Instructions for Recording Information onto the Postage Paid Data Card

Next to ensuring fish are released healthy after being caught, recording complete, accurate and legible information is the second most important part of the tag and release process. If you are tagging fish greater than 27 inches, you will be using nylon dart tags and associated postage paid information cards.

1. **WRITE LEGIBLY.**

2. Make sure the Tag Number on the card matches the tag you have just put into a fish.

3. Record the Tagging Date as Month/Day/Year.

4. Write down the location where you caught the fish. Be specific. For example, “Cooper R. near Bushy Park” is more specific than “Cooper River”.

5. Record the species using the common name.

6. You can record a length and/or a weight. We get a better indication of size from length than weight.

7. Measure and record the tagged fish as a total length measurement to the nearest ¼ of an inch and indicate the accuracy of the measurement by checking the appropriate box. Est. (Estimated), Meas. (Measured). It is okay to estimate.

8. Write your name and angler id in the Angler box.

9. Note the fish condition, if the hook was removed, and where the fish was tagged.

11. Remarks can be anything of interest you wish to include about the fish.

12. Tag Cards should be mailed in as soon as possible.