



In-Fisherman 2016 MASTER ANGLER



All entries eligible to win one of ten
Plano® A-Series Quick Top Tackle Bags



SPECIES	Region 1 KEPT C&R lbs. inches	Region 2 KEPT C&R lbs. inches	Region 3 KEPT C&R lbs. inches	Region 4 KEPT C&R lbs. inches	Region 5 KEPT C&R lbs. inches	Region 6 KEPT C&R lbs. inches
Largemouth Bass	6½ 22	10 24	6½* 22*	6½ 22	6½ 22	- -
Smallmouth Bass	5 20	5 20	5 20	5½ 21	5½ 21	- -
Spotted Bass	3 18	5 20	5 20	- -	- -	- -
White Bass	2½ 17	3 18	2½ 17	2½ 17	2½ 17	- -
Striped Bass	22 36	28 37	28 37	- -	- -	35 40
Hybrid Striped Bass	9 24	10 26	9 24	- -	- -	- -
Bluegill	1½ 11	1½ 11	1½ 11	1½ 11	1½ 11	- -
Redear Sunfish	1½ 13	1½ 13	1½ 13	- -	- -	- -
Crappie (Black or White)	2 14	2½ 15	2½ 15	2 14	2 14	- -
Yellow Perch	1½ 15	1½ 15	1½ 15	1½ 15	1½ 15	- -
Sauger	4 22	4 22	4 22	4 22	4 22	- -
Walleye	10 30	10 30	10 30	10 30	10 30	- -
Saugeye	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	- -
Northern Pike	17 40	12 36	12 36	22 43	17 40	- -
Muskellunge	28 46	28 46	20 40	30 48	28 46	- -
Hybrid Muskie	18 38	18 38	18 38	18 38	18 38	- -
Blue Catfish	40 42	40 42	30 38	- -	- -	- -
Channel Catfish	18 30	20 32	20 32	20 32	18 30	- -
Flathead Catfish	40 42	40 42	35 40	25 36	25 36	- -
Chinook Salmon	28 40	- -	- -	- -	28 40	40 45
Coho Salmon	12 32	- -	12 32	- -	12 32	16 34
Brown Trout	8 24	10 27	10 27	8 24	16 32	- -
Rainbow Trout/Steelhead	8 24	8 24	8 24	8 24	14 30	18 38
Brook Trout	4 19	3 18	4 19	5 20	5 20	- -
Lake Trout	16 34	12 32	20 35	22 36	16 34	- -
Carp (Common or Grass)	25 34	25 34	25 34	25 34	25 34	- -
Chain Pickerel	4 24	4 24	4 24	4 24	- -	- -

*California and Mexican largemouth bass must be 10 lbs. or 24 inches.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Anglers who enter qualifying fish receive a Master Angler patch (one per year) and species chevron.



SELECTIVE HARVEST

Selective Harvest is wise conservation of our natural resources. It maintains a tradition of harvesting some fish to eat, as they're nutritious, delicious, and renewable when harvested wisely. Large predators and large panfish must be released to sustain good fishing. Only numerous and smaller fish should be kept.

RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE

In each region, anglers who enter the largest kept or largest released fish of a species receive a Master Angler parchment certificate suitable for framing.

RECOGNITION PLAQUE

Anglers who enter a state-record fish qualify for a personalized Master Angler plaque.

RULES FOR 2016

- In-Fisherman readers and television viewers are eligible to apply for Master Angler awards.
- Fish must be taken by angling and in accordance with regulations of the state or province where the fish was caught.
- Each official qualifying fish entry form (or photocopy) must be submitted individually in its own envelope within 30 days of the catch (no exceptions). If fishing alone, the witness verification section may be omitted for released fish. Otherwise, all sections (including a witness) must be completed.
- Each entry must be accompanied by one clear, standard-size, sideview photograph (no videos) of the fish, preferably of the angler with the fish. Photographs of released fish must be taken at the catch site (no exceptions). No driveway or baitshop shots for catch & release fish are acceptable. Do not write on the back of photos. Do not use paper clips, tape or staples, since they ruin photos. Entries without photos, and illegible or incomplete entries, will be disqualified and not returned.
- Kept fish must be witnessed, and weighed on a scale.
- Measure released fish from the tip of the nose (with mouth closed) to the tip of the tail. Quickly photograph and release the fish. Don't hang fish to be released on a scale; impale them on a gaff, or place them on a stringer. Fish showing signs of improper handling will be disqualified.
- Include a brief description of how the fish was caught.
- Entry and photograph become the property of In-Fisherman with publication and television rights. We are not responsible for lost or misplaced entries. Photos cannot be returned.
- The awards program runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2016. Entries must be received by Jan. 15, 2017, to qualify for the 2016 program.
- Each entry is reviewed by the awards committee whose decision is final.
- For each species, only one kept and two released fish may be entered during the awards program year (no upgrading allowed).
- Each entry must be mailed by angler catching fish and not by guide service or fishing lodge.

MASTER ANGLER ENTRY FORM

(Please print and complete all spaces legibly)

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____
 Region of Catch (Circle one): 1 2 3 4 5 6
 Species _____ Date Caught _____
 Body of Water _____
 Nearest Town: _____ State/Province: _____

Kept: Released:
 Weight of Fish: ____ lbs. ____ oz. Length: ____ inches Girth ____ inches
 Lure/Bait Used _____ Color & Size: _____

Witness Verification
 For kept entries, a witness must be present during the catch or during the weigh-in. Weigh-in must be on a state-certified scale (i.e. grocery store meat dept. or butcher shop). One witness MUST be an employee of the business maintaining the certified scale.

Weigher's Name _____ **Phone#** _____
Business Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Second Witness _____ **Phone#** _____
Business Address _____
Witness Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

