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# **FISHERIES AND AQUATIC SCIENCES RECORD GROUP 1973-2004**

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## ***HISTORY***

Fish exemplify the history of the federal government's efforts to manage natural resources. Fishing has been a major form of visitor recreation for more than a century and aquatic harvesting by humans stretches back several millennia. It is this long-standing tradition and integration with the parks' cultural significance that allows the practice of recreational fishing to continue in the parks today. In some cases, it can also contribute to the National Park Service goal of preserving native species.

The biological significance of fish to ecosystems makes them an ongoing subject of study and concern. Native cutthroat trout are among the most ecologically important fish of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and highly regarded by anglers. Several factors, exotic species and disease among them, are threatening the persistence of these fish. The National Park Service strives to use the best methods available for addressing these threats, with a focus on direct, aggressive intervention, and welcomed assistance by visiting anglers.

The above information is via:

<http://www.greateryellowstonescience.org/topics/biological/fish>

***SCOPE AND CONTENT*****FISHERIES AND AQUATIC SCIENCES RECORD GROUP  
1973-2004**

*CATALOG NUMBER*        YELL 185562

*VOLUME*                    45 LF

*DESCRIPTION*

This record group consists of the permanent records of the Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Department of Yellowstone National Park.

*ORGANIZATION*

The Fisheries and Aquatics Record Group is organized into series. The first series contains Volunteer Angler Reports. Currently, the first series contains VAR cards from YELL-2497. This series will be added to when more VAR cards are turned in to the YELL Combined Archives.

*PROVENANCE*

Records originated from the Fisheries and Aquatic Programs, Yellowstone Center for Resources (YCR)

*RESTRICTIONS*

NO

*ASSOCIATED  
MATERIALS*

11 boxes of fish scales Yellowstone National Park Museum Collections

## *HIERARCHY*

- I. VOLUNTEER ANGLER REPORT CARDS 1973-2004, 1973-1985, 1987-1999, 2001-2004  
(bulk dates: 1973-2004)

## ***SERIES DESCRIPTIONS***

### *I. VOLUNTEER ANGLER REPORT CARDS 1973-2004, 1973-1985, 1987-1999, 2001-2004 (bulk dates: 1973-2004)*

When purchasing a Yellowstone National Park fishing permit, the visitor was given a Volunteer Angler Report (VAR) card, along with a copy of the regulations. The card was completed for each trip to a single stream or lake, and dropped off at a park Ranger Station or Visitor Center, or returned by mail (postage paid).

Arranged alphabetically into file units according to body of water in the following order: individual creeks, various creeks, individual rivers, various rivers, individual lakes and various lakes.

This appears to be the original arrangement by the Fisheries employees. The "various" bodies of water are listed in the summary field of each file unit level record.

Volunteer Fisherman Reports from 1973-2004 with comments. No cards for 1986 & 2000.

**Series I Container List:**

## Box 1

1973: Creeks, Rivers, &amp; Lakes

1974: Creeks, Rivers, &amp; Lakes

## Box 2

1975: Creeks, Rivers, Lakes (cont.)

## Box 3

1975: Lake &amp; Various Waters

1976: Creeks &amp; Rivers (cont.)

## Box 4

1976: Rivers &amp; Lakes (cont.)

## Box 5

1976: Yellowstone Lake

## Box 6

1976: Various Lakes

1977: Creeks &amp; Rivers

## Box 7

1977: Lakes (cont.)

## Box 8

1977: Lakes

## Box 9

1978: Creeks &amp; Rivers (cont.)

## Box 10

1978: Rivers &amp; Lakes

## Box 11

1979: Creeks &amp; Rivers (cont.)

## Box 12

1979: Rivers &amp; Lakes (cont.)

## Box 13

1979: Lakes

1980: Creeks, Rivers, &amp; Lakes (cont.)

## Box 14

1980: Lakes

1981: Creeks &amp; Rivers

## Box 15

1981: Rivers &amp; Lakes (cont.)

## Box 16

1981: Lakes

1982: Creeks &amp; Rivers (cont.)

## Box 17

1982: Rivers &amp; Lakes (cont.)

## Box 18

1982: Lakes

1983: Creeks &amp; Rivers (cont.)

## Box 19

1983: Rivers &amp; Lakes (cont.)

## Box 20

1983: Lakes

1984: Creeks &amp; Rivers

## Box 21

1984: Lakes

1985: Creeks &amp; Rivers (cont.)

## Box 22

1985: Rivers &amp; Lakes (cont.)

## Box 23

1985: Lakes

1986: no cards

1987: Creeks &amp; Rivers (cont.)

## Box 24

1987: Rivers &amp; Lakes (cont.)

## Box 25

1987: Lakes

1988: Creeks, Rivers, &amp; Lakes (cont.)

## Box 26

1988: Lakes

1989: Creeks &amp; Rivers (cont.)

## Box 27

1989: Rivers &amp; Lakes (cont.)

## Box 28

1989: Lakes

1990: Creeks &amp; Rivers (cont.)

## Box 29

1990: Rivers &amp; Lakes (cont.)

## Box 30

1990: Lakes &amp; Multiple Waters

1991: Creeks &amp; Rivers

## Box 31

1991: Rivers &amp; Lakes (cont.)

## Box 32

1991: Lakes, Multiple Waters, &amp; Unknown Waters

1992: Creeks &amp; Rivers (cont.)

## Box 33

1992: Rivers &amp; Lakes

1993: Creeks (cont.)

## Box 34

1993: Creeks, Rivers, &amp; Lakes (cont.)

## Box 35

1993: Lakes, Did Not Fish, Multiple Waters, Unknown Waters, Various with Missing Information, &amp; Hoaxes

## Box 36

- 1994: Creeks & Rivers (cont.)
- Box 37
  - 1994: Rivers & Lakes
  - 1995: Creeks & Rivers (cont.)
- Box 38
  - 1995: Rivers, Lakes, & Missing Information
  - 1996: Creeks
- Box 39
  - 1996: Rivers & Lakes (cont.)
- Box 40
  - 1996: Lakes, Missing Information, & Multiple Waters
  - 1997: Creeks, Rivers, & Lakes
- Box 41
  - 1997: Multiple Waters
  - 1998: Creeks, Rivers, & Lakes
- Box 42
  - 1998: Missing and Unknown Waters & Multiple Waters
  - 1999: Creeks, Rivers, Lakes, Multiple and Blank Locations
- Box 43
  - 2000: no cards
  - 2001: Creeks, Rivers, & Lakes
  - 2002: Creeks
- Box 44
  - 2002: Rivers, Lakes, & Multiple Locations
  - 2003: Creeks & Rivers (cont.)
- Box 45
  - 2003: Rivers & Lakes
  - 2004: Creeks, Rivers, & Lakes