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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Conservation is at your fingertips!

Conservation has long been an initiative of Muskies, Inc., and a new opportunity for members to engage in hands-on PIT tag reading is here! Whether you want to help monitor fish growth, movement, or survival, adding a low-cost PIT tag reader to your boat this year could start a new conservation act!

If you want to add a PIT tag reader to your muskie fishing supplies arsenal, read the product description carefully to ensure it has the capabilities you are looking for. Begin by searching for an **"ISO 11784/11785 reader,"** which Minnesota DNR offices confirmed would be able to read the PIT tags that are being used in our area. From there, you can begin to search for a model that best works for you and your intended use. Qualities you may want to consider include the display, battery life and charging, data storage and retrieval, and water resistance.

I chose the model with the ability to save up to 256 individual readings, all downloadable to my computer with a USB cable. It has a lithium battery and USB charging, so I can even charge it out on the water if necessary. If the model you prefer is not water resistant, you can place the PIT tag reader inside a plastic baggie during use without impacting its effectiveness. Consider placing a small flotation on your PIT tag reader or using a wrist strap.

Last issue, I encouraged you to "record more in '24," and with the accessibility of these PIT tag readers, your records may be even more impactful in conservation!

<https://a.co/d/dswDKb8> --> (Amazon link to the model Alison bought)



Please use as you see fit!

In a more general push of invasives, I'd like to also encourage to use of the art resources available to us from the USFWS (stopaquaticinvasives.org) as we are able. Some time back, Muskies, Inc. signed on as a partner organization with the program. This gives us access to their graphics library (<https://stopaquaticinvasives.org/campaign-resources/graphics-library/>) that includes some consistent messaging on good practices to promote awareness to defend against invasives. It's free for us to use on the web, in the magazine, or anywhere it applies.



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