

# Afterschool Fishing Club (ASFC) Pilot Program 2023

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## Overview:

This program is a “train the trainer” modeled program where both students and teachers will be trained on fishing and how to run a fishing program. **The target audience will be High Schools who will then be encouraged to offer fishing programs to Elementary and Middle schools near them.** DNR staff will conduct two educational day’s for new schools joining the ASFC program.

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## 2 Day Program Model:

Day 1: In the classroom (at the school, can be outside if there is space available).

Day 2: At a local park and/or fishing location. Preferably a State Park.

## Requirements to participate:

- Committed teacher lead for the ASFC.
- Administrative approval for in classroom visit and field day. May not be needed if done on a weekend. If so, just parental approval.

## Follow-up:

After the two days the club will be on their own to practice and continue their fishing. DNR Liaison will be available to assist with questions and/or ideas for activities and locations. There will be an **ASFC Report Form** that all clubs can fill out and submit for the chance to receive a reward for their efforts.

*See ASFC Report Form for details.*

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## After a school(s) first year:

Lead Teacher will coordinate with DNR program liaison to notify DNR of the clubs continued participation and activity. DNR **will not** provide in-person staff assistance after the first year. DNR can support remotely with guidance, resources, equipment, bus and substitute funding assistance. The lead teacher at this point will have enough knowledge/experience to continue the club independently. They may also recruit volunteers and HS alumni to assist if needed and available.

Follow up after first year:

The club will run their fishing days and educational programs on their own time. They will submit an ASFC Report Form to DNR.



## Two Day Model Details:

### *Day 1*

Location: In the classroom (at the school, can be outside if there is space available).

Audience: Small (15 max) cohort of students that have knowledge of fishing already and/or are highly interested and motivated to participate as an educator/leader for the club.

Content: Students will learn **how to run** a fishing program.

- DNR staff will provide instruction on how to run the different educational stations. What supplies and equipment are needed. Talking points for teaching each station. Safety instruction required.
- Teachers leading the club will be actively involved and 'shadow' the DNR staff to be prepared to run this independently in future years.

### *Day 2*

Location: At a local park and/or fishing location. Preferably a State Park.

Audience: Invite the entire class and/or multiple classes to a field day.

Content: This will be an educational fishing event. The Students from Day 1 will lead each station and provide instruction for their peers.

- DNR staff will be present to provide guidance, to monitor and to support the teacher leading the club.
- Teachers leading the club will be actively involved and 'shadow' DNR staff so that they will be prepared to run this independently in future years.

### *DNR can provide*

- Fishing gear: rods, reels, tackle
- Assistance finding locations
- Educational station supplies
- hand-out/fishing guide resources

