North Raven Volunteer Angler PIT Tag Tracking Project Information

- TUC wishes to thank, in advance, the volunteer anglers who participate in this data collection project.
- One specific person will be responsible for the tag reader, GPS and record forms and can organize and hand out this equipment to participating anglers.
- Use the form to record the angling, catch and tag information. You can use the form for more than one day and you can use the form for multiple anglers.
- Please use a pencil for filling out the form as ink runs when wet.
- Use one line for each fish that you catch.
- Note the time that you started angling and record it in the appropriate column on the line where you record the first fish caught. Please use the 24 hour clock numbering system (i.e. 1pm=13:00).
- After catching a fish you will need to keep it in the water as much as possible while you are getting the tag reader and GPS turned on and handling the fish. TUC recommends the use a ‘fish friendly’ catch and release net.
- Write in the Month and Day (e.g. May 23) on the line where you record the first fish caught. As additional fish are caught on the same day, either write in the date or use a “mark until the last fish of the outing, then write in the date in the appropriate column and row.
- Use the four digit coding for the species of the fish caught: BNTR (brown trout), BKTR (brook trout), MNWH (mountain whitefish), NRPK (northern pike), BLTR (bull trout).
- Indicate an estimated total length of the fish caught using a check mark in the appropriate size column. It isn’t necessary but if fish are measured, measure to the closest mm and write the length in the appropriate row and closest sized column.
- Hold the fish upside down in the landing net, then scan the fish along its belly past the pelvic fins using the tag reader and look for the tag reference number on the display screen. If no number is displayed, try scanning again but if no number is displayed then the fish does not have a tag.
- Write the tag reference number in the appropriate column and row.
- If no number is displayed or any time after recording the reference number, the fish can be released if it is recovered.
- Indicate using a check mark whether the fish is not tagged or tagged.
- Write in the GPS location for tagged fish and either a GPS location (preferred) or a general location description for untagged fish.
- Write in the name (first initial and last name) of the angler who caught the fish, but for additional fish caught by the same angler you can either record their name or use a “mark until the last fish of the outing, then record the angler’s name.
- Record the time that you finished angling in the appropriate column on the line of the last fish caught. Again, please use the 24 hour clock numbering.
- Return the forms (completed and blank) and equipment to the organizer, these can then be forwarded to RMH Fisheries Management.