

# Angler Notebook

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Lake or Pond



**Issued to**

**Name**.....

**For the year**.....

# INSTRUCTIONS

It is important to the success of the management program on your lake or pond to have accurate information. This is up to you. Lengths of all fish should be recorded whether you keep or release the fish. Each trip should be recorded even if no fish are caught. It is just as important for fish management information to know when fish aren't caught as it is to know when they are caught.

Keep your diary, a pencil and a measuring tool where it is sure to be with you each time you fish. Record while you fish – do not record information from memory.

Print the name of your lake or pond, your name and the year on the front of your diary if it is not already there

When you fill your diary get another from the person administering the program on your lake.

## Specific Instructions for each Item

**DATE:** Enter the date of fishing trip

**TIME START:** At the beginning of the trip write the time you start fishing to the nearest 5 minutes. Circle AM or PM

**TIME END:** Write the ending time to the nearest 5 minutes. Circle AM or PM. **Don't forget this when you are done!!**

- If the starting or ending time is 12:00, indicate whether it is NOON or MIDNIGHT.
- If you take an extended break, such as a lunch break or to wait out a storm, do one of two things: 1) underneath the START/STOP line indicate you took a break and for how long or 2) end the trip when the break starts and start a new trip page when you start again.

**WHAT SPECIES ARE YOU FISHING FOR:** Enter all the different kinds of fish you are fishing for on this fishing trip

**NO. OF ANGLERS ON THIS TRIP:** Write the number of people who you are recording information for in your diary.

- If 2 or more people are fishing who have diaries, either have each person record in their own diary or record ALL the catch in one diary. **DO NOT DO BOTH!**
- Do not include catch information of people you meet casually at the dock, boat launch area, etc. Just record information of people fishing with you.

**TYPE OF FISHING:** Circle all of the kinds of fishing you are doing on this trip of the 5 listed: **BOAT, SHORE, TROLLING, LIVE BAIT, or ARTIFICIAL LURES.**

In the columns on the page make a record of all the fish you catch. There is room for 20 fish on each trop. For each fish: check the “killed” column if you keep or kill the fish, leave it blank if you release the fish; enter the abbreviation for the kind of fish caught (see list at the end of the instructions); record the total length of the fish to the nearest ¼ inch using your measuring tool to determine length. Make sure the fish’s mouth is closed and against the head board of the ruler or additional surface, pinch the tail together lightly and read the length at the tip of the tail. **MEASURE EVERY FISH YOU KEEP OR RELEASE!**

If you run out of space in the table for fish, write “trip continued” at the top of the next page, skip the information at the top of the page and use the table on the next page to continue recorded fish.

**REMARKS:** This space is for any notes you want to make for your own personal use or if you have a note for us. Diaries will be returned to you. You may find your personal notes about this trip useful for improving your fishing.

## Fish Abbreviations

Largemouth Bass – **LMB**

Bluegill – **BG**

Redbreast sunfish – **RbS**

Black crappie – **BC**

Yellow Perch – **YP**

Northern pike – **NP**

Trout- **Tr**

Catfish - **CF**

Sucker – **Su**

Smallmouth bass – **SMB**

Pumpkinseed sunfish – **PS**

Rock bass – **RB**

White crappie – **WC**

Chain pickerel – **CP**

Walleye – **WE**

Bullhead catfish – **BH**

Carp – **C**

Channel Catfish - **ChC**

Write the name of any other fish species you catch in the column on the trip page.

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