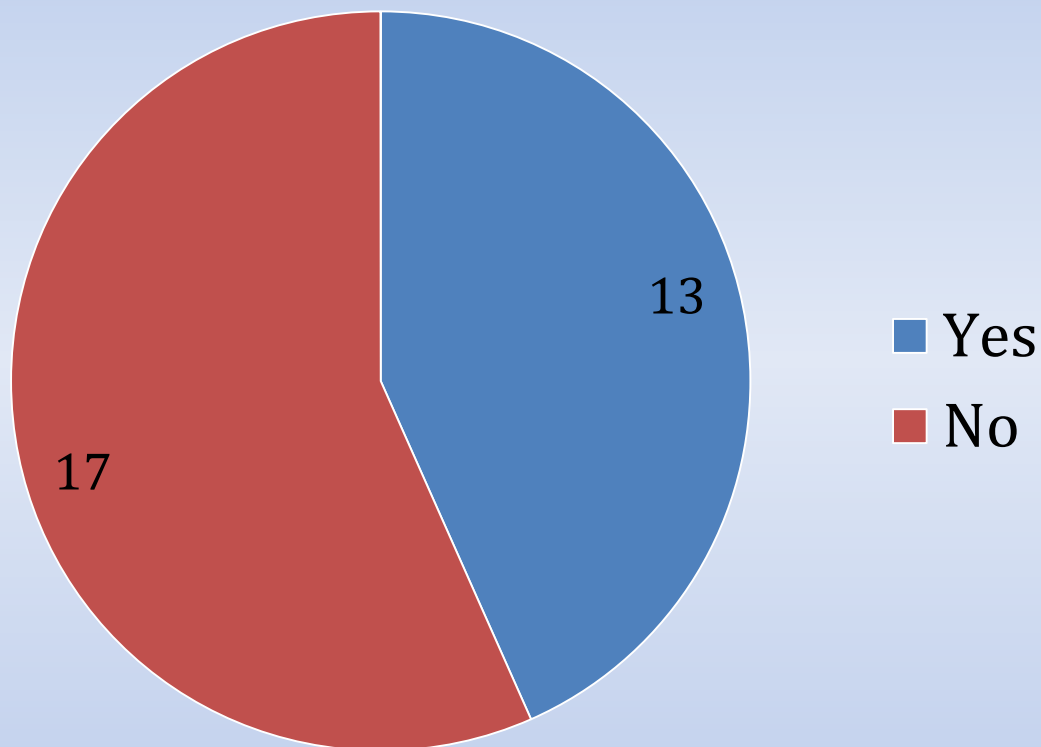
27 respondents



(8a) Have you **ever used the AMBC Annual Projects Review/ update** e-mail newsletter?



30 respondents



(8b) If “yes” to 8a, what have you used AMBC update for?



13 respondents

OUTREACH:

- Sharing accomplishments with partners and supervisors
- Sharing updates w/other resource managers
- Agency in-reach; inform other conservation groups (NOAA Marine Debris Program), inform & educate other federal agencies (BOEM Task Forces); and public outreach
- Disseminate research progress & results
- Outreach to new partners, potential funders & Congress

UPDATES:

- Staying updated on other projects being conducted (x6)

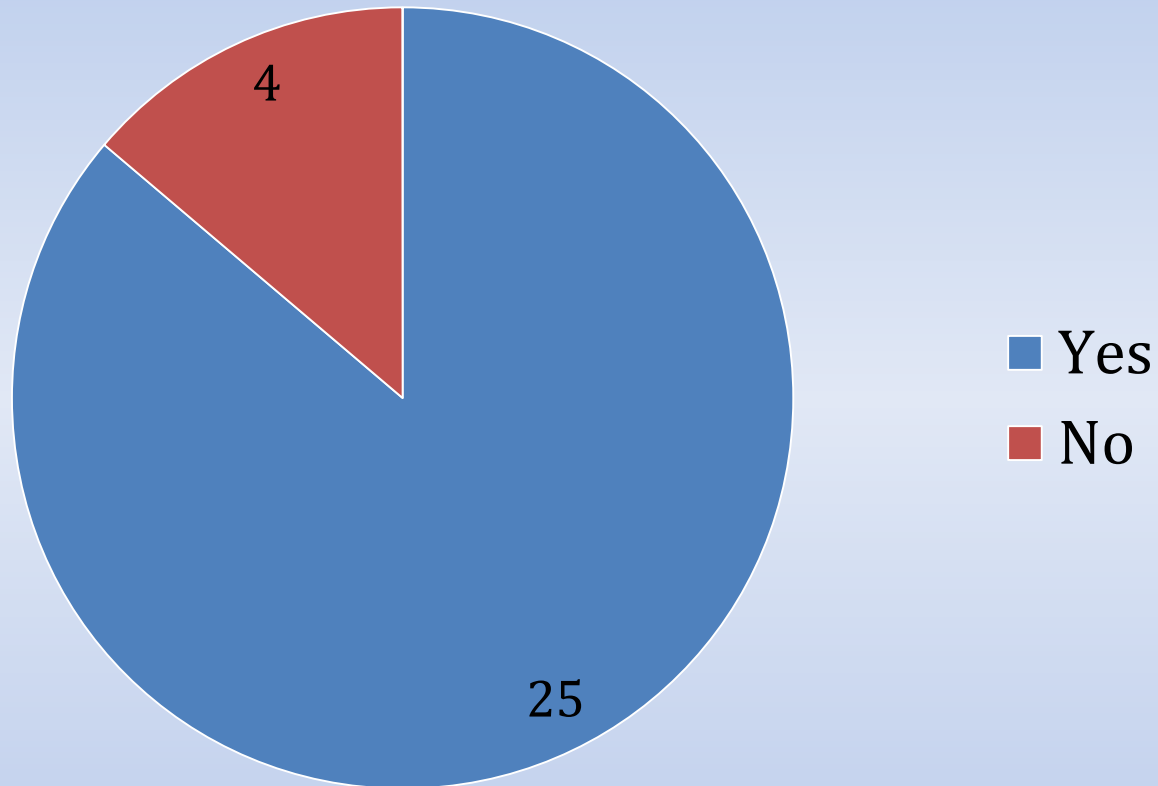
CONTACTS:

- Developing contacts within specific interests
- Justifying time spent working on marine bird conservation issues; Showing power of relationships/cooperation

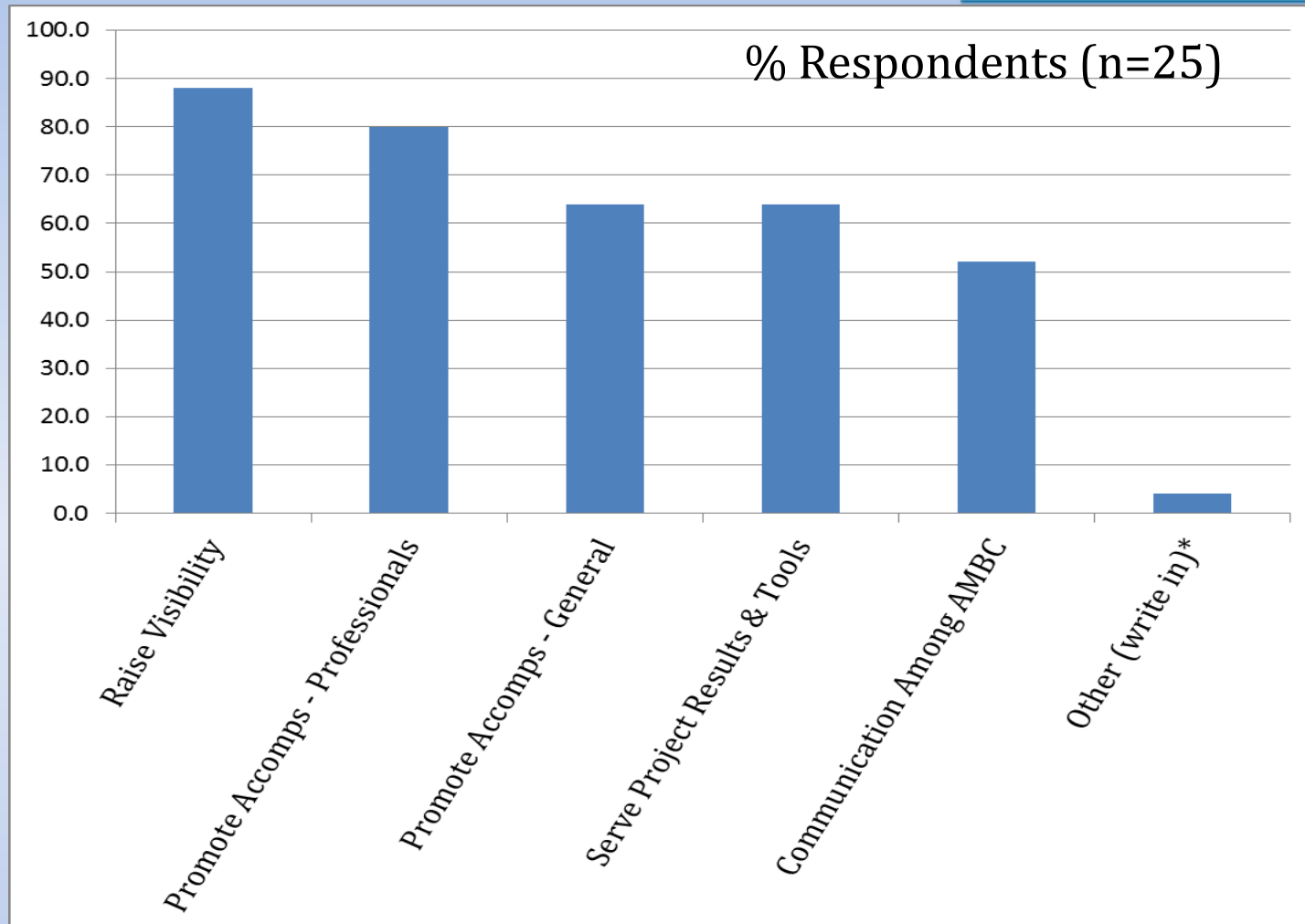
(9a) Does AMBC need a **website**?



29 respondents



(9b) If “yes” to 9a, why do you think a website is necessary?
(check as many as needed)



* Write In: Maintain visibility



Part 3: Previous AMBC involvement



Nate Dias

(1) In ONE SENTENCE, let us know how your participation in AMBC most benefits you



23 respondents

- Awareness of AMB activities
- Coordination of work
- Information sharing
- Identifying research and management needs
- Development of restoration actions
- Identifying funding opportunities
- Relationships that lead to partnerships

(2) List the TWO greatest accomplishments you believe are directly attributable to the AMBC



14 respondents

- Collaboration
- Attention to bycatch issues (info exchange b/t agencies, managers, scientists)
- Funding to complete new surveys for offshore wind development
- Better understanding of seabird distribution & abundance
- Development and funding of several large-scale collaborative seabird research studies
- Protection from wind energy development (e.g. Nantucket Shoals)

(3) What changes would you most like the group to make moving forward?



17 respondents

- Increased communication b/t meetings
 - Regular conference calls
 - Electronic updates
- Schedule meetings away from beginning/end of fiscal year
- Focus on finding funding opportunities for research
- Focus on identifying and implementing conservation actions, and measuring success
- More emphasis on breeding colonies & aggregations (post breed)
- Define group structure/goals and MOVE ON (don't repeat same discussions).
- Improved tracking and formal capture of the discussions
- More carry over from one meeting to the next
- Development of actionable items and identification of who's responsible