Frog Call Quiz: Participant Information

What is the Frog Call Quiz?

The Frog Call Quiz is a website (address: www.pwrc.usgs.gov/frogquiz) for learning or refreshing frog call identification skills. Part of the website is available to all people, including the Public Quiz and Frog Call Lookup. The Public Quiz allows anyone to take a 10 question quiz for species within a chosen state. Frog Call Lookup provides example calls, descriptions, and state species lists. Other sections of the website are only available to frog call survey participants. The "NAAMP Quiz" is for participants of the North American Amphibian Monitoring Program (NAAMP). Your state calling survey is a member of NAAMP and has helped in the development of this resource.

Who has to take the NAAMP Quiz?

All NAAMP participants are being asked to take the quiz. If you collect data, we want you to take the quiz. Participants are encouraged to make the quiz part of their pre-season practice each year.

Why are we being asked to take the NAAMP Quiz?

NAAMP participants are being asked to take the quiz for a variety of reasons. The Frog Call Quiz website was created to provide a self-assessment tool for NAAMP participants. By taking the quiz, you will also help us to improve training materials by understanding what species are confusing, assess observer differences over time, and understand what species are difficult to detect in multiple species choruses. By asking all participants to achieve a minimum detection index of 65, NAAMP is the first long-term large-scale monitoring program to incorporate a standard for participants involved in data collection.

How do I login to the NAAMP Quiz?

From the Frog Call Quiz website (address: www.pwrc.usgs.gov/frogquiz), click on the "NAAMP Quiz" image. At the next webpage, you will be asked to enter your Observer Number and Route Number. If you do not know your Observer Number or Route Number, ask your State Coordinator for assistance. If you have more than one route, you can use any of your route numbers to login to the website.

Some of you may be using route maps with our former 5 digit route numbers. All route numbers are now 6 digits long. The extra number is a zero inserted after the second digit. For example, old route number 44102 would now be route number 440102.

Can I take the quiz more than once?

Yes. We ask participants to achieve a detection index of 65 or better and participants can take the NAAMP quiz as many times as needed to achieve this goal.

Am I allowed to use reference materials?

Yes, any reference materials that you use during your calling surveys are acceptable to use while taking the quiz. You can also play the sound files multiple times before submitting your answer.

What computer resources are needed?

The computer will need to have access to the Internet and be capable of playing sounds (i.e. has a sound card and speakers) in order to hear the frog call sound files. The quiz is designed to work with 56k modems and faster connections. The sound files can only be played by a Real player (sometimes called a RealOne player). This software is available for free and can be downloaded from a link provided on the Frog Call Quiz website.

What happens to my data if I don't take the quiz or don't meet the minimum detection index?

States agreed that beginning with the 2006 field season volunteers need to take the quiz and achieve a detection index of 65 or better. Data will not be used for population trend analyses unless observers have met the quiz requirements.