

Fishers United Now (FUN) Angling Ethics Worksheet

Student Name:

Class:

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Welcome to the Fishers United Now (FUN). In fact, "FUN" is your group motto and what drives you to go fishing. And the last thing you need is the rest of the society trying to limit your fun by telling you how to be an ethical angler. Really, what do they know about fishing?

But you're also smart enough to know that public opinion about angling might affect your access to certain estuaries, lakes and rivers, and could even affect fishing regulations. So you're onboard with developing your own set of angling ethics and even offering your unique fish savvy angling perspective on what are a meaningful set of guidelines. With your food web fishing knowledge, who better to consider ecosystem impacts than your group?

On a separate sheet of paper or on your computer, develop your own code of angler ethics that address these issues you've identified as angling concerns:

- What anglers do with live bait when their done fishing? (consider the various popular baits for your specific fishing area)
- Are there some fishing techniques that might be more harmful to fish when the intent is "catch-and-release"?
- Are there certain species that are more impacted by fishing pressure, or other aquatic recreational activities? And how to minimize those impacts?
- As boaters, what can anglers do to reduce the spread of AIS? (aquatic invasive species) Also do online research about AIS in fresh water bodies.

In class Sessions 3 and 4, all of the groups will present their ethical angler plans then have a class debate on solutions to developing an overall set of angling ethics that best serves the combined interests of the various groups and the ecosystem.

Support your recommended angling ethics using the following methods when developing your plan and debating in class:

- Begin your research by watching the classroom video again, and decoding some key points on the webpage; <http://intotheoutdoors.org/topics/aquatic-ecosystem-ethics/>
- Do online research about other challenges anglers face to explore solutions.
- Because you understand anglers and fishing better than the other groups, work with POW during debate to combine their goals with yours.

Now go create an awesome set of ethical angling guidelines to present.