



Fish Kill Reporting Form:

(This form has two pages)

Date and time of day: _____

Name of Person reporting the fish kill: _____

Agency: _____ Phone: _____

Location of the fish kill (include water body, area affected by kill, and any landmarks):

Weather: Temperature _____ Percent cloud cover _____
 Precipitation _____ Wind speed/direction _____

Water quality characteristics: note water color, turbidity, foul smell, presence of an algal bloom:

Magnitude of the kill: Minor (<100)_____; Moderate (100-1,000)_____; Major (>1,000)_____

Number of fish species present, estimate of dead fish (does each species make up a minor or major portion of the kill). Please note the size range (in inches) of each species affected most by the kill.

Species 1: _____	Minor _____	Major _____	Size: _____
Species 2: _____	Minor _____	Major _____	Size: _____
Species 3: _____	Minor _____	Major _____	Size: _____
Species 4: _____	Minor _____	Major _____	Size: _____
Species 5: _____	Minor _____	Major _____	Size: _____

Condition of each fish species: Note if fish are dying, fresh dead (*gills still red*), or decaying?

Species 1: _____
Species 2: _____
Species 3: _____
Species 4: _____
Species 5: _____

Physical appearance of dead fish; note any anomalies (lesions, hemorrhage, excessive mucus):

Describe any unusual characteristics or behavior in live fish; swimming at surface, loss of equilibrium, erratic swimming, darkened coloration, etc.):

Are any other organisms within the ecosystem dying or dead?

Invertebrates (snails, insects, etc.) _____

Aquatic Plants and algae: _____

Reptiles: _____

Other: _____

Classify the pattern of loss: All fish died in a short period (1-2 days): _____

Fish died over a period of 1 week: _____

Fish have been slowly dying over a period of > 10 days: _____

Are fish still dying?

Note location of point sources of pollution in or near the affected area (agricultural land, chemical waste facility, sewage treatment plant, other):

Documentation and Samples:

Were photographs taken of site and fish? _____

Were water samples taken? _____

Were fish samples taken? _____

**Note: fish samples should be taken only from dying or freshly dead fish. Freshly dead fish will still have clear eyes and red-colored gills. Dying or live fish can be transported in water within a suitable container (bucket, cooler) preferably with aeration. Freshly dead fish should be bagged, kept cool, and transported to the pathology lab within 24 hours. Ideally samples should be fresh and not frozen; if samples cannot be transported within 24 hours then they may be frozen for future analysis. Freezing will limit the type of analyses that can be done.*

The fish kill should be reported immediately to the contact below:

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