

Summer is Over
Before you know it!



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AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, August 24th, 2021

Doors Open at 6:30pm

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Membership meeting

Department of Wildlife Resources, Board Room

7870 Villa Park Drive - Henrico, VA 23228

Speaker - Mike Bednarski, Ph.D.

DWR Director of Fisheries

Program: DWR's Aquatic Program & New Initiatives

How to Join a Zoom Meeting

Email link:

1. You will receive an email invitation from the meeting host
2. Click on the link in the email (join via PC, Mac, iOS or Android)
3. You will be directed to the meeting

IMPORTANT!

2021 VAC Scale Certification

Due to the pandemic, the following is in effect for the upcoming year:

All scales certified in 2020 are valid through 2021.

If you have an electronic scale, please change your batteries before weighing fish this year. If you have new scales, or scales that need certifying (not certified in 2020) it is your responsibility to get your scales to a weigh master.

Please contact the following to arrange for your scales to be certified.

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Danny Noland: danny6749@aol.com



PROGRAMS

August 24th – DWR’s Aquatic Program & New Initiatives by Speaker Mike Bednarski, Ph.D.

Mike Bednarski is DWR’s Fish Chief and leads the Department’s Aquatic Wildlife Resources Division, which is responsible for managing all of Virginia’s sportfish and non-game fish species. Before coming to Virginia in 2016, he worked with marine sportfish including black sea bass, summer flounder, bluefish and striped bass. Mike likes to spend his free time bass fishing and recently cleared out the local stock of rat shaped swimbaits.

He will be presenting on DWR’s Aquatic program, highlighting new initiatives and quality fishing opportunities.

PREVIOUS PROGRAMS

The ZOOM video links from previous membership meetings are located on web page under the Videos tab (Speaker and Educational Videos).

UPCOMING EXPEDITIONS

September 25th – James River Float Trip – contact Bob Brown (mrbbrownjr@comcast.net) or Steve Knox (sknox@knoxmarine.com) for more details.

October 9th – Speckled Trout Trip – contact Carter Clevinger (carter.clevinger@dominionenergy.com) for more details.

REMINDER

The VAC Has a Facebook Page Now – Go Take a Look!

You can visit the VAC Facebook page for a look by clicking on:

<https://www.facebook.com/vaanglers/>

VAC ANGLING RULES QUESTIONS?

Do you have a question concerning angling rules? If so, email your questions to Fred Cousins (cousinsf1@verizon.net). Fred will address questions during the next general membership meeting



Blue Catfish Sampling on the Pamunkey, Mattaponi, and Rappahannock Rivers

By Margi Whitmore/DWR
Photos by Clinkt Morgenson/DWR



Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) fisheries staff conducted annual blue catfish sampling over the past two weeks in the Pamunkey, Mattaponi, and Rappahannock rivers.

Biologists used low-frequency electrofishing to temporarily immobilize catfish in order to collect length and weight data and track the population. (Wondering what electrofishing is? Check out [Not Too Shocking: Your Electrofishing Questions Answered](#).) Larger size classes and higher numbers of blue catfish were consistently found in deep holes off the main channel and around outside river bends. Areas near drop-offs and with structure, like tree stumps or submerged trees, also held more and larger fish.



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In the Rappahannock River, larger catfish were found in the lower salinity reaches upstream and just downstream of Port Royal. Cat Point Creek, a tributary just upstream of Tappahannock, had good numbers of fish and great size distributions in the vicinity of the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge. The largest fish collected and released by DWR weighed in at 51 pounds from the upstream reaches of the Rappahannock River.



The Pamunkey River also produced better size distributions and higher numbers of fish further upstream, in the vicinity of the railroad bridge and above. The Rappahannock, Mattaponi, and Pamunkey rivers all produced plenty of good eating-size blue catfish in the 3- to 5-pound range, but the largest fish sampled this year came out of deep holes on the outside bends of the upstream Rappahannock River. The James, Chickahominy, and Piankatank rivers will be sampled next year. Looking for a great place to catch catfish? Check out [FishLocalVA!](#)





VAC MEMBERS SHIRTS

The club is going to print shirts to offer for sale to members. Similar to those that were done in 2017, the shirts will feature the image of a Gyotaku print of a speckled trout done by club member Rob Choi (see below). We plan to print gray heavy hooded sweatshirts and T-Shirts. The sweatshirts will have to be preordered by members now. The price will be \$40 for Large(L) and Extra Large(XL) and Extra Extra Large(XXL) will be \$43. The cutoff date to order sweatshirts is August 24th.

Payment for sweatshirts will be required when shirts are delivered at a future membership meeting when T-shirts will also be available for sale.

If you want to preorder a sweatshirt (specify size) or have a question, contact:

Stuart Lee

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(804)467-7080



***VIRGINIA WILDLIFE CALENDERS FUNDRAISER**

The Virginia Wildlife Calendars will be here soon! The cost for the calendars this year remains at **\$8 each and is HALF of the current retail price**. These calendars will be available the **later part of August** for members to purchase or to sell for the club's fundraiser.

Don West is once again will be leading this fundraiser, contact Don with your order at (804-897-8723).

Fish of the Month (July)

Freshwater (points)

R Hart
Sunfish 11lbs 9oz
2 Gen 332pts

Freshwater (weight)

S Knox
Catfish, Flathead
34lbs

Saltwater (points)

RN Noland
Pompano 2lbs 3oz
Surf 218pts

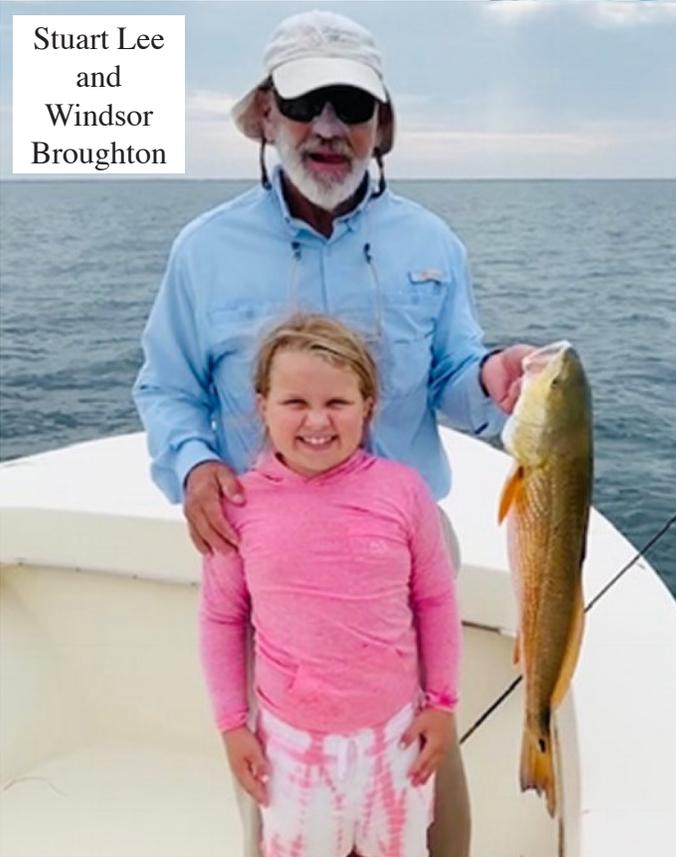
Saltwater (weight)

C Clevinger
Flounder
2lbs 8oz

Recent VAC Member Catch Photos



Tom Franco



Stuart Lee
and
Windsor
Broughton



Gary Green



Brendan Strum



Mike Mason



Rob Choi





Carter Clevinger





Robert Thomas



Mike Ostrander





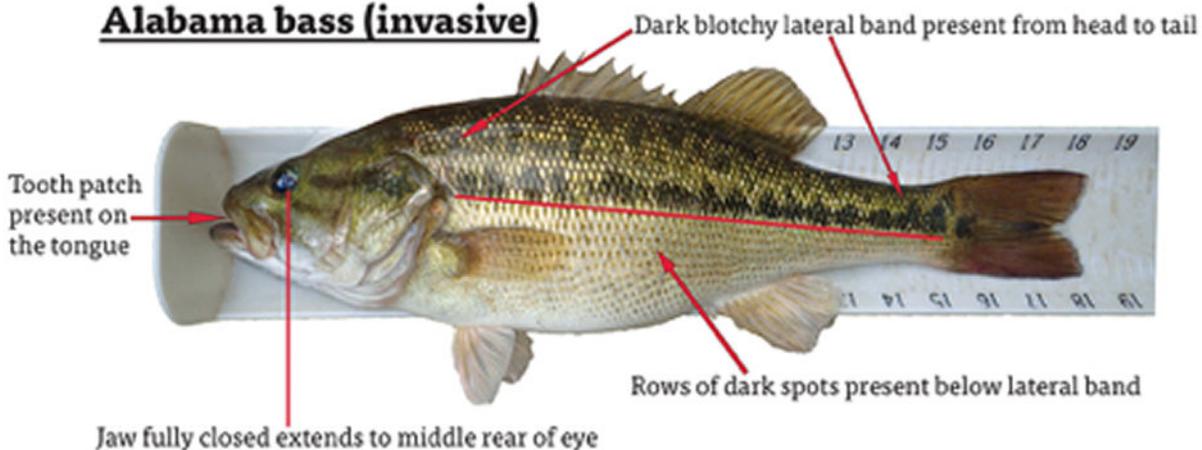
Frank Hart



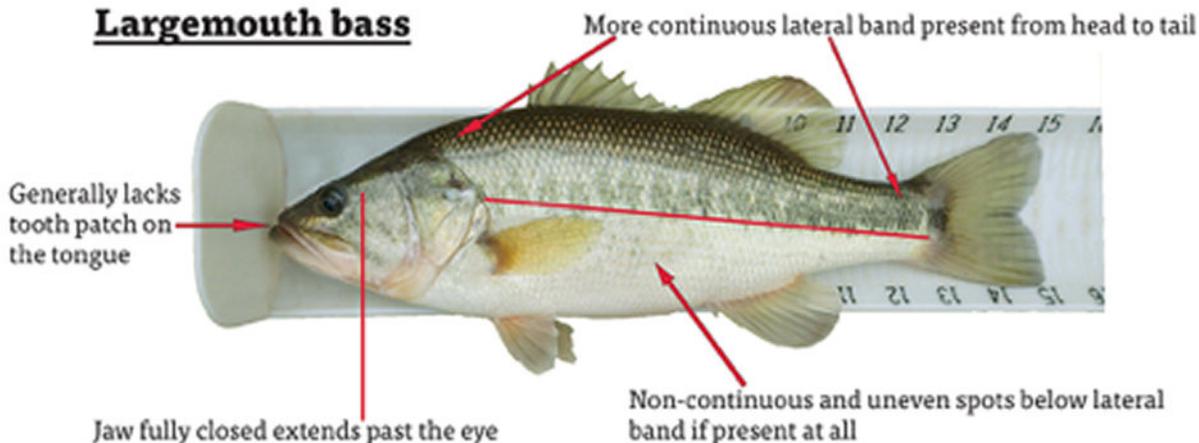


DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

Alabama bass (invasive)



Largemouth bass



- Anglers are reminded that the introduction of novel predators can have unforeseen impacts on native or established ecosystems.
- The introduction of Alabama bass is illegal in Virginia. Alabama bass have been scientifically shown to out-compete established populations of largemouth bass and hybridize with small-mouth bass.
- Invasive species cause negative ecological and/or economic harm.
- Anglers who suspect they have captured an Alabama bass should take a picture of the fish, clip off a thumbnail-sized portion of one of the pelvic fins, and store the fin clip dry in an envelope. The pelvic fins are located on the bottom of the fish, just under the head. They should then either contact the Department of Wildlife Resources at: fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov or 804-367-1293.



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ANNUAL AWARDS 2021

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	15-10	2	SPIN	520	2021-05-11	CHIPOKES CREEK, VA	Jig

PRESIDENT'S AWARD SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	6-4	6	SPIN	416	2021-06-25	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	ZMan

DIVISION AWARDS FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CARP	R HART	25-4	8	PLUG	450	2021-01-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	15-10	2	SPIN	520	2021-05-11	CHIPOKES CREEK, VA	Jig
SHAD, HICKORY	GN CARTER	2-2	6	FLY	214	2021-04-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	Freds Dart Fly
SUNFISH	R HART	1-9	2	GEN	332	2021-07-11	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Popeye And Wax Worm

DIVISION AWARDS SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	49-0		SURF	350	2021-05-16	WRECK ISLAND, VA	Peeler
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)(ROUNDHEAD)	C CLEVINGER	0-14	2	GEN	194	2021-06-05	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Shrimp
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	6-4	6	SPIN	416	2021-06-25	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	ZMan

"HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	R HART	6-15	2	SPIN	462	2021-01-24	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	M OSTRANDER	4-4	6	GEN	194	2021-06-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	Minnow
BOWFIN	ES JOHNSTON	7-4	2	SPIN	362	2021-02-26	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	1/16 Oz. Jig
CARP	R HART	25-4	8	PLUG	450	2021-01-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	S KNOX	34-0	20	GEN	201	2021-07-29	JAMES RIVER, VA	Live
CRAPPIE, ALL	R HART	1-11	2	SPIN	267	2021-03-06	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Bobby Garland Crappie Jig
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	15-10	2	SPIN	520	2021-05-11	CHIPOKES CREEK, VA	Jig
PERCH, WHITE	M OSTRANDER	0-15	2	SPIN	246	2021-03-09	COHOKE POND, VA	White Grub
PERCH, YELLOW	R HART	1-5	2	SPIN	345	2021-02-26	COHOKE CREEK, VA	2 Inch Grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	R HART	2-12	2	SPIN	275	2021-02-14	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	Yellow Grub
SHAD, HICKORY	GN CARTER	2-2	6	FLY	214	2021-04-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	Freds Dart Fly
SUNFISH	R HART	1-9	2	GEN	332	2021-07-11	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Popeye And Wax Worm
SUNFISH, REDEAR	DL NOBLES	0-11	4	FLY	107	2021-03-10	PRIVATE POND, VA	Black Leech Streamer
TROUT, BROOK	R HART	2-10	4	SPIN	210	2021-03-28	SUGAR GROVE, WV	Joes Fly
TROUT, BROWN	B BOSHER	4-15	8	GEN	116	2021-02-20	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Bucktail
TROUT, RAINBOW	A BAGWELL	5-12	4	SPIN	261	2020-12-13	PRIVATE POND, VA	2" Tube

"HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
COBIA	W MOSLEY	11-0	6	SPIN	157	2021-08-06	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Bucktail
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	49-0		SURF	350	2021-05-16	WRECK ISLAND, VA	Peeler
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	C CLEVINGER	2-4	2	SPIN	187	2021-07-23	BACK RIVER, VA	Gulp
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)(ROUNDHEAD)	C CLEVINGER	0-14	2	GEN	194	2021-06-05	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Shrimp
MACKEREL, SPANISH	C CLEVINGER	3-0	6	SPIN	157	2021-06-25	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Plug
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	2-9		SURF	256	2021-07-17	HATTERAS, NC	Sand Flea
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	6-4	6	SPIN	416	2021-06-25	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	ZMan
SHEEPSHEAD	SC LEE	4-12	6	SPIN	162	2021-08-12	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Grub

"HEAVIEST" SPECIES AWARDS FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	B BROUGHTON	7-8	8	PLUG	250	2021-06-13	SANDY RIVER RES., VA	Z Hog
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	M OSTRANDER	4-4	6	GEN	194	2021-06-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	Minnow
BOWFIN	ES JOHNSTON	7-4	2	SPIN	362	2021-02-26	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	1/16 Oz. Jig
CARP	R HART	25-4	8	PLUG	450	2021-01-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	S KNOX	34-0	20	GEN	201	2021-07-29	JAMES RIVER, VA	Live
CRAPPIE, ALL	T MIDKIFF	1-13	4	GEN	181	2021-02-26	CHICKAHOMY, VA	Minnow
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	15-10	2	SPIN	520	2021-05-11	CHIPOKES CREEK, VA	Jig
PERCH, WHITE	L RICHARDSON	1-0	6	SPIN	181	2021-04-10	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1-7	4	PLUG	312	2021-03-08	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	R HART	3-10	4	SPIN	266	2021-01-16	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
SHAD, HICKORY	GN CARTER	2-4	8	FLY	199	2021-03-30	JAMES RIVER, VA	Freds Dart Fly
SUNFISH	R HART	1-9	2	GEN	332	2021-07-11	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Popeye And Wax Worm
SUNFISH, REDEAR	JH SHEFFIELD	1-0	4	GEN	100	2021-05-25	WESTERN BRANCH, VA	Worm
TROUT, BROOK	R HART	2-10	4	SPIN	210	2021-03-28	SUGAR GROVE , WV	Joes Fly
TROUT, BROWN	B BOSHER	4-15	8	GEN	116	2021-02-20	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Bucktail
TROUT, RAINBOW	A BAGWELL	5-12	4	SPIN	261	2020-12-13	PRIVATE POND, VA	2" Tube

"HEAVIEST" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BLUEFISH	SC LEE	4-10	6	SPIN	92	2021-06-25	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Grub
COBIA	W MOSLEY	11-0	6	SPIN	157	2021-08-06	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Bucktail
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	49-0		SURF	350	2021-05-16	WRECK ISLAND, VA	Peeler
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	C CLEVINGER	2-8	2	GEN	166	2021-07-30	BACK RIVER, VA	Squid & Minnow
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)(ROUNDHEAD)	BL NOLAND	1-10		SURF	162	2021-07-25	HATTERAS, NC	Sand Flea
MACKEREL, SPANISH	C CLEVINGER	3-0	6	SPIN	157	2021-06-25	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Plug
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	2-9		SURF	256	2021-07-17	HATTERAS, NC	Sand Flea
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	6-4	6	SPIN	416	2021-06-25	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	ZMan
SHEEPSHEAD	SC LEE	4-12	6	SPIN	162	2021-08-12	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Grub

NEW CLUB RECORDS FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CARP	R HART	25-4	8	PLUG	450	2021-01-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	S KNOX	31-0	20BR	GEN	183	2020-12-04	JAMES RIVER, RICHMOND, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	S KNOX	34-0	20	GEN	201	2021-07-29	JAMES RIVER, VA	Live
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1-2	8	PLUG	175	2021-03-06	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1-7	4	PLUG	312	2021-03-08	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
SUNFISH	R HART	1-9	2	GEN	332	2021-07-11	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Popeye And Wax Worm
TROUT, BROOK	R HART	2-10	4	SPIN	210	2021-03-28	SUGAR GROVE , WV	Joes Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	A BAGWELL	5-12	4	SPIN	261	2020-12-13	PRIVATE POND, VA	2" Tube

NEW CLUB RECORDS SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)(ROUNDHEAD)	C CLEVINGER	0-14	2	GEN	194	2021-06-05	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Shrimp
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)(ROUNDHEAD)	BL NOLAND	1-10		SURF	162	2021-07-25	HATTERAS, NC	Sand Flea
MACKEREL, SPANISH	C CLEVINGER	3-0	6	SPIN	157	2021-06-25	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Plug
POMPANO, COMMON	RN NOLAND	2-3	50BR	SURF	218	2021-07-18	HATTERAS, NC	Sand Flea
SHEEPSHEAD	SC LEE	4-12	6	SPIN	162	2021-08-12	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Grub



PAJCHAK AWARD

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
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YOUTH FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SUNFISH	ASHER BROUGHTON 0_6	0-8	4	SPIN	108	2021-04-25	PRIVATE POND, VA	Squirt

YOUTH SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
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NON-LOCAL AWARD FRESH OR SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
PERMIT	FD GOTTWALD	16-0	12	GEN	133	2021-03-24	KEY WEST, FL	Crab

NEW MEMBER AWARD

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	C DEANE	4-9	4	SPIN	228	2021-01-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	3/16 Ounce Blade Bait
CARP	C DEANE	19-4	8	PLUG	343	2021-01-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	1/2 Ounce Blade Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	C DEANE	1-5	2	SPIN	208	2021-03-06	BUGGS ISLAND, VA, VA	Bobby Garland Jig
PERCH, WHITE	C DEANE	0-10	4	SPIN	135	2021-04-18	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	1/8 Jighead With 2' Twister Tail
SUNFISH	C DEANE	1-0	4	SPIN	217	2021-06-17	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	1/16 Oz Jig With Twister Tail
TROUT, RAINBOW	C DEANE	5-3	4	SPIN	235	2020-12-19	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Panther Martin
Total					1366			