

THE OHIO DNR DEPENDS ON US TO REPORT OUR CATCHES TO ENSURE FUTURE STOCKING EFFORTS.

As most of Ohio's muskies are stocked, it is very important for all of us to report our successes and failures. That's right, we have now been asked to report those all too familiar fishless days as well as the few days (unless you're Mason) we have success.

Gone are the days of scale samples. The DNR has, with the help of muskie fishermen, developed a new reporting system. The Muskie Angler Log (MAL) will make its debut March 1, 2008. The link to the MAL is <http://www.ohiodnr.com/muskielog> and can also be found on our "Homepage".

The system is very easy to use. Create an account just like signing up for any website. Follow the online instructions to enter all the information for your success and/or failure. The information you enter can only be viewed by You, the DNR for their research purposes, and an Officer of your local muskie club, to collect data for the club, if you belong to one.

Consider it your own online muskie database that you can review whenever you want.

If your fish qualifies for a "Fish Ohio" award, you will be prompted to click the link to register for your award. If your fish qualifies for your free membership to the Ohio Huskie Muskie Club you will be prompted to click the link to register for your free membership.

For those without access to the internet there will be postpaid reporting cards at the ramps of all muskie lakes, and at bait stores near the lakes. Cards will also be available from the muskie clubs and the DNR.

There will be new signs going up at the launch ramps of all muskie lakes promoting the new MAL and have a supply of the postpaid cards. We ask that all SOMA members carry some of the cards in their boat in the event the box at the ramp is empty, and ask them to please fill it.

If you have any questions please let us know.

Thank you,

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