



## Farm Pond Catch/Harvest Log Information Sheet

The purpose of this process is to assess the fishery in your pond as accurately as possible. Accurate and complete data are essential. You should complete a record for each angler after each fishing trip in the Farm Pond Catch/Harvest Log on Page 2.

Make sure to use a variety of types and sizes of lures and baits. The makeup of both the bass and bluegill populations in addition to any other species present in the pond aside from channel catfish is necessary to make sound management decisions. Follow the format shown in the example in row one. "K" represents fish that are kept or removed from the pond. An "R" is used to denote fish that are released back into the pond. The "Bluegill" section is to include only true bluegills. Hybrid bluegill, green sunfish, warmouth, redear sunfish, longear sunfish, crappie, blue catfish, etc. are to be included in the section labeled "Other Species". In the "Condition/Comments" column be sure to note the fish's condition and any other comments you feel may be of interest. Does the fish appear skinny? If you turn the fish over on its back is the stomach shaped like an ax with a point in the middle or is it rounded and full? Does the head seem disproportionately large compared to the body? Did you catch thirty 10" bass in an hour? Thorough information leads to more informed recommendations.

Please complete the Catch/Harvest Log and the information below. You should fish the pond and compile data for a minimum of one month prior to returning the log. Please return both Pages 1 and 2 to your district fisheries biologist. You can find your local biologist by searching for your county under the "[Contact Us](#)" tab on our website. If you have an issue with aquatic vegetation, you can take several digital photos and email them to your local biologist or wrap the sample in wet paper towels, double bag in zip lock bags and mail to the district office. Be sure to include your name and contact information. Please call the local office with any questions or concerns.

**Pond Size (acres):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Transparency (feet):** \_\_\_\_\_ **% Vegetative Cover:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Major Watershed:**  Forested  Row Crop  Pasture  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Uses of Pond:**  Fishing  Swimming  Boating  Livestock watering  Irrigation  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Has the state previously worked on your pond?**  Yes  No

**\*We will contact you when we receive your records and/or vegetation sample to discuss your situation.**

I understand and agree that any advice or assistance given as a result of this request shall not make the Commonwealth of Kentucky or its authorized agents liable for any damage, real or alleged, to my property and I shall hold the Commonwealth faultless from any and all such claims.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of pond owner/manager) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

