



# Western Bass Club

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CHUCK "THE REV"  
BAILEY  
2005 CLUB PRESIDENT

### President's Line

**Trolling!** There was a day when most bass fishermen knew how. But that was pre-B.A.S.S. tournaments. When trolling was banned from competition, the technique began to go the way of the do-do bird! At most, it has been passed off to walleye or muskie fishermen. I believe this is a shame AND that every serious bass angler ought to re-explore this technique for a number of reasons:

1) Ask the old timers why it was banned – the answer is always the same; **IT WAS TOO EFFECTIVE!** That's right – it's too effective. I've read numerous articles that have said the same thing. (Someone tell me why a bass angler would want to ignore a technique that scored tons of fish decades ago when it was still popular?)

2) **NOT EVERYONE IS A TOURNAMENT FISHERMAN!** So why should we all be manipulated by its restrictive rules? There's nothing more fun than taking out beginners and trolling! There are less casting disasters; snagging of docks, and painful backlashes! And catching fish is never a bad thing!

3) **EVEN TOURNAMENT FISHERMEN CAN USE IT – PRE-FISHING!** When pre-fishing a new lake, there is nothing as effective as following a particular depth (say 20 feet) to discover underwater flats, points, etc. Besides, catching an active fish while trolling can tell you where to return to fish vertically later on. (Bass are rarely loners.) You may not be able to use trolling in the tournament, but that doesn't mean you can't use it in pre-fishing as a locating tool! (Note: *Trolling in a Western Bass Club tournament IS NOT illegal – check the rules!*)

4) **NOT ALL BASS LIVE UNDER DOCKS OR MAN-MADE STRUCTURE IN SHALLOW WATER!** Except during the spawn, (when all big fish visit shallow water), a great deal of large fish return to deeper water and settle in.

And they basically go unmolested by the vast majority of bass fishermen who are shoreline addicted. Trolling deeper water places you in water rarely visited by the hoards who whip the shallows to a frenzy.

5) **TROLLING FINDS THE ACTIVE FISH WHEN HARSH CONDITIONS MAKE THE MAJORITY OF FISH INACTIVE.** Let's face it – the bait covers tremendous acreage, and quickly discovers the active fish in any given area. There is little "down time", meaning bait stays in the water continually. (Whereas, "Casters" reel in constantly, creating a larger amount of "down time"). You can't catch fish when the lure isn't in the water. The trolled lure is in the water almost always, and the reaction bite it creates helps discover the active fish over a greater area. Face it, a vertical presentation can't possibly cover that territory in the same amount of time.

6) **IT'S CHALLENGING!** That's right – most anglers think it's just throwing out a lure and moving the boat forward. Nothing could be further than the truth – trolling is an art! I'm just a novice, but I'm quickly becoming impressed with the complexity of the technique. Sure, everyone can catch fish when they're biting, but when conditions are less than perfect, trolling requires an angler to juggle dozens of possible factors until a winning presentation is discovered. The challenge is there – and it requires the same analytical gifts that attract us to other bass fishing techniques.

Next time you are not in a tournament, or you're exploring a new lake, or just wanting to experience a fish-catching technique that is effective and challenging – try trolling. Except during the spawn, it works well all year round in most lakes. And as the guys who fished in tough conditions at Lake Stevens will tell you, (during our last fish-in); sometimes it's the only thing that works.

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# Events Calendar

## April 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17	18	19	20	21 7 pm General Meeting	22	23 Silver Lake Draw Tourney
24 Silver Lake Draw Tourney	25	26	27	28	29	30

### Upcoming Events

- General Meeting - Thursday, April 21 - 7:00 pm
- Silver Lake Draw Tournament - April 23 -24

## May 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Fish-In - Sammamish
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 7 pm General Meeting	20	21 Potholes Tourney
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### Upcoming Events

- Lake Sammamish - Fish-In - May 7
- General Meeting - Thursday, May 19 - 7:00 pm
- Potholes Tournament - May 21-22
- Jamboree - Banks Lake - May 28-30

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**GENERAL MEETING INFO.**

Date:	Third Thursday of each month
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Kennydale Community Center
	2424 NE 27th St.
	Renton, WA

Please feel free to visit the club website or contact a board member if you need directions or have any questions.

Club Homepage:  
[www.westernbassclub.com](http://www.westernbassclub.com)

Membership dues are \$40 after March 1st for renewing members.

Dues for new members only \$35 (year round).

**Treasurer**

DOUG BOOTH  
 2005 TREASURER

Hi fellow members, its tournament time again. Things will start getting a little more hectic as the year goes on. The club is in good financial status and as the year progresses I foresee that we will continue to do well.

With that being said I'd like to ask for your financial support in another way. I'm sure most of you have heard by now about Jim and Sherry Shaffer's tragic loss earlier this month. As a small way to show them our support, I am holding a collection at the April general membership meeting to go toward the Logan James Shaffer memorial fund. All the funds collected at the meeting will be delivered to Children's Hospital in Logan's name to help fund the Hospital's many services. My hope is that we are able to collect enough to help put Logan's name on a plaque at Children's. I know this would mean a great deal to the Shaffer's. If anyone has questions about this fund or any other ways to help, they can contact Children's hospital directly or Jim and Sherry.

So please remember to bring a little something extra to the general meeting to put in the kitty. I will leave the jar on the front table so that everyone has the opportunity to contribute without feeling pressured to do so.

Doug Booth

# Tournament Report

LARRY SULLIVAN  
2005 TOURNAMENT  
DIRECTOR



## Hey Western... It's Time!!

Time for the first tournament of the year - the Draw Tournament.

Silver Lake is the place and Silver Lake Resort and Motel is the campground. We will have the drivers meeting and blast off from this site, as well as the weigh-in, and will need to be at the launch for the drivers meeting at 05:30 for a 06:15-06:30 launch. The size limit will be lowered to 12 inches instead of the usual 14 inches.

Boaters can launch at the public launch 1-2 miles east of the resort but, I recommend that you go in pairs and idle or low plane due to bad visibility and the obstructions.

Sign-ups can be done the night before at my camp site, so as to make the morning quicker, and we will have the boaters draw for partners... we need as many boaters as possible as we have so many new members so if you were thinking of going without the boat this time... Bring It!

We will have the customary Potluck, so bring your favorite dish and we will chow down around 6-6:30 PM.

The resort's number is (360) 274-6141. They're on the web at [www.silverlake-resort.com](http://www.silverlake-resort.com). My cell number is (253) 335-2036.

Insurance Forms are needed **before the April Draw** tourney and are a good thing year round, so get me your copies soon!

**Directions:** From Seattle, take I-5 south to exit #49 and make a left. (East). Go east for approx 6 miles to Silver lake resort.

I hope you all are as excited as I am, and I look forward to seeing you all there!

Larry Sullivan...Tournament Director.

### 2005 WBC Tournament Schedule

April 23rd-24th	Silver Lake	Draw Tourney
May 21st-22nd	Potholes Reservoir	Points #1
May 28th-30th	Banks Lake	Jamboree
June 25th-26th	Riffe Lake	Points #2
July 30th -31st	Lake Roosevelt	Jack-n-Jill
Aug. 27th-28th	Lake Chelan	Points #3
Sept. 24th-25th	Tri Cities-Wallula	Points #4
Oct. 1st-2nd	Lake Sammamish	Team Tourney

# Entertainment News

This month our entertainment will be hosted by the owners of Angler's Marine, Bob Higbee and Bob Sweeney.

They plan to educate us on a whole host of topics, which include:

- understanding batteries better;
- boat maintenance/servicing ( engines, trailers, etc);
- boat rigging & understanding electronics;
- various tournament fishing techniques/methods; and
- Q&A- (Their main boat mechanic should be in attendance to answer specific questions).

Everyone will learn a great deal of information from this presentation, especially the people who currently don't own a bass boat. This presentation is geared to help everyone be more successful and more comfortable out on the water.

Anglers Marine is an authorized dealer for Triton, Skeeter, Fisher, Tahoe, ProCraft boats & Mercury and Yamaha out-boards. They also are a satellite location of Nixon's Marine. Angler's Marine also carries an extensive assortment of fishing tackle, lures, rods, reels... and even apparel.

BOB "PAYS2NO"

PAYSENO

2005 ENTERTAINMENT  
DIRECTOR



They even have a have a full service boat shop that can ensure your boating experience is a pleasant one.

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I look forward to seeing you soon!  
Bob " Pays2no" Payseno

## AmBASSador News



ROB MAGLIO  
2005 AMBASSADOR  
DIRECTOR

I hate to say it, but the turnout for the fish-in this month was the lowest I have ever seen it. We only had 2 boats and 7 people. It was also the first time I had to fish 4 people out of my boat. I think the weather scared some people, but it wasn't bad at all. For those that read my little "April 2nd Fool's" post, you know how the fishing really was. It was tough.

For those that didn't read it, I posted that we had hammered the fish that day and that Chuck Bailey caught a 7 pound smallie. Chuck did catch a nice 4-14 and Carlos caught a 2-6 both smallies, but that was it. So, it was pretty disappointing that nobody showed and the fish didn't bite. The chili dogs were good, though, and so was the dock talk we had amongst us. I hope we never have a low turnout like this again. Let's remember that we are in need of boats at the fish-ins and are depending on you boaters.

Next fish-in will be at Sammamish. Breakfast will be at 5-5:30 at Denny's, or meet at the launch at 6:30 am. Lets have another 25 people, 12 boat day!!

**When:** Saturday,  
May 7, 2005

**Where:** Lake  
Sammamish

## Fish-In - Lake Sammamish

**When:** Saturday, May 7, 2005 **Where:** Lake Sammamish - Meet at Denny's, at 5:00 - 5:30 am for breakfast... OR... meet at the launch at 6:30 am. Launch fee is \$5.

Next  
Fish-in

**Directions:** To Denny's - 720 GILMAN BLVD., ISSAQUAH, WA 98027 (425) 392-6025

From I-405 take I-90 east to Spokane. Take exit #15 (900 west) to Lake Sammamish park. End of exit take a right.

At next signal (Gilman) turn left Denny's is on the left between 1st and 2nd signals.

**To Launch** - Exit 15 on I-90, N on 17th Ave NW. Right on NW Sammamish Rd. L on Sammamish Parkway SE, Go .75 mi. Left at "Boat Ramp" sign.

**Remember, no one stays on the dock at a Fish-In. Everyone floats! You don't have to pre-arrange a back seat for Fish-Ins. If you pre-arrange something with your AmBASSador, that's OK, but just because your AmBASSador can't make it doesn't mean you can't go. THE MORE THE MERRIER!**

## Special Events

Hi Everyone!

Thank you to everyone who sold and bought raffle tickets. Your effort helps support our club! "You are the best!!"  
**Congrats to Bob Brownlee who won the rod and reel.**

**Way to go Bob! :)**

Next up is **Fishing Kids**. This is a huge event, and if you have never participated, it is a lot of fun. All the clubs from the area get together and help kids catch a fish or two. Unfortunately, they are slimers, but it's a start. We pen a bunch of trout in and the kids learn a little about fishing. We try to have a thing on safety, some set-up on different kinds of fish, casting stations if we have enough people, help on the docks to get the fish off the line and bag them, and a cleaning station.

The children pay \$5.00. They get a rod and reel, t-shirt and cleaned and bagged fish. What a deal! Usually, we have almost 1000 kids come through, so as you can see, we need lots of volunteers for this.

### Fishing Kids

**Saturday, June 4th, Gene Coulon Park, Lake Washington  
7:30am - 2:30pm**

If you can volunteer for the day on Saturday or we need help on Friday night rigging all the rods at around 5:30pm please let me know.

See you at the meeting.  
Phil and Sue Hudgens  
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PHIL AND SUE  
HUDGENS  
2005 SPECIAL EVENTS



RICHARD LOTH  
2005 GREETER  
/GREENSLIPS

# Green Slip Report



## MARCH GREENSLIPS

**ALSO, don't forget to get your scales verified. I will have the equipment at each meeting so bring in your scale and get weighed. This must be done prior to turning in a greenslip!**

**"I caught a fifteen pound bass last week."**

**"Were there any witnesses?"**

**"There sure were. If there hadn't been, it would have been twenty pounds."**

The Silver Lake fish-in really pumped up the March catch. There were 35lbs turned in from the trip. It was the largest turnout (25+ people) for a fish-in that I have been to, and there were some real "HOGS" caught!

For one person, a Personal Best (to date) was achieved. I caught Ms. Moby!! An 8lb. 4oz. Large Mouth. O.K., my arm is beginning to hurt from all of this "self back patting".

Lake Washington is also still pumping out some nice fish. 30 lbs were reported from there. So, if you have had the Rig in storage, this is the time to get it out, dust it off and RIP SOME LIPS.

Name	Weight	Bait	Lake
<b>RICH LOTH</b>	<b>8# 4oz. LM</b>	<b>BRUSH HOG</b>	<b>SILVER</b>
Brian Walker	6# 10oz. LM	Flippin' Tube	Silver
Danny Garrett	6# 0oz. LM	Zoom Lizard	Silver
Ron Hankinson	5# 14oz. LM	Secret	Silver
Ron Hankinson	5# 12oz. SM	Tube	Wash
Chuck Bailey	5# 5oz. SM	Crank bait	Wash.
Mark Maderos	5# 2oz. LM	Flippin' Jig	Silver
Phil Hudgens	5# 0oz. SM	Dropshot	Wash.
Rob Maglio	4# 15oz. SM	Dropshot	Wash.
Mathew Hudgens	4# 14oz. SM	Dropshot	Wash.
Brian Walker	4# 10oz. SM	Tube Jig	Wash.
Rocky Beemen, Sr.	3# 14oz. SM	Senko	Sawyer
Virgil Wilbur	3# 6oz. SM	Tube	John Day
Brenda Lehman	3# 1oz. LM	Jig & Pig	Silver



Rich Loth took both the club "Big Fish" money (\$5) and the "Big Fish Kitty" money (\$9) this month. Each month the club gives \$5 to the member for the biggest bass turned in on a greenslip. This was the first month for the "Big Fish Kitty". There are 7 months left. You must be entered the prior month to be eligible for the money. If you are interested in joining this "pool," please see Rich Loth at the next meeting. The amount of the prize depends on the number of people signed up. This is in addition to the Big Fish of the Month prize. So get signed up now.

**ALSO, don't forget to get your scales verified. I will have the equipment at each meeting so bring in your scale and get weighed. This must be done prior to turning in a greenslip!**

Keep your rods up and Rip some lips!  
Rich

# Don't Be the Co-Angler Everybody Dreads!

by Jeremiah T. Bagwell

<http://www.bagwellsbasstactics.com/>



A well rounded individual making a mark in the fishing industry, Jeremiah has a number of irons in the fire. "I have the opportunity to be on a number of Pro Staff's for some of the best companies in the business," Bagwell stated. "Things are all starting to fall into place. I am writing for a number of websites and I even have other writers doing articles about me on a fairly regular basis. Bagwell is also a Tournament District Director for the American Bass Anglers Tournament Trail in North Western Illinois. Jeremiah has won multiple tournaments, had several top 10 finishes and has a few big bass awards under his belt. You could say the rest is history, because now Jeremiah is developing a great network of friends and contacts in the fishing industry. Not to mention having a lot of fun and success competing in bass tournaments.



Ever wonder why some of your partners are the biggest jerks by the end of the day? Maybe it's because you are the co-angler or non-boater that every Pro hates to draw. Yeah it's true certain anglers just do not understand the fact that common courtesy in the back of the boat goes a long way. Lucky for you I am here to help transform you into the partner of everyone's dreams. It's all quite simple just follow the tips I am providing you and then email this article to all of your fishing friends and we can all make the angling world a much happier place.

During the partners pairing, pay close attention to the names being called. Right after your name is called, you need to go meet your partner. Do not make him or her wait or look all over for you. Introduce yourself and get all of the pertinent information from your partner. You will need to know the make, model and color of the boat he or she will be in. This will allow you to locate the person at the ramp. If the boats have not already been launched it is also helpful to find out the type of tow vehicle the person is using. This is just another resource you can use for locating your partner at the ramp. This initial meeting is a great time to ask your partner the patterns and locations that you will be fishing during the tournament. This will allow you to tie on the appropriate lures in advance. Also, ask your partner how much room is available in the boat for your gear. You will have a better idea of how many rods and the amount of tackle to bring. If the tournament is the morning after the partner pairing, it is extremely important to get your partner's lodging information; which consists of where they are staying and a phone number they can be reached at in case of an emergency or if you simply can't find them in the morning. Another very vital piece of information that you should confirm multiple times is the meeting place and time. Most importantly, it is mandatory that you are ON TIME. I personally would recommend getting to the meeting place ten to twenty minutes early.

Once you arrive at the ramp in the morning help your partner as much as possible. If you can back a trailer, it is helpful to assist with putting the boat in the water. However if you can not back a trailer don't worry most Pro's are understanding and will not hold this against you. I am only aware of one angler that was informed by his co-angler that they couldn't back a trailer, and the pro's reply was "well now is a fine time to learn". The ramp at this particular tournament was extremely congested with traffic because of the lack of accessible boat ramps due to flooding and the fact that a wedding was being held at a gazebo on the lake shore. Needless to say, the co-

angler struggled with getting the trailer in the water and in doing so; it caused traffic to back up even farther. Situations like that are just uncalled for, had the co-angler caused damage to the trailer or tow vehicle it is certain that the pro would have been very upset and the co-angler very embarrassed. Should this happen to you simply refuse to back the trailer. Instead, offer other solutions such as staying with the boat at the dock or something of that nature. Just remember there is NO rule that says the co-angler is required to back the trailer down the ramp.

After the boat is in the water and all the gear is loaded continue to use your manners. Treat your partner's boat with the utmost respect. Do not walk all over the seats or do anything else that might cause damage. Next, you need to find out information such as whether or not your partner wants you to net his or her fish. If they do want you to do this, get a clear explanation of what signal they will give you that will make sure you are prepared. Most of the time the Pro will simply yell "net" which is pretty basic and simply means "grab the net I have a keeper on". Once you establish all the necessary information feel free to loosen up a bit and just talk to your partner. Pro's are just people too. If you get the vibe from your partner that he or she doesn't want to talk a lot then simply don't talk much. Some angler's get themselves pumped up and go into a zone where they are in deep concentration. This is each person's prerogative and it should be respected.

During the actual time that you are fishing there are some rules, that if broken may cause some hostility to erupt from some Pro's. First of all, do not cast in front of your partner unless he or she specifically gives you permission to do so. An example of when this may be acceptable is if you are working Crankbaits parallel to a shoreline.

You should have a lot of respect for your partner and allow them to completely fish the areas in which they are casting. Pro's not only pay a much higher entry fee than co-anglers but, in most cases they are the ones that actually locate the water you are fishing during the pre-fishing period. Secondly, if your partner misses a fish do not cast at that fish unless the Pro says it's ok. Most of the time if a Pro misses a fish, they will quickly grab a different bait and throw back in the same area. This is impossible to do if you already have your lure in their zone.

Getting snagged or hung up is something that is bound to happen to everyone. Should this happen simply tell your partner that you are hung up. Most of the time the Pro will turn the boat around and go in to retrieve your lure. If you get a bad case of the "snags" and seem to get one every other cast either switch to a more weedless bait and if it is a low cost bait like a plastic worm just break it off.

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By Dick Streater

Have any of our club members stopped to read the small plaque with some names on it on the main sign at the Mercer Island Boat Launch? Well, one of the names is mine and I'd like to tell you the story of how the launch came into being.

It all started when I moved from Minnesota to Washington and then onto Mercer Island. I was absolutely shocked to find out that there sat this island in the middle of Lake Washington with no access for boats. There was a ramp at the private Mercer Island Beach Club, but nothing for the regular folks. With my experience with 10,000 lakes I started out to get a boat launch built. I talked to the city council members, wrote letters to the editor of the Mercer Island Reporter and joined the local chapter of Puget Sound Anglers.

When the huge I-90 project got underway, it was pretty much assumed that we would get the launch. Plans were drawn, the area selected, costs were calculated and it looked good ... No!

At a regular Monday city council meeting, they got cold (wet) feet and voted to table the boat launch project. In the audience was the acting editor of the Reporter, Doug Cooley, and the next morning he called me and told me what had happened. I couldn't believe it, but that was the call to action. The PSA monthly meeting was 2 days away. I went to the meeting and suggested the club get petitions printed up and that we get OK from the local supermarket managers and bring in our boats to all the entrances of the stores on Saturday and Sunday and gather signatures. I parked mine outside of Albertsons and put in about 10 hours on both days. Also petitions went to school with kids. The reception was truly amazing, shoppers would sign and then go home and send all their neighbors down to sign up also.

At the next monthly city council meeting, the PSA members came in and dropped thousands of signatures on their table. They untabled the launch, and we enjoy using it today! Next time you launch there, you can say: "Thanks Streater" as your hydroblaster is lowered into the water to go forth to battle the smallmouths.

## Don't Be the Co-Angler Everybody Dreads! (continued) - by Jeremiah T. Bagwell

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Time is money on the water and every minute is worth more than the twenty cents you will spend on a worm. Another issue that comes into play when dealing with the time factor, is when your partner wants to move to another location. Since it is mandatory that anytime the outboard motor is running, each angler must have their life vest zipped up and buckled up you need to be quick about doing so. Ask your partner to give you a few minutes warning prior to moving to a different spot. This will give you ample time to get your rods strapped down and get your life vest on.

Pro's have a tendency to get a little frustrated if they have to wait for their co-angler to get situated every time they want to move. The following is an issue that is not very common but does occur from time to time. In the event that you and your partner are not catching fish, do not continuously tell your partner that he or she should try your secret spot that is full of nothing but five-pounders. It is acceptable to mention a spot you know of one time but when you do, make sure that you do not exaggerate the size of fish you "always" catch there. If your partner chooses not to go fish your honey hole then that is their choice and you should not harp on them about it.

After the weigh in is completed and the boat is loaded on the trailer don't just grab your gear and take off. Stay around to make sure you have removed any trash that you may have left in the boat. If your partner is wiping down the outside of the boat ask if they have an extra towel so you can help them. Basically, just offer as much assistance as you can to help them get the boat clean and so forth.

Most importantly and pay close attention to this one because it is definitely something that will lead to a bad reputation if not followed. Offer your Pro some money to help pay for the gas used in the boat. Generally twenty dollars is acceptable, simply use your best judgment. Just remember that boats do not get the kind of gas mileage that cars get, so it is very likely that the Pro burned fifty dollars or more in gas during the tournament. This figure can more than triple if the tournament is a multi day event and you include gas money spent during the pre-fishing period. Often times the Pro's will not accept gas money and if they don't, that is their choice. The most important thing is that you at least offer. Lastly, do not go and share information about how and where you and your partner caught fish. Pro's work hard to find areas that aren't bombarded with lures all day and you should respect the fact that they put so much time into doing so. I was at a tournament awhile back at Kentucky Lake and the sharing of such information nearly led to a fist fight right on the water. This is just a losing situation for everyone involved.

Following these guidelines will definitely make you a more likable and proficient co-angler. Pro's might not always remember the good partners they draw but they definitely never forget the bad ones.

J.T. BAGWELL

## Info from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

### Volunteer Angler Diary Data Program

The Volunteer Angler Diary Data program's primary objectives have been to establish a database of catch information for bass and wall-eye from a large cross-section of waters, and to improve communication and cooperation between the Department and warmwater anglers. This year, the program was expanded to collect information on all 6 of the warmwater species managed under the warmwater enhancement bill including, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, black crappie, tiger muskie and channel catfish.

Volunteer angler diary data is used in conjunction with biological sampling and creel census information in order to monitor the condition of, and assess future management options for, warmwater fish populations in Washington State.

Participants are issued a waterproof 6 ring notebook with a set of removable data sheets, along with instructions on how to complete them. Volunteers agree to complete a data sheet for each fishing trip taken during the year for the six warmwater species. The anglers are to complete the sheets regardless of their fishing success.

Volunteers anglers are asked to record their name, the date, water being fished, county, target species, number of each species caught, the length of each fish caught to the nearest quarter inch and the total number of hours fished for each species. Anglers are also being asked to record whether the fish are retained or released.

Completed data sheets are then returned to the Department of Fish and Wildlife at the end of each year. New data sheets are automatically mailed to each volunteer returning completed forms. Volunteer Angler Diary Data is then entered into a computer database. Catch summaries, including catch rates and hours fished, along with length frequency distribution graphs for each species are produced and put into an annual report.

### **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

If you are a warmwater angler and are interested in participating in the Volunteer Angler Diary Data Program, please send your name, address and phone number, club affiliated with (if any), along with waters you most often fish and the species you typically fish for, to:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Fish Program/Warmwater Program  
600 Capitol Way N.  
Olympia, WA 98501-1091  
[fishpgm@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:fishpgm@dfw.wa.gov)

### Public invited to propose changes in fishing rules

The following is the text of an April 5, 2005 WDFW press release:

OLYMPIA - People with ideas to improve Washington state sport fishing rules can share their proposals now through May 27.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is collecting proposals for possible changes to 2006-07 sport fishing rules.

Sport fishing rule changes developed through this process will be distributed for public review in mid-August. The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission is scheduled to be briefed on the rule proposals at an October public meeting in Olympia. The final opportunity for written and oral public comment on proposed sport fishing rules will be during the commission's Nov. 18-19 public meeting. The commission will take final action on the 2006-07 sport fishing rule changes during a public meeting next February.

Information about the sport fishing rule change process and forms needed to submit proposals can be downloaded from the WDFW website or may be obtained by calling (360) 902-2700 to request a rule-change packet.

The website and packet include a timeline for rule adoption, instructions on how to participate in the process, information on current seasons and information on other fishing season-setting processes, such as the annual North of Falcon salmon-season forum.

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