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Fish Ohio Recognition Program Searching Online Results



Fish Ohio Recognition

- The Fish Ohio Program was established in 1976 to recognize anglers for noteworthy catches of select types and sizes of sport fish. More than 400,000 anglers have submitted qualifying catches since the program began.
- Today's anglers submit qualifying catches online from the Division of Wildlife website.
- The first qualifying catch submitted by an angler earns a collectable pin and certificate.
 Anglers catching four or more qualifying fish of different species in the same year receive a Master Angler pin and certificate.
- The popular program was originally established to promote Ohio fishing, and this remains the primary purpose today.
- Fish Ohio catch records dating from 2014 to present are now available online through the DataOhio Portal (<u>DataOhio | Ohio.gov</u>).





Searching Fish Ohio Results

- A link to the portal is also available on our website (wildOhio.gov) at the Fish Ohio page.
- Once in the DataOhio visualization, anglers can choose from tabs at the top for:
 - Map & Length Frequency
 - Location Summary
 - Statewide Summary
- Filter and search information by waterbody type, species, location, and year to learn more about Fish Ohio catches, summarized by criteria that you set.

About Angler-reported Results

- Results will show that in some cases, anglers likely misidentify species based on where they reported catching them, or report lengths that may be not be accurate.
- Accurate species identification and accurate measurements of fish lengths are important to the program, so we ask that anglers carefully identify and measure their catch. Fish Ohio!