

## MFFA Angling Awards

The following angling awards are offered to members of the MFFA in the spirit of friendly competition. There are currently four categories of angling awards for MFFA members:

### Species Awards

As per the Travel Manitoba Master Angler Program as published in the annual Manitoba Anglers' Guide, the MFFA member who submits the species with the longest length at or above the minimum length for the species will win the **Species Award** (gold medal) for that species. Silver and bronze prizes will be awarded for the next two qualifying lengths. It should be noted that there are slight changes in qualifying species and minimum lengths in the Travel Manitoba Master Angler Program for MFFA member fly fishers. See the accompanying Table 1 for the MFFA standards.

It should also be noted that the list of qualifying freshwater species is not closed. All fish species found in Manitoba qualify. Manitoba freshwater fish species are as published in:

Stewart, K.W. and D.A. Watkinson. 2004. The Freshwater Fishes of Manitoba. University of Manitoba Press, Winnipeg MB R3T 2N2.

**NOTE: Non-Manitoba fish of any species caught by fly fishing can be entered but will not be awarded medals.**

### Fish-of-the-Year Award

Early in the fishing year the MFFA executive will designate a Fish-of-the-Year. The winner of the species award, as noted above, will also win the **Fish-of-the-Year Award**. The designated Fish-of-the-Year will change year to year.

### Biggest Fish Award

The InterSpecies Comparison Index (ISCI) is a system for comparing fish of different species. The Province of Manitoba has established conversion factors for most of the sports fish listed in the yearly Manitoba Anglers' Guide. MFFA has widely used these factors with some slight modifications to a few of the factors and to required minimum lengths to make the contest more competitive for fly fishers. All submitted fish have the conversion factor applied and the member whose fish has the highest score is the winner of the **Biggest Fish Award**.

### Kingfisher Award

The **Kingfisher Award** will be presented annually to the individual MFFA member who has caught and or released five native Manitoba fish of five different species that together have the highest cumulative point total according to the MFFA conversion factor scale. Of the five fish taken at least two must be warm-water species. Warm-water species could include yellow perch, walleye, northern pike, common carp, channel catfish, etc., etc. Also two species must be cold-water fish. Cold-water fish could include the various trout species and hybrid trout, arctic char, arctic grayling, lake whitefish, and any other salmonidae. The last fish entered to complete the five species is of your choice. **Members will not be allowed to win in consecutive years.**

## The Rules for the Annual Angling Awards

The MFFA presents a number of fishing awards each year to its members. The awards are presented at the last meeting of the year usually in mid November. Please keep in mind the following rules that the awards are subject to:

1. Entries are to be submitted no later than the last MFFA meeting in October. Entry forms can be obtained on the MFFA website (mffa.org) or from the member who tabulates all of the entries. Completed forms can be submitted on line, by email, by handing to the tabulator or by mailing to:

MFFA  
PO Box 43004 RPO Kildonan Place  
Winnipeg MB R2C 5G5

2. Entries are only for fish caught by fly fishing in the current year (November in the previous year to the end of the last MFFA meeting in October in the current year).
3. Entries are only accepted for fish caught by MFFA members.
4. Medals are only awarded for fish caught in Manitoba. Certificates are awarded for fish caught outside Manitoba.
5. Only one gold, silver and bronze medal will be awarded to a member for each species taken (e.g., if you have won a gold medal for a rainbow trout before, and you win again, you will receive a certificate, not a medal).
6. Fish caught in pay-to-fish facilities are not eligible.
7. Members can only enter one fish per species.
8. All fish entered for all awards must meet or exceed species specific minimum size limits (see Table 1).

## MFFA Angling Competition

**Table 1 - Minimum lengths and interspecies conversion factors for entered fish**

<b>Species</b>	<b>Minimum Length</b>	<b>Conversion Factor</b>
(1)	(in.)	(2)
Arctic Char	20	61
Arctic Grayling	15	74
Black Crappie	12	100
Bluegill	7	150
Brook Trout	20	59
Brown Trout	20	60
Bullhead	10	92
Burbot	24	41
Common Carp	26	42
Channel Catfish	30	35
Freshwater Drum	22	47
Goldeye	13	90
Lake Sturgeon	33	23
Lake Trout	26	32
Lake Whitefish	19	57
Largemouth Bass	16	71
Mooneye	13	93
Muskellunge	24	36
Northern Pike	32	30
Pumpkinseed	7	150
Rainbow Trout	20	55
Rock Bass	10	115
Sauger	16	70
Smallmouth Bass	16	73
Splake	20	57
Sucker	18	49
Tiger Trout	20	60
Tulibee (Cisco)	16	75
Walleye	20	43
White Bass	15	83
Yellow Perch	11	100

1. Other Manitoba species as listed in Stewart, K.W and D.A. Watkinson, 2004. The Freshwater Fishes of Manitoba, University of Manitoba Press, Winnipeg MB R3T 2N2, are also eligible.

2. The conversion factors or the interspecies conversion index allow for the comparison of different species. Use of these factors makes the larger or largest of all species equivalent.

## MFFA Angling Competition Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Species \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Was fish released?      Yes ( )    No ( )

Body of water \_\_\_\_\_

Fly pattern \_\_\_\_\_

Photo available? If available send to Stephen Jay.

Medals previously won for this species?

None ( )    Gold ( )    Silver ( )    Bronze ( )