

CSLAP Anglers Survey

1. **Name of Lake:** _____
2. **Location:** _____
3. **Do you live on the lake?** _____
4. **Please indicate the type of waters you fish the most in New York State (circle one):**
 - a. This lake
 - b. Nearby small lakes
 - c. Nearby large lakes
 - d. Nearby streams or rivers
 - e. One or more of the large NYS lakes- Great Lakes, Finger Lakes, etc.
 - f. Ocean/saltwater
 - g. Other (specify: _____)
5. **What are your favorite species to fish in this lake (choose up to three)?:**
 - a. Black bass (largemouth or smallmouth)
 - b. Bullhead/catfish
 - c. Carp
 - d. Muskie or Tiger muskie
 - e. Northern pike
 - f. Pickerel
 - g. Salmon
 - h. Sucker
 - i. Sunfish (bluegill, pumpkinseed,...)
 - j. Lake trout
 - k. Other trout (brook, brown, rainbow)
 - l. Walleye
 - m. White perch
 - n. Yellow perch
 - o. Other _____)
 - p. No favored fish species
6. **What fish species do you most frequently catch in this lake (choose up to three)?**
 - a. Black bass (largemouth or smallmouth)
 - b. Bullhead/catfish
 - c. Carp
 - d. Muskie or Tiger muskie
 - e. Northern pike
 - f. Pickerel
 - g. Salmon
 - h. Sucker
 - i. Sunfish (bluegill, pumpkinseed,...)
 - j. Lake trout
 - k. Other trout (brook, brown, rainbow)
 - l. Walleye
 - m. White perch
 - n. Yellow perch
 - o. Other _____)
 - p. None- not usually successful
7. **How frequently do you fish on this lake (circle one)?**
 - a. Daily (or nearly every day)
 - b. Several times per week
 - c. About once per week
 - d. Several times per month
 - e. About once per month
 - f. Several times per year
 - g. About once per year
8. **Where do you do your fishing on this lake (circle all that apply)?**
 - a. Boat
 - b. Dock
 - c. Shoreline
 - d. Ice
 - e. Other _____
9. **How do you most frequently access this lake to go fishing (circle one)?**
 - a. My own dock or shoreline
 - b. Neighbor or friends dock or shoreline
 - c. Public access site
 - d. Marina or private access site
 - e. Walk onto the ice
 - f. Other _____
10. **Do you frequently take your boat from other lakes to this lake?**
 - a. Yes _____
 - b. No- boat never leaves lake _____
 - c. No- I don't boat on this lake _____
 - d. Not applicable- no boat _____
11. **Do you wash or inspect your boat before entering this lake?**
 - a. Yes _____
 - b. No _____
 - c. Not applicable _____
12. **Do you wash or inspect your boat after leaving this lake?**
 - d. Yes _____
 - e. No _____
 - f. Not applicable _____
13. **Have you seen any invasive plants in this lake? If yes, specify _____**

14. **Have you seen any invasive animals (fish, zebra mussels, spiny water flea) in this lake? If yes, specify _____**

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15. **How satisfied were you with the size of fish you caught on this lake in 2011 (circle one)?**
1. Very satisfied
 2. Satisfied
 3. No opinion or neutral
 4. Unsatisfied
 5. Very unsatisfied
16. **How satisfied were you with the number of fish you caught on this lake in 2011 (circle one)?**
1. Very satisfied
 2. Satisfied
 3. No opinion or neutral
 4. Unsatisfied
 5. Very unsatisfied
17. **What do you do with the fish you catch on this lake (choose one)?**
1. Catch and release only
 2. Catch and eat at least some of the fish
 3. Catch and eat all fish
 4. Catch and keep for other purposes
 5. Other _____
18. **How would you rate your overall fishing experience on this lake (choose one)?**
1. Positive (complete questions 19, 21 & 23)
 2. No opinion (complete question 21-23)
 3. Negative (complete questions 20 to 23)
19. **What factors positively affected your fishing experience on this lake (circle any that apply)?**
1. Good access
 2. Stocking or management programs
 3. Abundance or size of game fish
 4. Abundance or size of non-game fish
 5. Diverse fish community
 6. Invasive vegetation control
 7. Other: specify _____
20. **What factors negatively affected your fishing experience on this lake (circle any that apply)?**
1. Poor access to the lake
 2. Few fish/fish not biting
 3. Undesirable fish in lake
 4. Excessive weeds
 5. Poor water quality (foam, algal blooms..)
 6. Too many anglers
 7. Too many other lake users (boaters,...)
 8. Other: specify _____

21. **Which of the following factors would likely improve the fishing experience on this lake (circle any that apply)?**
1. No improvements needed
 2. Increase the number of boat ramps
 3. Add amenities to existing ramps (wash stations, information kiosks, trash receptacles, etc.)
 4. Increase the number of shoreline fishing access points or piers
 5. Decrease (or eliminate) existing boat ramps
 6. Decrease (or eliminate) shoreline fishing access points
 7. Implement speed or horsepower limits
 8. Stock additional coldwater fish (specify: _____)
 9. Stock additional warmwater fish (specify _____)
 10. Remove trash fish
 11. Require catch and release policy
 12. Control excessive weeds
 13. Increase weed coverage or beds
 14. Improve water quality conditions
 15. Other (specify: _____)
22. **Where did you get this survey form (circle one)?**
1. Lake association meeting
 2. Fishing club
 3. Other (specify _____)
23. **Did you complete this survey form for any other lakes?**
1. No
 2. Yes (specify): _____

Thank you for participating in this survey!

Surveys should be returned to the lake association or sent to:

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