

Dedicated to the Memory of Commissioner Enoch S. "Inky" Moore Jr.

PLAY

Pennsylvania • League • of • Angling • Youth

SPRING 2004



Are you a **SMART** Angler?

I'll bet you think you are a smart angler. You fish where the fish are. You know which lures to use in different situations. You know how to tie a knot or two. And you've even caught your share of fish!

If that's the case, then you are a smart angler! Good for you! But what we're talking about is a SMART angler. Each letter in the word "SMART" stands for an important part of being an angler. Use the clues below to fill in the blanks and figure out what being SMART is all about. The answers appear on the left at the bottom of this page.

1. **S** _____ first.

- ✓ If fishing from a boat, wear your life jacket.
- ✓ Always walk when carrying your fishing rod.
- ✓ Secure the hook to your rod when you're walking to your spot.
- ✓ Look behind (and above) before casting.
- ✓ Take someone with you.
- ✓ Let an adult know where you're going and when you'll be back.

2. **M** _____ are important.

- ✓ Be polite and helpful to other anglers.
- ✓ Ask permission from landowners to enter their property to fish.
- ✓ Give other anglers plenty of space.
- ✓ Don't litter. Pick up any litter you find.

3. **A** _____ clean water.

- ✓ Without clean water, there are no fish.
- ✓ Learn all you can about the fish you seek and the places where they live.
- ✓ Do what you can to protect our water resources.

4. **R** _____ some of your catch.

- ✓ Land fish quickly and handle them as little as possible.
- ✓ Release fish quickly and gently.
- ✓ Keep only those fish you will eat.
- ✓ Pack fish on ice to keep them fresh until you get home.

5. **T** _____ others to be SMART anglers.

- ✓ The future of our sport is in your hands.
- ✓ Share what you know with others.
- ✓ Take someone fishing: Young or old, fishing is for everyone!