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Greetings Muskie Inc. club officers-

This letter is to make you aware of a new application within the Muskie Angler Log. For some time, Muskies Inc. clubs have expressed interest in sharing catch data reported in the Muskies Inc. Lunge Log with Ohio's Muskie Angler Log. Clubs recognized that some of their members choose to report their catches only in the Lunge Log and capturing this data in the MAL would be beneficial.

We are excited to announce that there now exists a method for sharing Ohio Muskie catch data reported in the Muskie Lunge Log with the Muskie Angler Log – it is called the Lunge Log Data Sharing Program. The program was developed in collaboration with leaders from Muskies Inc. (MI), and is designed to integrate **angler approved** Lunge Log catch data with the Ohio's Muskie Angler Log (MAL). We ask that you please share this information with your membership.


How it works

The process is really quite easy. An angler who wishes to share his/her catch information reported in the Lunge Log simply needs to create a profile in the MAL and indicate within that profile their willingness to share their Lunge Log data. This is done within the club affiliation section of the Muskie Angler Log by:

- 1) Entering Yes for "Are you a member of a Muskies, Inc. club";
- 2) Providing a MI club member ID (this will be used by MI to identify an angler's catches); and
- 3) Select the "Share Lunge Log Catches" box.

Other Club Affiliation

Are you a member of a Muskies, Inc. Club?



Club: Member ID: -

Category:

Share Lunge Log Catches:

Muskies, Inc, and the Ohio Division of Wildlife are collaborating to improve Muskie management in Ohio. If you report your catches in the Muskies, Inc. Lunge Log and would like to share them with the Muskie Angler Log (MAL), check this box. If you choose to share your Lunge Log catch reports with the MAL, do not report these same catches in the MAL, as this will duplicate catch reports.

That's it. By following these steps, an angler gives MI permission to provide catch data to the MAL. Catch data shared will include dates, locations, lengths of fish caught, and whether fish were harvested or released.

Catch data from the Muskies Inc. Lunge Log will be collected and imported into the Muskie Angler Log annually.

Note: we request that anglers who share their Lunge Log catch data **DO NOT** report the same catches in Muskie Angler Log, as this will create duplicate catch reports. The Lunge Log Data Sharing Program is **ONLY** for those anglers who do not report catches in the Muskie Angler Log.

Thank you for your time and support. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

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