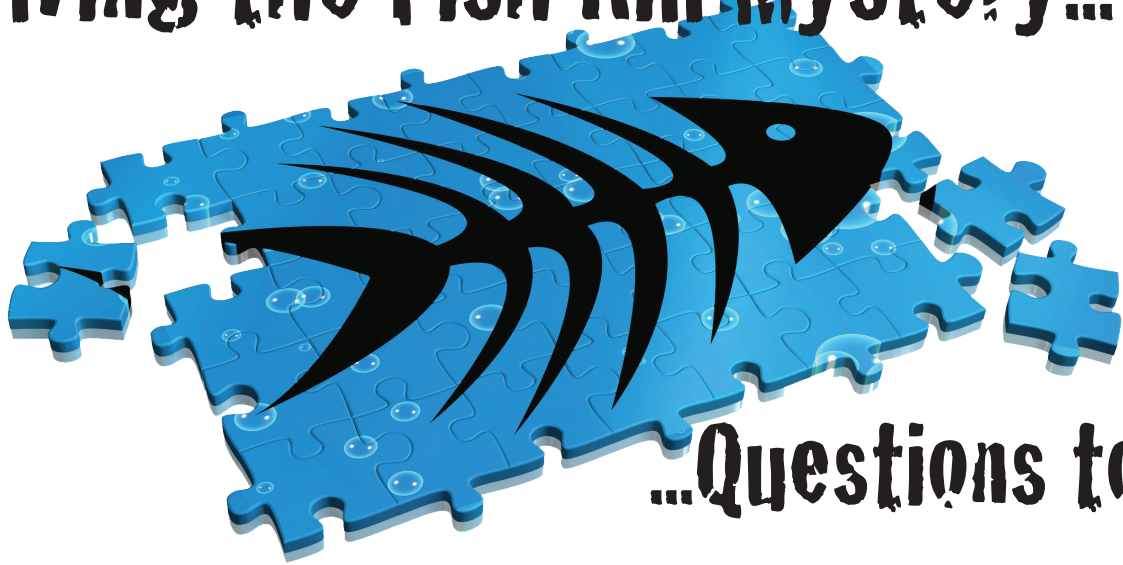


Solving the Fish Kill Mystery...



...Questions to Ask

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... Keep a copy of this in your vehicle ...

Where is the pond located?

Address of property on which pond is located _____
Name of pond owner _____
Owner's address _____
Home phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

When was the fish kill discovered?

Date _____ Time _____

ATTACH to this form a STATEMENT from the complainant as to what was observed at the time of the fish kill.

Who discovered the fish kill?

Name _____
Home phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Who conducted the inspection and recorded this information?

Name _____
Company or affiliation _____
Home phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Who else was present during the inspection?

Name _____ Phone number(s) _____
Name _____ Phone number(s) _____

When was the site inspected?

Date _____ Time _____

Conditions at time of inspection:

Air temperature _____ Cloud cover? _____ Precipitation? _____
Wind speed and direction _____
Clarity of the water (clear, cloudy, etc.) _____ Water color _____
Source of water _____
Describe water odor, if any: _____
Water temperature _____ Dissolved oxygen reading at a depth of one foot _____

Weather prior to sighting of dead or dying fish:

Did heavy rain precede the fish kill? _____ If yes, how long before? _____ How much rain? _____

Biological Information

Number of dead fish: 1-10 _____ 20-50 _____ >50 _____

Size(s) of dead fish (check all that apply): Sm. (0-5") _____ Med. (6-12") _____ Lg. (>12") _____

Species of dead or distressed fish: Catfish _____ Bass _____ Bluegill _____ Other _____

Other animals affected (e.g., turtles) _____

Note any unusual appearance of the dead fish (e.g., flared gills, open mouths, curved spines, disease spots):

Were fish observed swimming at the surface or jumping onto the bank? _____

If yes, what species? _____

Were snails observed climbing onto vegetation to get out of the water? _____

Were tadpoles gulping near the surface? _____

Treatment Information

Date(s) of recent treatment(s) to water, if applicable _____

Method(s) of application, if applicable _____

Describe the condition of nearby vegetation: _____

If there was a recent pesticide treatment for algae or aquatic weeds, identify products and amounts used, if known: _____

Size of treated area (entire pond or lake, 1/2, 1/3, etc.) _____

Have there been any driveway resurfacing or watershed paving activities? _____

If yes, explain: _____

Have fertilizers or pesticides been applied to nearby lawns, ornamental plants, or building perimeters? _____

If yes, describe: _____

If a nearby area was sprayed, does it drain into the pond? _____

Do other sites drain into the pond? _____ If yes, explain: _____

Site Sketch

In the space below, draw a sketch of the inspection site, noting approximate distances and including inlets and outlets, street drains, farm fields, etc.



Grid area for site sketch.

