

Early-season fishing at 49-52°F

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STATUS	Recovered/Partial
CLASSIFICATION	FISH
MATERIAL	FIELD / OUTDOORS
DISPOSITION	PUBLIC / RECOVERED/PARTIAL
CATEGORY	Fishing / Outdoors
RECORD TYPE	reference

TECHNICAL NOTES

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GOAL

Run the first test described in this guide and record the result for early-season fishing at 49-52°F.

SOURCE STATE

New reference guidance; not a recovered test result

PREPARATION / NOTES

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EQUIPMENT

- Rod and reel matched to the target species
- Hooks, line, sinkers, and landing tools
- Notebook or phone field log

MATERIALS

- Bait or lure identified in the next field log

METHOD / STEPS

1. Measure water temperature near the fishing depth if possible, not only a sunny surface pocket.
2. Check deeper water near a shallow flat or protected bank that warms gradually.
3. Use a slow, controlled presentation with pauses and keep the bait near likely cover.
4. Compare midday warming to the earlier period and move when an area shows no life.

THINGS TO WATCH FOR

A rapid weather change can matter more than a one-degree reading. These temperatures do not define one pattern for every species or lake.

FIRST TEST / WHAT TO RECORD

Record water trend, depth and presentation speed with each bite.

RESULT / WHERE THIS STANDS

Record water trend, depth and presentation speed with each bite.

TROUBLESHOOTING

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SPECIFICATION

CATEGORY	Field / outdoors
TARGET	fishing at 49-52°F
VALIDATION	Date, water, weather, depth, bait, result

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

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Imported as an independent manifest record; public copy keeps uncertainty visible.

REFERENCE NOTES

Kansas fishing reference

(<https://www.ksoutdoors.gov/outdoor-activities/fishing-in-kansas/fishing-reports-by-reservoir>).

HOW-TO SOURCES

Kansas fishing reference

<https://www.ksoutdoors.gov/outdoor-activities/fishing-in-kansas/fishing-reports-by-reservoir>

RELEASED MATERIAL / SOURCE LINKS

fish-014-public-summary.txt

PUBLIC SUMMARY / RECOVERED NOTES

<https://u225x.com/downloads/manifest-records/fish-014-public-summary.txt>

RETURN TO THE LIVING RECORD

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