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Lehigh River Angler Log

Name and Address:

Work Phone: _____ **Home Phone:** _____ **Email (optional):** _____

Welcome!

As part of the evaluation of the trout fishery on the Lehigh River, the Fisheries Management staff of the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission is attempting to obtain angler use and harvest information on the Lehigh River. We are asking anglers who fish the Lehigh River to participate in this effort by keeping an angler log book. Angler logbook information will provide us with some baseline data on the amount of angler use and harvest that occurs on the river.

We are specifically looking for the amount of time anglers spend on the Lehigh River, how many trout they catch (stocked or wild) and what the overall catch rate is for anglers who fish the river. It is important that you fill out the information completely and accurately as soon as possible following your fishing trip. Also, if you are fishing with other anglers, please only record information relating to your fishing trip and not for everyone in your party. This is very important to produce accurate results.

The Log Book:

The instructions for the log book are self-explanatory. If you would, please put your name and address in the area provided in case we would need to contact you about your angler trips and to ensure that we can send you a summary of the results of this survey when completed.

For each species of trout and other fish you catch remember to enter the required information on a separate line. There are some examples of proper data entry included in the log book.

In advance, thank you for your participation in this program. We plan on sending everyone who participates a summary of the results after they have been computed. **Good Luck and Good Fishing!**

Please return entire logbook by September 30 in an envelope to:

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If you require an additional log to complete the season please call: 570-588-6388 or 814-359-5110.
If this is your final log for the season and you do not intend to continue fishing for the remainder of the season, please check here: [].

If you have any comments, please place them here:

Thank you for your participation!

Detailed Instructions:

In conjunction with each fishing trip, three pieces of information are essential to make this log program successful: Total hours fished by each angler, catch for each trip by river section and fishing mode, and individual length measurements of trout harvested.

Total Hours Fished per trip:

Record the time (hours and minutes to the nearest 5 minutes) fished for each trip. Also, record the fishing mode and the section of river you fished. Note that river sections are defined on Page 5. Shore fishing includes wading and fishing from shore, pier, or dock. Boat fishing includes fishing from any type of boat or canoe. NOTE THAT FISHING TIME INCLUDES THAT TIME WHEN THE FIRST LURE OR BAIT ENTERS THE WATER TO THE TIME WHEN THE LAST LURE OR BAIT IS RETREIVED. Time spent traveling to the site, launching a boat, or eating lunch should not be counted as fishing time. If an angler spent part of his or her time fishing from a boat and part of his or her time fishing from shore, time should be allocated to each fishing mode for that angler in each river section. This would require multiple entries for each day on the same log page. The same would apply to an angler who fished at two different fishing locations or an angler who made separate trips on the same day.

Trip Catch by River Section and Fishing Mode:

For each trip, the catch of each angler should be recorded. Abbreviations for various fish species are listed on page 6. Please be specific. It is imperative that all species caught are accurately tallied. The number kept and released should be recorded and should sum to total catch of that species. Additionally, to the best of your ability, measure each fish harvested to the nearest 1/2 inch.

The most important element of this log program is that anglers record how long they fished and their catch associated with every fishing trip on the Lehigh River. It is just as important to record trip data when few or no fish are caught. Data only reflecting trips with high catches will be of little value to resource managers.

When filling out your logbook page for a specific trip, **PLEASE** be sure to list the section of the Lehigh River you fished based upon the limits described below.

Section Number	Upper section limit	Lower section Limit
6	Outflow from FE Walter Dam	Sandy Run Confluence
7	Sandy Run Confluence	Low-head dam at Palmerton
8	Low-head dam at Palmerton	Northampton Dam

Please use the following abbreviations when recording catches. If the species is not listed then write in the common name:

Code	Common Name
BT	Brown Trout
ST	Brook Trout
RT	Rainbow Trout
GRT	Golden Rainbow Trout
SMB	Smallmouth Bass
WS	White Sucker
YP	Yellow Perch

CARP	Common carp
FF	Fallfish
GZS	Gizzard shad
LMB	Largemouth Bass
MKY	Muskellunge
CP	Chain Pickerel
NP	Northern pike
RBSF	Redbreast sunfish
RB	Rock bass
TMKY	Tiger muskellunge
WE	Walleye
WCF	White catfish
WP	White perch



Brown Trout



Rainbow Trout

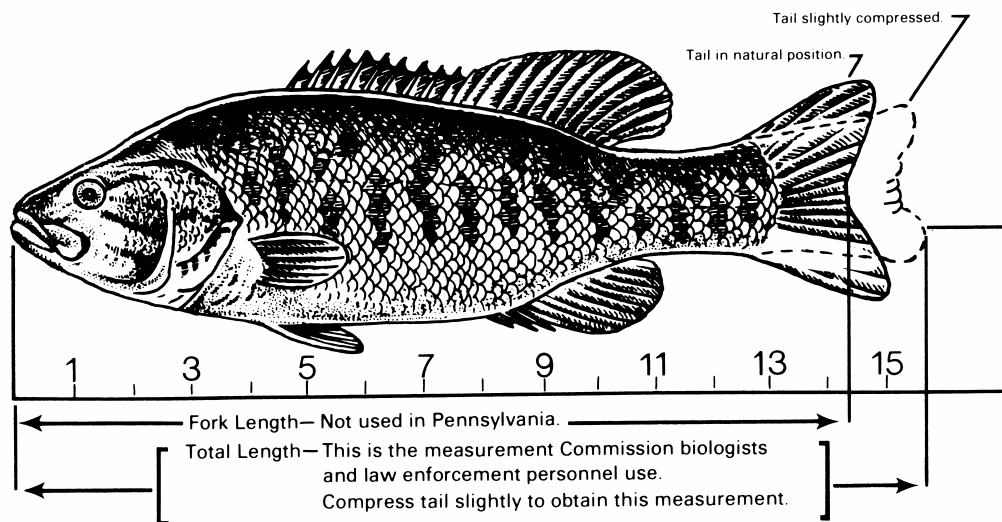


Brook Trout



Golden Rainbow Trout

How to Measure a Fish



EXAMPLE: (note, data should only be entered for one angler on any one line)

Date	AM or PM	River section	Mode Boat/Shore	Time Fished by Angler		Species Caught	Number Caught	Number Harvested	Number Released	Size of fish Harvested (inches)
				Hrs	min					
4/20/2006	AM	6	Shore	2	15	BT	5	1	4	16
						RT	3	3	0	12,14,10
4/26/2006	PM	8	Boat	3	00	BT	4	0	0	
		6	Boat	2	15	BT	6	2	4	10,16
EXAMPLE TRIP SHEET										

