

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Sucker Harvest Report Log

Sucker harvesters are required to report their fishing/catch information to the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. All the data submitted as part of the report is for scientific purposes only and will remain confidential and not a public record, except that the commissioner may disclose data released in a form that is statistical or general in nature. Harvesters should report their information on the log forms provided with their permit; additional forms can be requested from the Department or photocopied as needed from the originals you received. Reports must be submitted to Merry Gallagher, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 650 State Street, Bangor, Maine 04401 (or by email: Merry.Gallagher@maine.gov) by **July 31st of each year**, and any person who fails to report **will be prohibited from obtaining a Sucker Harvest Permit next year**. Remember to file a report **even if you did not fish during the current season**.

Instructions for Sucker Harvest Report Log

- Harvesters need to report their full name, permit #, address, and telephone #.
- Information is to be recorded for each day, each water fished and for each individual net, in other words data cannot be combined to include more than 1 day or multiple waters/nets. If multiple waters and/or nets are fished on the same date, then a separate entry is required for each water and each net.
- Be sure to record information on zero catch days, which still provides the Department with valuable information on fish abundance and catch rates.
- Data to be recorded for each sucker trapping site includes:

Date – the month/day/year of each trip.

Waterbody – name of the primary waterbody listed on harvest permit where gear is deployed (ex. Unity Pond). For purposes of this permit, a “Waterbody” is considered a lake, pond or large river and its tributaries.

Location of Gear – name of the actual tributary/stream/brook where gear is located; please be specific as possible (ex. Bithers Brook at Rte. 202 crossing). GPS coordinates are also acceptable.

Town – Town name where the deployed gear is located.

County – County name where the deployed gear is located.

Gear Type – the type of gear used on the date and water recorded (i.e. trap-net, fyke-net, hoop-net, dip-net, spear). Please list specific type of gear used and whether it is rigid wire or net material.

Quantity Harvested – the total number of suckers harvested on the date and water specified. Report the quantity in pounds, bushels, or number of suckers.

Other Species Observed – record any observations about other species that were captured and released on the date and water specified, please include approximate numbers. (for example: “2 dozen sunfish released”)