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## **Why log my trips? The importance of keeping a Fishing Log**

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Magic tricks are easy once you know the secret. Puzzles can only be put together if you have all the pieces. Now you may be asking your self what does this have to do with fishing or keeping a fishing log? You see fishing is still one of the biggest puzzles of all sports. No matter how many years you have been fishing or how good you think you are, there is still no guarantee that you will catch fish on every outing.

There are so many elements that have to be put into place such as weather, tides, moon phases, season, bait, lures, etc. There is a saying that says, "Hindsight is 20/20" and that is because when you look back on the things that you have done you are then able to clearly see your success and failures. Now when you apply this towards fishing the puzzle pieces of the past can provide an interesting picture of past successes and give the angler a chance to look at the black-and-white facts or empirical evidence, as opposed to a guess/hunch and a blurry season-to-season memory of how they thought they did. A fishing log can be a valuable tool to help unwrap the magic of fishing and put the puzzle pieces together.

One of the most important benefits of a fishing log is being able to analyze past fishing outings. Yes, it is easy to remember one or two trips, but it is nearly impossible to remember a years worth of fishing. Having an electronic software tool such as the *Fishalog*, which can keep track of your fishing past trips will help you strategize and better plan future trips.