

**Ranking of waters for Blue Ribbon status**

Category			
Size	Temperature	Type	
<b>Small</b>	(< 50 acres for lakes and <15 ft. wide for streams)	<b>Cold</b>	<b>Stream</b>
<b>Moderate</b>	(50 - 200 acres for lakes and 15 - 30 ft. wide for streams)		
<b>Large</b>	(> 200 acres for lakes and > 30 ft. wide for streams)	<b>Warm</b>	<b>Lake</b>

Criteria							
	Category scores (choose -1, 0, or +1 for each italicized category)	Outdoor experience	Category scores (choose -1, 0, or +1 for each italicized category)	Habitat	Category scores (choose -1, 0, or +1 for each italicized category)	Economic Benefits	Category scores (choose -1, 0, or +1 for each italicized category)
<b><u>Fishing Pressure</u></b> *Can fish populations sustain increased pressure?  *Will increased angler use of this water reduce angler pressure at similar adjacent waters?		<b><u>Harvest</u></b>  *Do anglers have an opportunity to catch and keep a lot of fish at this water?		<b><u>Completed Restoration</u></b> Has physical habitat restoration been undertaken successfully (i.e., has it improved the fishing, outdoor experience, or economic benefits) on this water?		<b><u>Local Economy</u></b> Do angler purchases at this water result in the creation of jobs or support businesses at a local, municipal, or county scale?	
<b><u>Fish Population</u></b> *Is a unique species or species assemblage (e.g., Colorado River cutthroat trout, tiger muskellunge,  *Is fish population augmented through stocking?  *Does natural reproduction provide significant input to fish		<b><u>Setting</u></b> Is this water located in a unique setting?  Does this water provide a good setting for social family activities?  Does this water provide a good setting for social group activities?  Does this water provide a good setting for isolated individual activities?		<b><u>Water Quantity</u></b> Does this water have sufficient water quantity?  Is the timing of water fluctuations and withdrawals impacting fish populations?		<b><u>Tourism</u></b> Does this fishery result in increased tourism?	
<b><u>Access</u></b> *Is public access provided? To what extent?		<b><u>Accessibility</u></b> Is primary access achieved by foot and horse traffic only?  Is primary access achieved by  Is water readily accessible from the bank?		<b><u>Water Quality</u></b> Does water quality impact the fishery (positive [e.g., highly fertile] or negative [e.g., mercury		<b><u>License sales</u></b> Does this fishery result in increased license sales?	
<b><u>Management</u></b> *Is this fishery the result of a major fish management success story (e.g., rotenone project,  *Have special regulations (e.g., slot limits, liberal harvest, etc.) been established?		<b><u>Size and Number</u></b> Do anglers have an opportunity to catch a lot of fish at this water?  Do anglers have an opportunity to catch large fish at this water?		<b><u>Restoration Potential</u></b> To what degree would the fishery benefit from habitat improvements?		<b><u>State Economy</u></b> Do angler purchases at this water result in the creation of jobs or support business at a statewide	
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						<b>Total score =</b> (sum of all criteria scores)	<b>0</b>