Instructions for Recording Information onto the Datasheet

Along with a strip of 25 t-bar anchor tags you will receive 5 datasheets along with 5 postage paid envelopes for returning the datasheets. Datasheets are printed on waterproof paper and a pencil works best for recording data. Your name and angler id will be printed on each datasheet.

1. WRITE LEGIBLY.

2. Make sure the Angler Name is either printed on the datasheet or written in. If you know your angler id please include that as well.

3. The Tag# should be written in AFTER the tag has been put in the fish. Write the complete 4 digit number.

4. Make sure the Tag# you write down corresponds to the number on the tag that is now in the fish.

5. Write in the date as Month/Day/Year.

6. The Species should be written in as an alpha-numeric code. These codes are listed at the top of your data sheet next to the species common name. For example, Red Drum = A290.

7. Measure and record the tagged fish as a total length measurement to the nearest ¼ of an inch.

8. Indicate with the letter “E” (Estimated) or “M” (Measured) the accuracy of the measurement you just wrote down. It is okay to estimate.

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

10. Note the condition of the fish with the letter P=Poor; F=Fair; G=Good;

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

12. You can mail (using supplied postage paid envelopes) scan and email, or fax in your data sheet. If you choose to mail in your data sheet, make a copy for your records beforehand.

13. Send in your data sheet as soon as possible. It does not need to be full.