



# 2018 PENNSYLVANIA FISHING SUMMARY

## Summary of Fishing Regulations and Laws



**2018 Fishing License BUTTON**



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**2 TROUT OPENERS** <sup>18</sup> southeastern Counties **March 31** AND **April 14** Regular Opening Day for Trout Statewide

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## FISHING LICENSES

Fishing licenses are sold by license issuing agents through an electronic point-of-sale (P.O.S.) system. This system brings increased efficiency, more options, and easier upgrades for anglers. Internet fishing licenses are sold online at: [www.pa.wildlifelicense.com](http://www.pa.wildlifelicense.com).

A current license, signed in ink, is required of persons age 16 and over to fish or angle for any species of fish and to take fishbait, baitfish and species of amphibians and reptiles from Commonwealth waters by those legal methods described in this booklet.

**FISHING** is defined as the act of angling, or to catch, take, kill or remove, or the attempt to catch, take, kill or remove, from any waters or other areas within or bordering this Commonwealth any fish by any means or method for any purpose whatsoever. **CASTING and/or RETRIEVING**, whether by rod, reel and line, or by handline, for oneself or for others, requires a current license, unless specifically exempted by law. See "Assistance to Children" on page 8 for specifics on when a license is required when assisting a child (12 years of age and under).

# 2018 FISHING LICENSES

### LICENSE YEAR

Annual licenses are valid from December 1, 2017, through December 31, 2018. WHILE FISHING, your license must be signed in ink and must be displayed on an outer garment. In addition, anglers must be prepared to furnish positive proof of identification.

\* Includes issuing agent fee of \$1.00 and \$0.90 electronic processing fee. Excludes the 109 Mentored Youth Permit.

\*\* Includes Trout-Salmon and Lake Erie permits, not valid March 15-April 30.

\*\*\* Applies to Senior Lifetime purchased on or after 1/1/2015 or may also be purchased as a trout program donation.

Code	Type of Fishing License or Permit	Age	Cost*
101	Resident (Annual)	16-64	\$22.90
104	Senior Resident (Annual)	65 & up	\$11.90
105	Senior Resident (Lifetime)	65 & up	\$51.90
108	1-Day Resident (not valid March 15-April 30)	16 & up	\$11.90
102	Non-Resident (Annual)	16 & up	\$52.90
106	1-Day Tourist ** (not valid March 15-April 30)	16 & up	\$26.90
103	3-Day Tourist	16 & up	\$26.90
107	7-Day Tourist	16 & up	\$34.90
110	Voluntary Youth Fishing License (Annual)	Less than 16	\$2.90
109	Mentored Youth Permit	Less than 16	\$0.00
150	Trout-Salmon Permit	16 & up	\$9.90
140	1-Year Trout/Salmon Permit ***	16 & up	\$9.90
143	3-Year Senior Lifetime Trout-Salmon Permit	65 & up	\$25.90
144	5-Year Senior Lifetime Trout-Salmon Permit	65 & up	\$41.90
145	10-Year Senior Lifetime Trout-Salmon Permit	65 & up	\$81.90
151	Lake Erie Permit	16 & up	\$9.90
152	Combination Trout-Salmon/Lake Erie Permit	16 & up	\$15.90
136	Alternate Display Annual Fishing License Button	Any Age	\$5.00

### OBTAIN YOUR LICENSE:

- at more than 900 license-issuing agents
- at county treasurers offices
- at Fish & Boat Commission offices
- on the Internet at [www.pa.wildlifelicense.com](http://www.pa.wildlifelicense.com).

**A lost fishing license or replacements** – All replacement licenses include permits or privileges previously purchased by the customer. The total cost for a replacement license and previously purchased permits or privileges that were printed on the base license is \$6.90. Replacement cost for 1-year permits or multi-year Senior trout/salmon permits is \$6.90

**You qualify for a RESIDENT fishing license if you are a bona fide resident of Pennsylvania.** When purchasing a resident fishing license, you must show positive proof of permanent residency by presenting one of the following documents:

- valid PA driver's license
- a valid non-driver photo identification card
- a previous year's PA state income tax return showing proof of payment of personal income tax as a resident of PA
- a previous year's local earned income tax return showing tax paid to a PA municipality
- a current PA voter registration card.

**All issued resident fishing licenses will remain valid for the year or years for which they are issued, regardless of whether the license holder is no longer a bona fide Pennsylvania resident.**

**National Guard & Armed Forces Reserve Licenses and Prisoner of War (POW) licenses are available only at Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission and county treasurer offices.**

**National Guard & Armed Forces Reserve Licenses** are available to those persons who provide documentation that within the previous 24 months the

person was deployed overseas as a member of the reserve component of the armed forces for a period of 60 consecutive days or more or was released early from service because of an injury or disease incurred in the line of duty.

**Prisoner of War (POW) licenses** are available to persons who provide military documentation stating the person is a former prisoner of war.

**Senior resident and senior lifetime licenses** are available to those persons at anytime during the year in which they will become age 65.

\* Persons who possess a **RESIDENT SENIOR LIFETIME license dated before Jan. 1, 1991, are not required to purchase a trout/salmon permit.** However, a Senior Resident Lifetime license holder who purchased a trout/salmon permit or a Combination trout/Lake Erie permit before Jan. 1, 2015, remains exempt from the requirement to purchase a trout/salmon permit annually. **RESIDENT SENIOR LIFETIME license holders** who purchase their license as of Jan. 1, 2015, are required to purchase a trout/salmon permit each year that the license holder desires to fish for trout. License holders can purchase the trout/salmon permit annually or purchase the permit for a 3-, 5-, 10-year period. License holders are required to purchase only one Lake Erie permit for a lifetime. In the event the license holder is no longer a Pennsylvania resident, the license continues to be valid.

**Disabled Veterans Licenses** – Any disabled veteran who has a disability incurred in any war or armed conflict that consists of the loss of one or more limbs or the loss of use of one or more limbs, or total blindness, or who is 100 percent disabled as certified by the United States Veterans Administration and is a resident of this Commonwealth may obtain a free resident fishing license upon application to the Commission or county treasurer.

**Reduced Disabled Veterans Licenses** – Any disabled veteran who has a disability incurred in any war or armed conflict who is between 60 and 99 percent disabled as certified by the United States Veterans Administration and is a resident of this Commonwealth may obtain a reduced fee resident fishing license upon application to the Fish & Boat Commission or county treasurer.

**Military personnel** are required to purchase a fishing license. Those who are stationed in Pennsylvania under permanent change of station orders (PCS) for a duration of 6 months or more, who produce documentation proving same, qualify for a resident fishing license. All others must obtain a tourist or non-resident license.

Certain active duty military personnel are exempt from Pennsylvania's fishing license requirement. To be eligible for the military waiver, an angler must be a bona fide Pennsylvania resident, be on active duty, be stationed outside Pennsylvania and be here on authorized leave. While in the act of fishing, the military personnel must carry proof of each of these requirements, such as a PA driver's license, a military ID and valid military orders showing the place of assignment and leave status.

Under the law, a qualifying soldier, sailor, airman or Marine does not receive a free Pennsylvania fishing license. Instead, eligible active duty military personnel can legally fish without a license under the limited circumstances outlined in the law. The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission recommends that anyone taking advantage of this provision display a military ID while in the act of fishing in much the same way as one would display a conventional fishing license.

The law does not exempt military personnel on leave from any other requirements of fishing or boating laws and regulations.

**Students from out of state** who are attending school in Pennsylvania but who have not become residents of Pennsylvania are not eligible to purchase a resident fishing license and must obtain a tourist or non-resident license.

**Social Security Number Requirements** – Since 1998, federal and state laws require purchasers of a Pennsylvania fishing license to provide their social security number when applying to purchase a fishing license.

**Vouchers** - A voucher may be purchased as a gift for another individual that can be redeemed for a license and/or stamp or privilege. A voucher may be redeemed at any issuing agent. The voucher is non-refundable and expires as noted. A voucher is not a fishing license and individuals using a voucher to fish are in violation of the Fish and Boat Code and may be subject to legal action. Individuals wishing to purchase vouchers for Christmas presents need to wait until December 1 of that year before purchasing a voucher.

**One-Day Tourist and One Day Resident License** - One-Day Tourist and One-Day Resident Licenses are not valid for fishing during the period from March 15th to April 30th of any year. One-Day Tourist or One-Day Resident licenses issued to be used on March 14 will expire at 11:59 p.m. on March 14 regardless of what time the license begins.

### SENIOR RESIDENT LIFETIME LICENSE UPGRADE

A durable plastic card version of the Senior Resident Lifetime license is available. This upgrade is available for \$11.90. Upgrades can also be purchased through issuing agents.



**TROUT/SALMON PERMIT**

A current Pennsylvania trout/salmon permit is required to fish for trout or salmon in Pennsylvania waters. Permits are printed on the license. An angler “fishes for trout or salmon” when he or she:

- Takes, kills or possesses, while in the act of fishing, a trout or salmon from any PA or boundary waters.
- Fishes in waters under special trout/salmon regulations.
- Fishes in any Class A Wild Trout Waters or Wilderness Trout Streams or their tributaries.
- Fishes in streams and rivers designated as stocked trout waters on March 1 through May 31.

**LAKE ERIE PERMIT**

All anglers fishing in the waters of Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay and their tributaries, including waters that flow into those tributaries are required to possess a valid Lake Erie permit or Combination trout/salmon/Lake Erie permit. See page 14 for a list of main tributaries that require a permit.

**COMBINATION TROUT/SALMON/LAKE ERIE PERMIT**

In many cases an angler may need both a trout/salmon permit and a Lake Erie permit to fish in waters in the Erie area. Rather than purchasing these individually, a Combination Trout/Salmon/Lake Erie permit may be purchased.

**CHARTER BOAT/FISHING GUIDE PERMITS**

Charter boat operators and fishing guides are required to obtain a permit when conducting business on the waters of the Commonwealth including the boundary waters. The annual fee for the permit is \$100.00 for residents and \$400.00 for non-residents. Permit applications are available from the Harrisburg office, regional headquarters, or the PFBC website: [www.fishandboat.com/chboat\\_app.pdf](http://www.fishandboat.com/chboat_app.pdf). For additional information about Charter Boat/Fishing Guide permits, contact the Bureau of Law Enforcement at 717-705-7861.

**ANGLERS:**

To find a charter boat operator or fishing guide for a fish species or location you wish to fish, go to the Commission’s website: [www.fishandboat.com/chboat.htm](http://www.fishandboat.com/chboat.htm).

**VINTAGE FISHING LICENSE BUTTONS**

Previously issued annual fishing license buttons are available through a separate online store, beginning with the first button issued in 2014 of this series. To purchase these vintage fishing license buttons, visit [www.PaVintageFishingButtons.com](http://www.PaVintageFishingButtons.com).

Purchase fishing licenses, trout stamps, subscriptions, launch permits and more!  
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**PERMIT EXEMPTIONS:** The following persons are NOT required to possess a trout/salmon permit or Lake Erie permit:

- Persons under 16 years of age.

- Disabled persons and other individuals who are exempt from fishing license requirements, or who are authorized to fish using an institutional license.
- Persons who possess a 1-day tourist license.

**2018 MULTI-YEAR FISHING LICENSES**

**WHILE FISHING,** your license must be signed in ink and must be displayed on an outer garment. In addition, anglers must be prepared to furnish positive proof of identification.

**3-YEAR, 5-YEAR, AND 10-YEAR FISHING LICENSES ARE AVAILABLE.**

*\* Includes issuing agent fee of \$1.00 and \$0.90 electronic processing fee.  
\*\* May also be purchased as a trout program donation.*

Code	Type of Fishing License or Permit	Age	Cost*
140	1-Year Trout/Salmon Permit**	16 & up	\$9.90
141	1-Year Lake Erie Permit	16 & up	\$9.90
142	1-Year Combo Trout/Salmon Lake Erie Permit	16 & up	\$15.90
030	3-Year Resident	16-64	\$64.90
031	3-Year Non-Resident	16 & up	\$154.90
032	3-Year Senior Resident	65 & up	\$31.90
033	3-Year Trout-Salmon Permit	16 & up	\$25.90
034	3-Year Lake Erie Permit	16 & up	\$25.90
035	3-Year Combo Trout-Salmon/Lake Erie Permit	16 & up	\$43.90
050	5-Year Resident	16-64	\$106.90
051	5-Year Non-Resident	16 & up	\$256.90
052	5-Year Senior Resident	65 & up	\$51.90
053	5-Year Trout-Salmon Permit	16 & up	\$41.90
054	5-Year Lake Erie Permit	16 & up	\$41.90
055	5-Year Combo Trout-Salmon/Lake Erie Permit	16 & up	\$71.90
060	10-Year Resident	16 & up	\$211.90
061	10-Year Non-Resident	16 & up	\$511.90
063	10-Year Trout-Salmon Permit	16 & up	\$81.90
064	10-Year Lake Erie Permit	16 & up	\$81.90
065	10-Year Combo Trout-Salmon/Lake Erie Permit	16 & up	\$141.90

**MULTI-YEAR FISHING LICENSES:** A 3-year fishing license is valid through 2020, a 5-year license is valid through 2022, and a 10-year fishing license is valid through 2027. Customers who buy multi-year licenses save money by not having to pay transaction and processing fees each year. Anglers can also purchase multi-year trout/salmon, Lake Erie and combo permits and experience similar savings or purchase single year trout/salmon, Lake Erie and combo permits. To order and for more information on multi-year licenses and permits, including receiving a free subscription to the digital version of *Pennsylvania Angler & Boater* magazine: [www.GoneFishingPa.com](http://www.GoneFishingPa.com).

**MULTI-YEAR LICENSE UPGRADE CARDS:** Anglers can purchase a durable plastic card version of the multi-year license. This upgrade is available for \$11.90. Upgrades can also be purchased through either the PFBC Outdoor Shop ([www.pa.wildlifelicence.com](http://www.pa.wildlifelicence.com)) or from a license issuing agent.

**VOLUNTARY YOUTH FISHING LICENSE**

To participate in a Mentored Youth Fishing Day, anglers 16 years of age or older (adult anglers) must possess a valid Pennsylvania fishing license be accompanied by a youth (less than 16 years of age) who has obtained a Mentored Youth Fishing Permit OR a Voluntary Youth Fishing License. In addition to a valid fishing license, the adult angler (mentor) must possess a valid trout permit when the Mentored Youth Fishing Day relates to trout. While mentors will be permitted to fish for trout, they are not permitted to harvest trout and must release them unharmed. Youth may harvest up to two trout (combined species) with a minimum size of 7 inches. All other Commonwealth Inland Water Regulations apply.

- The Mentored Youth Fishing Permit is free, and the Voluntary Youth Fishing License is \$2.90 (\$1.00 cost plus \$1.90 in agent/transaction fee).
- While both the permit and the Voluntary Youth Fishing License provide the opportunity for youth to fish on Mentored Youth Fishing Days, the Voluntary Youth Fishing License provides an extended return for both Pennsylvania’s youth and the Commission. For each license purchased for \$2.90, the Commission receives \$5 back in funding as a federal reimbursement. The same applies for each Voluntary Youth Fishing License Voucher, once it is redeemed. The Commission receives no federal reimbursement for Mentored Youth Fishing Permits.
- The funds received from the sales of the license reimbursement are then dedicated toward investment in youth outreach and education programs.
- While both the permit and the license provide the opportunity to participate in Mentored Youth Fishing Days, the Commission encourages anglers to purchase either a Voluntary Youth Fishing License or a Voluntary Youth Fishing License Voucher—for the future of fishing!

**ALTERNATE DISPLAY ANNUAL FISHING LICENSE BUTTON**

The annual buttons are available to all current, adult and youth Pennsylvania fishing license customers who possess a valid Pennsylvania fishing license that enables them to fish for the entire year. Lifetime Senior License and Multi-Year License holders can also purchase the buttons. For all eligible customers, the buttons are NOT required by law, and they are an optional purchase. The fee is \$5.00 per button.

Use of a valid Alternate Display Annual Fishing License Button meets the fishing license display requirement as long as the angler has a license certificate in their possession.

## GENERAL FISHING REGULATIONS

**NURSERY WATERS** are closed to fishing at all times.

**REFUGE AREAS** on streams are **CLOSED TO ALL ENTRY AND FISHING** during the period March 1 through June 14.

**FIELD DRESSING AND DISPOSAL OF FISH** – It is unlawful to possess a fish in any form or condition other than in the whole or having the entrails removed while on shore, along the waters of the Commonwealth, onboard a boat or on a dock, pier, launch area or parking lot adjacent thereto. Fish may be processed fully if they are being prepared for immediate consumption on site. This does not apply to fish processed at a fish cleaning station officially recognized by the Commission or by a permitted charter boat/fishing guide operation.

It is unlawful to discard any fish carcass or parts thereof into the waters of the Commonwealth or upon any public or private lands contiguous to the waters unless disposal is on lands with permission from the landowner or it is where fish are properly disposed into suitable garbage or refuse collection systems or at an officially recognized fish cleaning station.

**TAGGED FISH** – The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission and agencies in adjacent states apply tags to fish for special research purposes. If an angler catches a tagged fish and wishes to keep the fish, the tag number and location of the catch should be reported to the address or phone number on the tag or to the Fish & Boat Commission. If the angler doesn't wish to keep the fish, no attempt should be made to remove the tag unless special instructions have been posted at access areas, by the media or elsewhere. For example, sometimes the Fish & Boat Commission uses two-part tags and parts of or all of the tags should be removed in some cases with scissors or a knife. This type of tag typically resembles rubber spaghetti and information such as tag numbers and toll-free phone numbers can be easily read. Tagged fish that are not kept should be returned to the water immediately after removing the tag or recording the information from the tag. In no case should tags be pulled from a fish as this will cause significant injuries.

It is unlawful for a person to implant tracking devices in or to tag, brand, mark or fin clip any fish taken from Commonwealth waters, unless the fish are purchased from an authorized commercial aquaculture facility, are part of a Commission-recognized and sanctioned stocking by a cooperative nursery, are authorized by a scientific collector's permit issued by the Commission, are part of a tagged fish contest in a boundary lake for which the Commission has issued a permit or are part of a Commission-partnered tagged fish contest.

## TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT

**RODS, LINES AND HOOKS.** An angler may use a maximum of three lines fished either by rod or hand when fishing for gamefish, baitfish or both. An exception to this rule exists for those fishing through ice in winter (see Ice Fishing Equipment below). On open water (not covered by ice), it is unlawful for a person to fish with more than three fishing rods at a time. There is no restriction on the number of hooks used on each fishing line. All rods, lines and hooks shall be under the immediate control of the person using them.

**SNAGGING HOOKS** may not be used or possessed while in the act of fishing. A snagging hook is a device designed or modified to facilitate the snagging of fish and may be a hook with a single barb, weighted on a shank below the eye and above the barbs; or a hook otherwise designed or modified to make the snagging of fish more likely than it would be with a normal hook.

**ICE FISHING EQUIPMENT.** It is unlawful while ice fishing to use more than five fishing devices, which may consist of rods, hand lines, tip-ups or any combination. Each device shall contain a single fishing line with no restriction on the number of hooks used for fishing, except when fishing in the Pymatuning Reservoir where no more than three hooks shall be attached to each line. Holes cut in ice may not exceed 10 inches between the farthest points as measured in any direction. All lines, rods or tip-ups shall be under the immediate control of the person using them. On Fish & Boat Commission lakes, shelters or shanties must be removed when through fishing for the day.

**GAFF OR LANDING NET.** A gaff or landing net is permitted to assist in landing fish caught using a lawful device. Nets of all types can be no larger (excluding the handle) than 4 feet square or 4 feet in diameter. **It is unlawful to use any type of net or seine to catch or take gamefish.**

**SPEARS OR GIGS.** Spears or gigs may be used to take **ONLY** carp, suckers and catfish. Spears or gigs may not be mechanically propelled, may not have more than five barbed points and may not be used in stocked trout waters.

**BOW AND ARROW** (including compound bows and crossbows) may be used for taking **ONLY** carp, suckers and catfish on all Commonwealth waters, day or night, except in stocked trout waters during the closed season and in special regulation waters.

## ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN

An adult who assists a child (12 years of age and under) by casting or retrieving a fishing line or fishing rod is not required to possess a valid fishing license provided that the **child** remains within arms' reach of the assisting adult and is actively involved in the fishing activity. An adult may assist a child by baiting hooks, removing fish from the line, netting fish, preparing the fishing rod for use and untangling the line without possessing a valid fishing license. An adult is required to possess a fishing license if they intend to set the hook for the child. An adult may not fish or set the hook for their child in a designated Children/Special Population Area.



## BAIT

**BAITFISH** includes all forms of minnows; suckers, chubs, Fallfish, lampreys; Gizzard Shad 8 inches or less; and all forms of darters, killifishes and stonecats (except those listed as threatened or endangered species). Legally taken gamefish may be used as bait. It is unlawful to use or possess goldfish, comets, koi and Common Carp as baitfish while fishing.

**FISHBAIT** includes crayfish, crabs, and the nymphs, larvae and pupae of all insects spending any part of their life cycle in the water.

**For all crayfish species,** the head must be immediately removed behind the eyes upon capture unless used as bait in the water from which taken.

**SEASON, SIZE, LIMIT:** No closed season (except as noted below) and no minimum size. The daily limit and possession limit is 50 combined species. When purchasing bait, be sure to obtain and keep the sales slip or receipt. The receipt authorizes the possession of the fishbait or baitfish so purchased for a period of 15 days after its date of issue. Fishbait or baitfish purchased from a licensed dealer do not have a possession limit and do not count toward your daily limit of fishbait and baitfish taken from Commonwealth waterways. Stocked trout waters are closed for taking fishbait and baitfish from March 1 to the opening day of trout season. Most specially regulated trout waters are closed to taking fishbait and baitfish at all times.

**TAKING AND KEEPING BAIT** is permitted using rod and reel or handline, dip net or minnow seine not over 4 feet square or in diameter, or a minnow trap with no more than two openings that shall not exceed 1 inch in diameter. All devices must be under the immediate control of the person using them. Unattended minnow traps or baitfish containers left in Commonwealth waters must be identified with the owner's or user's name, address and telephone number. If fishing in a group and the total number of fishbait or baitfish taken exceeds the possession limit (50), separate containers must be provided for the fishbait and baitfish. Total possession limit in any one container may not exceed 50 baitfish or fishbait combined.

**MUDBUGS (dragonfly nymphs):** No daily limit from lakes, ponds, swamps or adjacent areas; the daily limit from rivers and streams is 50.

**FROGS AS BAIT:** Except for those listed as endangered or threatened or those with zero possession limit, frogs may be used as bait. Certain seasons and possession limits apply.

Releasing fish from another state, province or country into Commonwealth waters is illegal without written permission from the Commission. Transferring fish from one Pennsylvania watershed to another where that species is not always present is also illegal without written consent from the Commission.

**IT IS UNLAWFUL . . .**

• To possess, to introduce or import, transport, sell, purchase, offer for sale or barter the following live species in the Commonwealth: **snakehead (all species), Black Carp, Bighead Carp, Silver Carp, Zebra Mussel, Quagga Mussel, European Rudd, Ruffe, Rusty Crayfish, Round Goby and Tubenose Goby.**

• To fish with more than three fishing lines at any time when fishing for gamefish, baitfish or both.

• To fish (includes taking baitfish and fishbait) from March 1 to 8:00 a.m. on the opening day of trout season in any stocked trout water. Excepted are certain specially regulated waters and Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-round Fishing.

• To take or attempt to take fish, or keep fish accidentally caught, by snatch-fishing, foul hooking or snag fishing. Handfishing is not permitted.

• To catch, kill or possess more than one day's limit of any fish, except: (a) at your residence and (b) you may possess two days' limit while traveling to your residence from an overnight fishing trip of two or more consecutive days.

• To have on a stringer or in a container or otherwise in possession, while in or along waters of the Commonwealth or immediately returning therefrom, more than the daily creel limit of any fish for one person.

• To fail to immediately return unharmed to the waters from which it was taken, any fish caught out of season, or undersize, or over the daily creel limit. Any fish placed on a stringer, in any container or given away, counts toward the possession limit of the person having caught it, and the person to whom it was given.

• To kill any fish and fail to make a reasonable effort to lawfully dispose of it.

• To fish in, or within 100 feet of, the entrance or exit points of any fishway, including fish ladders and other fish passage facilities.

• To use gamefish as bait except when taken by rod and reel or handline in conformance with seasons, sizes and creel limits or when purchased from an authorized bait dealer.

• To sell baitfish or fishbait taken from waters of the Commonwealth, except that licensed and authorized commercial fishermen may take and sell baitfish from Lake Erie and Presque Isle Bay.

• To sell baitfish or fishbait within the Commonwealth, or transport same out of the state, except by authorized and licensed commercial bait dealers.

• To sell any species of fish, reptile (with the exception of Snapping Turtles) or amphibian taken from the Commonwealth.

• To sell, offer for sale, purchase or barter any fish parts or fish eggs obtained from fish taken from waters of this Commonwealth including boundary waters. This prohibition does not apply to fish parts or fish eggs (1) lawfully taken or sold or offered for sale by holders of Lake Erie commercial fishing licenses if the particular species of fish is authorized for taking by commercial licensees, or (2) those obtained from fish taken lawfully from waters outside of this Commonwealth.

• To release any species of fish, except those listed as approved by the Fish & Boat Commission, in Commonwealth waters without written permission from the executive director of the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission.

• To place an obstruction in any waterway that blocks the free movement of fish.

• To use or have in possession while on or along Commonwealth waters, nets larger than 4 feet square or in diameter except with a special permit issued by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission.

• To conduct an organized fishing tournament in which there are 10 or more participants without a permit issued by the Commission. Applications must be submitted 60 days before the date of the proposed tournament. Fishing tournaments may not be conducted for a species of fish during the closed season for that species. Unless a special exemption is granted, fishing tournaments may not be conducted on the opening day of the season for any species of game fish. Contact the nearest regional headquarters (*page 3*) for further information and permit applications. Applications are also available online: [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com).

• To conduct an organized fishing tournament and fail to submit an accurate fishing tournament catch report when required.

• To conduct a tagged fishing tournament in boundary waters without a permit issued by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission.

• To throw, leave, discard or deposit litter, debris or trash of any kind in or along waters or lands adjacent to or contiguous to waters of the Commonwealth.

• To obstruct the ingress, egress or regress to a person's property, cattlegways or fields.

• To dig in or drive upon any lands.

• To cut or damage trees or shrubs.

• To build or tend open fires without permission.

• To run any vehicle, except fording in the most direct manner, in any stream.

• To interfere with officers authorized to enforce the Fish and Boat Code in the performance of their duties or to refuse to accompany any officer after having been arrested for a violation of the Fish and Boat Code.

**PERSONS with DISABILITIES**

A copy of the Pennsylvania Fishing Summary is available on our website at [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com) and may be obtained as a computer file (alternative accessible format). Persons using a TTY should dial Pennsylvania Relay telephone number 711 to contact us.

Persons who are deprived of the use of a leg or both legs or who are disabled in a manner that significantly limits their mobility may apply for a permit to use an off-road motorized vehicle to access fishing and boating opportunities on Fish & Boat Commission property. Permit applications may be requested in writing from the PA Fish & Boat Commission, Bureau of Law Enforcement, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000.

For a listing of waters available exclusively for children 12 years of age and younger and persons with disabilities, please contact a regional office or visit [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com).

**ACCOMMODATIONS for Persons with Disabilities**

*The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission facilities listed here have fishing piers or other accommodations to provide angling opportunities for persons with disabilities. All areas may not be suitable for all disabilities.*

County	Facilities
Bedford	Lake Koon
Butler	Glade Run Lake
Carbon	Mauch Chunk Lake
Centre	Sprach Creek (fly-fishing pier)
Columbia	Briar Creek Lake
Erie	North East Marina (shoreline fishing)
Erie	Walnut Creek (shoreline fishing)
Fayette	Dunlap Creek Lake
Fayette	Youghiogheny River Lake Outflow
Jefferson	Cloe Lake
Lackawanna	Fords Lake
Luzerne	Harveys Lake
Luzerne	Lily Lake
Philadelphia	Frankford Arsenal Access - Delaware River (railed shoreline fishing area)
Sullivan	Hunters Lake
Washington	Canonsburg Lake
Washington	Cross Creek Lake
Wayne	Lake Wallenpaupack Mangan Cove Access
Wyoming	Lake Winola
Wyoming	Oxbow Lake

**IF A VIOLATION OCCURS . . .**

Persons accused of violating the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Code or rules and regulations may be issued a citation and have a right to a hearing before a district justice. Law enforcement personnel have the authority to confiscate or seize as evidence fish and fishing equipment that are illegal or used to violate fishing laws or regulations. The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission may, upon proper notice, suspend or revoke the fishing privileges, boating privileges or other permits of any person convicted (or acknowledging guilt) of a violation of the Fish and Boat Code or Fish & Boat Commission regulations.

If you have been convicted of or plead guilty to a second or subsequent violation within a 12-month period, you may be assessed an additional fine of \$200 for those offenses classified as summary offenses.

**COMMONWEALTH INLAND WATERS-2018**

(includes the Youghiogheny River Lake and does not include special regulation areas.)

Species	Seasons	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
 ALL SPECIES OF TROUT AND SALMON  Additional regulations may apply- see Trout Regulations-pages 20-29. See page 20 for stream sections that are both Stocked Trout Waters and Class A Wild Trout Waters.	Regional Opening Day of Trout Season* - March 31 at 8 a.m. through Sept. 3 (only 18 southeastern PA counties)	7 inches	5-streams, lakes and ponds (combined species)
	Regular Season - April 14 at 8 a.m. through Sept. 3	7 inches	5-streams, lakes and ponds (combined species)
	Extended Season: Stocked trout waters and all waters downstream of stocked trout waters. Jan. 1 through Feb. 28 and Sept. 4 through Dec. 31	7 inches	3 (combined species)
	Extended Season: Class A wild trout stream sections. Jan. 1 through Feb. 28 and Sept. 4 through Dec. 31	<b>NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only</b> Class A stream listing: <a href="http://www.fishandboat.com/classa.pdf">http://www.fishandboat.com/classa.pdf</a>	
BASS-LAKES Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted  Additional regulations may apply- see page 11	Jan. 1 through April 13 and Nov. 1 through Dec. 31	15 inches	4 (combined species)
	April 14 through June 15	<b>NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted)</b> See catch-and-release guidelines on page 15.	
	June 16 through Oct. 31	12 inches	6 (combined species)
BASS-RIVERS AND STREAMS Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted  Additional regulations may apply- see page 11	Jan. 1 through April 13 and Oct. 1 through Dec. 31	15 inches	4 (combined species)
	April 14 through June 15	<b>NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted)</b>	
	June 16 through Sept. 30	12 inches	6 (combined species)
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge**	 Open year-round	40 inches	1 (combined species)
Pickereel**		18 inches	4
Northern Pike**		24 inches	2
Walleye and Saugeye (Hybrids)	Jan. 1 through March 14 and May 5 through Dec. 31	15 inches	6
Sauger	Jan. 1 through March 14 and May 5 through Dec. 31	12 inches	6
American Shad***	Open year-round	No minimum	3
American Shad	Open year-round - Lehigh River, Schuylkill River**** and tributaries	<b>NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only</b>	
American Shad	<b>CLOSED YEAR-ROUND</b>		
River Herring***	<b>Susquehanna River and tributaries</b>		
Hickory Shad***	<b>CLOSED YEAR-ROUND</b>		
Herring, Gizzard Shad	Open year-round	No minimum	50 (combined species)
American Eel	Open year-round	9 inches	25
Striped Bass and Striped Bass/ White Bass Hybrids	Open year-round	20 inches	2 (combined species)
Sunfish, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Crappies, Catfish, Rock Bass, Suckers, Carp, White Bass, Bowfin and other gamefish not otherwise listed	Open year-round	No minimum	50 (combined species)
Additional regulations may apply- see Panfish Enhancement Special Regulations-page 15			
Baitfish/Fishbait***** (except Mudbugs/Includes Crayfish)	Open year-round	No minimum	50 (combined species)
Mudbugs (Dragonfly Nymphs)	Open year-round	No minimum	Unlimited if taken from lakes, ponds, swamps and adjacent areas. 50 per day if taken from moving waters (rivers and streams)
Mussels/Clams	<b>CLOSED YEAR-ROUND</b>		
Paddlefish, Spotted Gar and other threatened and endangered species	<b>CLOSED YEAR-ROUND</b>		

**SEASONS, SIZES AND CREEL LIMITS** – Except for trout season, which begins at 8 a.m., all regulatory periods in the fishing regulations are based on the calendar day, one of which ends at midnight and the next of which begins immediately thereafter.

\* Includes only those waters in 18 southeastern PA counties and four waters crossing from those counties listed in the **Regional Opening Day of Trout Season Program** (see pages 22, 23, 26 and 28).

\*\* Except those species in waters listed in the **Brood Stock Lakes Program**. Tiger Muskellunge is a muskellunge hybrid.

\*\*\* Unlawful to take, catch or kill American Shad, in the Susquehanna River and all its tributaries. River Herring (Alewife and Blueback Herring) has a closed year-round season with zero daily limit applied to Susquehanna River and tributaries, Lehigh River and tributaries, Schuylkill River and tributaries, West Branch Delaware River, Delaware River, Delaware estuary, Delaware River tributaries upstream to the limit of the tidal influence, and Conowingo Reservoir.

\*\*\*\* Lehigh River upstream of the first dam in Easton, Pennsylvania and its tributaries and the Schuylkill River upstream of the I-95 Bridge and its tributaries.

**NOTE:** It is not a violation of the bass regulations if a bass is immediately returned unharmed to the waters from which it was taken. It is unlawful for an angler to cast repeatedly into a clearly visible bass spawning nest or redd in an effort to catch or take bass.

**NOTE:** For bass regulations, power dam pools and recreational dam pools on the Susquehanna River and navigational dam pools on the Ohio River drainage are "rivers." It is unlawful to conduct a fishing tournament on the North Branch, West Branch or main stem of the Susquehanna River that allows a tournament angler to harvest bass.

**NOTE:** Stocked trout waters are closed to fishing from March 1 to the opening day of the regular trout season in April, unless included in the **Regional Opening Day of Trout Season Program** or **Stocked Trout Waters open to Year-Round Fishing Program**.

**NOTE:** Landlocked Alewife less than 8 inches in length taken from inland ponds, lakes or reservoirs that are collected by legal means may be harvested for use as baitfish.

**NOTE:** It is legal to fish for trout in Class A trout streams year-round, with no harvest beginning the day after Labor Day through the opening day of trout season the following year. The exception is those stream sections designated as both Class A Wild Trout Streams and Stocked Trout Waters. These stream sections are closed to fishing from March 1 until 8 a.m. on the opening day of trout season.

\*\*\*\*\* **BAITFISH** includes all forms of minnows; suckers, chubs, Fallfish, lampreys; Gizzard Shad 8 inches or less; and all forms of darters, killifishes and stonecats (except those listed as threatened or endangered species). Legally taken gamefish may be used as bait. It is unlawful to use or possess goldfish, comets, koi and Common Carp as baitfish while fishing. **FISHBAIT** includes crayfish, crabs, and the nymphs, larvae and pupae of all insects spending any part of their life cycle in the water.

**For all crayfish species**, the head must be immediately removed behind the eyes upon capture unless used as bait in the water from which taken.



Largemouth Bass



Smallmouth Bass



Spotted Bass

LAKES

Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Jan. 1 through April 13 and June 16 through Dec. 31	15 inches	4 (combined species)
April 14 through June 15	<b>NO HARVEST- Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted)</b>	

For the latest information and regulation updates, please consult the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission's website: [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com).

**BIG BASS PROGRAM SPECIAL REGULATIONS**

These special regulations apply to Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass in the waters listed below. Stocked trout waters (lakes) that are in the Big Bass Program are closed to all fishing from March 1 until the opening day of the trout season. This closure does not pertain to stocked trout waters (lakes) open to year-round fishing. For all other species, inland regulations apply.

**Waters Governed by These Regulations**

County	Water
Allegheny	Upper, Middle and Lower Deer Lakes <i>Closed to fishing from March 1 until 8 a.m. on opening day of trout.</i>
Allegheny	Marshall Lake
Allegheny	North Park Lake
Armstrong	Keystone Lake
Beaver	Bradys Run Lake
Berks	Blue Marsh Lake
Berks	Carsonia Lake
Berks	Hopewell Lake
Berks	Kaercher Creek Dam
Bedford	Shawnee Lake (State Park)
Blair	Canoe Creek Lake (State Park) to include two small ponds and raceway adjacent to Canoe Lake
Bucks	Lake Towhee
Bucks	Nockamixon Lake (State Park)
Butler	Lake Arthur (Moraine State Park)
Cambria	Beaverdam Run Reservoir
Cambria	Duman Dam
Cambria	Hinckston Run Reservoir
Cambria	Wilmore Dam

County	Water
Carbon	Mauch Chunk Lake
Chester	Chambers Lake
Chester	Marsh Creek Lake (State Park)
Clarion/Venango	Kahle Lake
Crawford	Sugar Lake
Fayette	Indian Creek Reservoir (Mill Run Reservoir)
Fayette	Bridgeport Reservoir
Indiana	Yellow Creek Lake (State Park)
Jefferson	Kyle Lake <i>(lake drained)</i>
Lackawanna	Lackawanna Lake (State Park)
Luzerne	Frances Slocum Lake (State Park)
Luzerne	Harris Pond
Luzerne	Lily Lake
Lycoming	Rose Valley Lake
Mercer	Shenango River Lake
Monroe	Bradys Lake
Monroe/Wayne	Gouldsboro Lake
Montour	Lake Chillisquaque
Northampton	Minsi Lake <i>(lake drained)</i>

County	Water
Perry	Little Buffalo Lake (Holman Lake)
Somerset	Lake Somerset <i>(lake drained)</i>
Somerset	Quemahoning Reservoir
Venango	Two Mile Run Reservoir (Justus Lake)
Washington	Cross Creek Lake
Washington	Peters Twp. Lake (Res. #2)
Wayne	Lower Woods Pond <i>(partial drawdown)</i>
Westmoreland	Bridgeport Reservoir
Westmoreland	Indian Lake
Westmoreland	Keystone Lake (State Park)
Westmoreland	Twin Lakes Number One Reservoir (lower)
Westmoreland	Mammoth Dam
Westmoreland	Northmoreland Lake
Westmoreland	Twin Lake Number Two Reservoir (upper)
Wyoming	Stevens Lake
York	Lake Marburg (Codorus State Park)
York	Lake Redman
York	Lake Williams
York	Pinchot Lake (State Park)

**SMALLMOUTH AND LARGEMOUTH BASS—CATCH AND RELEASE**

Counties	Waters	Season/Special Regulations
Cumberland, Dauphin, Juniata, Lancaster, Northumberland, Perry, Snyder, York	Susquehanna River (98.0 miles) from the inflatable dam near Sunbury downstream to Holtwood Dam, including all tributaries to a point 1/2 mile upstream from the confluence.	<b>From 12:01 a.m. on May 1 through June 15: CLOSED SEASON, NO TOURNAMENTS.</b> During the closed season, it is unlawful to target or attempt to catch a bass. A bass that is accidentally caught during the closed season must be immediately released unharmed without being removed from the water. It is unlawful to possess bass in, on or along these waters.
Dauphin, Juniata, Perry	Juniata River (31.7 miles) from SR0075 bridge at Port Royal downstream to the mouth, including all tributaries to a point 1/2 mile upstream from the confluence.	<b>Remainder of the year: NO HARVEST—CATCH AND IMMEDIATE RELEASE ONLY;</b> catch-measure-immediate release tournaments only.

See catch-and-release guidelines on [page 15](#).

**STAY UP-TO-DATE!**

The Commission has established a centralized web resource that houses news, stories, editorials, letters and other resources about the impairment of the Susquehanna River. Visit, [www.fishandboat.com/susq-impairment.htm](http://www.fishandboat.com/susq-impairment.htm)

**PYMATUNING RESERVOIR**

Species	Seasons	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Walleye and Saugeye (Hybrids)	Open year-round	15 inches	6 (combined species)
Bass: Largemouth, Smallmouth	Open year-round	12 inches	5
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge (Hybrids)	Open year-round	30 inches	2 (combined species)
Crappie**	Open year-round	9 inches	20
All Other Species	Open year-round	No minimum	None
Baitfish/Fishbait* <i>See page 8 for definitions</i>	Open year-round	No minimum	None
Frogs and Tadpoles	July 1 through Oct. 31	No minimum	15
Snapping Turtles	July 1 through Oct. 31	No minimum	15 daily limit 30 possession limit
Turtles (all species other than Snapping Turtles)	Open year-round	No minimum	2
Mussels/Clams	<b>CLOSED YEAR-ROUND</b>		
Threatened and endangered species	<b>CLOSED YEAR-ROUND</b>		

**ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS FOR PYMATUNING RESERVOIR**

- Lights or firearms may not be used to take frogs.
- Hooks used to take turtles shall be at least 3.5 inches long with at least 1 inch space between the point and shank.
- Spears, longbows, compound bows and crossbows may ONLY be used to take carp and suckers.
- Minnow seines and dip nets are restricted to 4 feet in size; mesh must measure not less than one-eighth inch, nor larger than one-half inch on a side.
- **ICE FISHING** – An Ohio or Pennsylvania fishing license is recognized anywhere on the lake. It is unlawful while ice fishing to use more than five fishing devices, which may

consist of rods, hand lines, tip-ups or any combination. Each device shall contain a single fishing line with no more than three hooks attached to each line. Holes cut in ice may not exceed 10 inches between the farthest points as measured in any direction. All lines, rods or tip-ups shall be under the immediate control of the person using them.

**NOTE:** See this page for reciprocal fishing privileges between Pennsylvania and Ohio.

**\*For all crayfish species,** the head must be immediately removed behind the eyes upon capture unless used as bait in the water from which taken.

\*\* As per Panfish Enhancement Special Regulations--page 15

**CONOWINGO RESERVOIR up to Holtwood Dam**

Species	Seasons	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
All Species of Trout and Salmon	Open year-round	No minimum	2 (combined species)
Bass: Largemouth, Smallmouth	Jan. 1 through Feb. 28 and June 16 through Dec. 31	12 inches	5 (combined species)
Northern Pike	Open year-round	30 inches	2
Walleye	Open year-round	15 inches	5
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge (Hybrids)	Open year-round	36 inches	1
Pickeral	Open year-round	14 inches	5
Striped Bass and Striped Bass/White Bass Hybrids	Open year-round	18 inches	2 (combined species) only one of which may exceed 30 inches
Sunfish, Bluegill, Rock Bass	Open year-round	No minimum	15 (combined species)
Crappies	Open year-round	No minimum	15
Carp	Open year-round	No minimum	15
Channel Catfish	Open year-round	No minimum	5
Suckers	Open year-round	No minimum	30
American Eel	Open year-round	9 inches	25
Yellow Perch	Open year-round	No minimum	No daily limit
Baitfish/Fishbait* <i>See page 8</i>	Open year-round	No minimum	35
All Other Fish Species	Open year-round	No minimum	No daily limit
American and Hickory Shad, River Herring (Alewife and Blueback Herring) Bivalves/Shellfish (Mussels/Clams)	<b>CLOSED YEAR-ROUND</b> includes all threatened and endangered species		

**\*For all crayfish species,** the head must be immediately removed behind the eyes upon capture unless used as bait in the water from which taken.

**FISHING PRIVILEGES IN BOUNDARY WATERS**

The following fishing license agreements apply to boundary waters. You must abide by all other rules and regulations of the state in which fishing and where you launch or retrieve your boat.

**A PENNSYLVANIA or MARYLAND LICENSE** is valid on the Conowingo Reservoir or Youghioghney River Lake when fishing from a boat (excluding coves and tributaries). **DOES NOT INCLUDE SHORE FISHING.**

**A PENNSYLVANIA or NEW YORK LICENSE** is valid on the Delaware River (including West Branch) between New York and Pennsylvania when **FISHING FROM A BOAT OR FROM EITHER SHORE.**

**A PENNSYLVANIA or NEW JERSEY LICENSE** is valid on the Delaware River between New Jersey and Pennsylvania when **FISHING FROM A BOAT OR FROM EITHER SHORE.** A Pennsylvania fishing license is required to fish in all other waters identified on **page 13** as being part of the Delaware Estuary.

**A PENNSYLVANIA or OHIO LICENSE** is valid on the Pymatuning Reservoir when fishing from a boat. **DOES NOT INCLUDE SHORE FISHING.**

**A PENNSYLVANIA LICENSE** is required to fish Kinzua Reservoir in McKean and Warren counties. **No agreement** has been established with New York.

**NO FISHING AGREEMENTS** have been made on any other boundary waters.

**SALTWATER ANGLER REGISTRY: DELAWARE RIVER AND ESTUARY**



Anglers who target or catch shad, striped bass and river herring from the Delaware River below Trenton Falls or in the Delaware Estuary are required to register through the Fish and Boat Commission's free on-line system (PA-SARP); register, for a fee, with the National Saltwater Angler Registry administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); or meet the saltwater angler registration requirements of another state. Anglers do not need to register if they meet one of the following exceptions:

- Are under the age of 16.
- Hold a Highly Migratory Species Angling Permit.
- Fish commercially under a valid license.
- Possess a valid registration with the National Saltwater Angler Registry administered by NOAA or from another exempted state.

Pennsylvania fishing license holders may choose to register for free with the Fish and Boat Commission. **Visit [www.pa-sarp.pa.gov](http://www.pa-sarp.pa.gov) for registration details.**

Anglers may also register with the National Registry website at [www.countryfish.noaa.gov](http://www.countryfish.noaa.gov) with NOAA by clicking on the Angler Registry link or call the toll-free registration line NATIONAL SALTWATER ANGLER REGISTRY: DELAWARE RIVER AND ESTUARY at 1-888-MRIP-411 (1-888-674-7411). Please note that registered anglers must still possess a valid state fishing license.

## DELAWARE RIVER AND ESTUARY

The following seasons, sizes and creel daily limits apply to the Delaware River, West Branch Delaware River and Delaware River tributaries, from the mouths of the tributaries upstream to the limit of the tidal influence and the Lehigh River from its mouth upstream to the first dam in Easton, Pennsylvania. The Delaware River estuary waters are listed at the right.

Species	Seasons	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
 Trout	April 14 at 8 a.m. through Oct. 15	North of I-84: 14 inches	1 (combined species)
		South of I-84: No minimum	5 (combined species)
		West Branch Delaware River * 12 inches	2 (combined species)
Bass Largemouth Smallmouth 	Jan. 1 through April 13 and June 16 through Dec. 31	12 inches	5 (combined species)
	April 14 through June 15	<b>NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only</b>	
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge (Hybrids) 	Open year-round	40 inches	1
Northern Pike	Open year-round	24 inches	2
Pickereel	Open year-round	12 inches	5
Walleye	The portion of the Delaware River between New Jersey and Pennsylvania - open year-round. The portion of the Delaware River between New York and Pennsylvania - Jan. 1 through March 14 and May 5 through Dec. 31	18 inches	3
American Shad**	Open year-round	No minimum	3
American Eel	Open year-round	9 inches	25
Striped Bass and Hybrid Striped Bass 	From the Pennsylvania state line upstream to Calhoun Street Bridge; Jan. 1 through March 31 and June 1 through Dec. 31	28 inches	1
	April 1 through May 31	21 to 25 inches	2
	From Calhoun Street Bridge upstream - open year-round	28 inches	1
Baitfish/Fishbait* <i>See page 8 for definitions</i>	Open year-round	No minimum	50 (combined species)
River Herring***	<b>CLOSED YEAR-ROUND</b>		
Hickory Shad, Sturgeon and other threatened and endangered species	<b>CLOSED YEAR-ROUND</b>		
Mussels/Clams	<b>CLOSED YEAR-ROUND</b>		
Other Species	Inland seasons, size and creel limits apply except for waters under special regs.		

\* A special no-kill season with the use of artificial lures only has been established on the West Branch Delaware River (see page 16 for details).

\*\* American Shad is catch and release in the Schuylkill River from I-95 upstream including all tributaries and three (3) American Shad in all other Delaware River tributaries, including those above tide.

\*\*\* River Herring (Alewife and Blueback Herring) has a closed

year-round season with zero daily limit applied to Susquehanna River and tributaries, Lehigh River and tributaries, Schuylkill River and tributaries, West Branch Delaware River, Delaware River, Delaware estuary, and Delaware River tributaries upstream to the limit of the tidal influence.

\*For all crayfish species, the head must be immediately removed behind the eyes upon capture unless used as bait in the water from which taken

See fish consumption advisory for Delaware River estuary Striped Bass over 28"—see page 31.

### DELAWARE RIVER BLUE CRABS

Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Open year-round	4 inches * (hard shell) 3.5 inches * (soft shell)	One (1) bushel (combined - hard shell and soft shell)

### DELAWARE RIVER ESTUARY

(including tributaries to limits of tidal influence)  
The Delaware River estuary consists of the water areas listed below to their upper tidal limits:

WATER AREA	UPPER TIDAL LIMIT
Chester Creek	Kerlin Street (Chester city)
Crum Creek	U.S. Route 13 (Eddystone)
Darby Creek	Pine Street (Darby borough)
Delaware River	From the PA state line upstream to the U.S. Route 1 bridge
Frankford Creek	U.S. Route 13 (Frankford Avenue)
Marcus Hook Creek	U.S. Route 13 (Marcus Hook borough)
Neshaminy Creek	Hulmeville Falls
Pennypack Creek	U.S. Route 13 (Frankford Avenue)
Poquessing Creek	State Road
Ridley Creek	MacDade Boulevard (Chester city)
Schuylkill River	Fairmount Dam

DELAWARE RIVER AND ESTUARY ANGLERS: SALTWATER ANGLER REGISTRY—see page 12

### DELAWARE RIVER BLUE CRABS

FEMALE BLUE CRABS bearing eggs or from which the egg pouch or bunion has been removed may not be possessed.

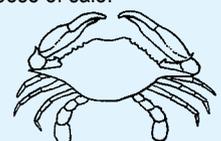
CRAB POTS are limited to no more than two pots per person when taking crabs. In addition, two handlines may be used.

UNATTENDED CRAB POTS must be labeled with the name and address of the owner or user.

DISTURBING UNATTENDED CRAB POTS is unlawful, except by the owner, user or members of the immediate family, and officers or representatives of the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission.

HORSESHOE CRABS are unlawful to sell, offer for sale, or purchase any horseshoe crabs. It is unlawful to import into or transport in this Commonwealth horseshoe crabs for the purpose of sale.

\* Measured point to point



Harvesting blue crabs from the Delaware River and its estuary waters is permitted pursuant to the regulations at left.

**LAKE ERIE**

The following seasons, sizes and daily limits apply to Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay and peninsular waters, all Lake Erie tributaries in their entirety which include Cascade Creek, Conneaut Creek, Crooked Creek, East Branch Conneaut Creek, Eightmile Creek, Elk Creek, Fourmile Creek, Middle Branch Conneaut Creek, Marsh Run, Mill Creek, Mud Run, Raccoon Creek, Sevenmile Creek, Sixmile Creek, Sixteenmile Creek, Stone Run, Temple Run, Turkey Creek, Twelvemile Creek, Twentymile Creek, Walnut Creek, West Branch Conneaut Creek and all waters that flow into these tributaries.

Species	Seasons	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge (Hybrids)	Open year-round	40 inches	1
Northern Pike	Open year-round	24 inches	2
Walleye	Jan. 1 through March 14 and May 1 through Dec. 31	15 inches	6***
Bass* Largemouth Smallmouth	Jan. 1 through April 13 and June 16 through Dec. 31	15 inches	4 (combined species)
	April 14 through June 15*	20 inches	1
Yellow Perch	Dec. 1 through April 30	7 inches	30***
	May 1 through Nov. 30	None	
Sunfish, Crappies, Catfish, Rock Bass, Suckers, Eels, Carp, White Bass	Open year-round	No minimum	50 (combined species)
Burbot (when taken by scuba divers by use of non-mechanical spears or gigs at a depth of at least 60 feet)	June 1 through Sept. 30	No minimum	5
Burbot (when taken by hook and line)	Open year-round	No minimum	5
Smelt (when taken by hook and line)	Open year-round	No minimum	None
Trout and Salmon**	Jan. 1 through April 12	15 inches	3 (combined species), only two (2) of which may be lake trout.
	8 a.m. April 14 through Sept. 3	9 inches	5 (combined species), only two (2) of which may be lake trout.
	Sept. 4 through April 11, 2019	15 inches	3 (combined species), only two (2) of which may be lake trout.
Baitfish/Fishbait* <i>See page 8 for definitions</i>	Open year-round	No minimum	50 (combined species)
American Eel	Open year-round	9 inches	25
Mussels/Clams	<b>CLOSED YEAR-ROUND</b>		
Sturgeon, Spotted Gar and other threatened and endangered species	<b>CLOSED YEAR-ROUND</b>		

For regulations and information about "Cast and Throw Net Permits," visit [www.fishinpa.com](http://www.fishinpa.com).

**Transportation of VHS-Susceptible Fish Out of the Lake Erie Watershed**

An infectious fish disease, caused by a variant of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia Virus (VHS), has caused fish mortalities in the Great Lakes. The initial list of fish species that are susceptible to VHS includes Black Crappie, Bluegill, Bluntnose Minnow, Brown Bullhead, Brown Trout, Burbot, Channel Catfish, Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, Emerald Shiner, Freshwater Drum, Gizzard Shad, Herring, Largemouth Bass, Muskellunge, Northern Pike, Pink Salmon, Pumpkinseed, Rainbow Trout, Redhorse Sucker, Rock Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, White Bass, White Perch, Whitefish and Yellow Perch.

It is unlawful to transport or cause the transportation of VHS-susceptible species of fish out of the portion of the Lake Erie Watershed in this Commonwealth into other watersheds of this Commonwealth except when certain conditions are met. It is illegal to use VHS-susceptible fish species, fish parts and eggs taken from the Lake Erie Watershed as fishbait in Commonwealth waters outside the Lake Erie Watershed except when the fish are certified as VHS-negative. It is legal to transport dead recreationally caught fish out of the Lake Erie Watershed solely for the purpose of human consumption.

Because of diseases and invasive species, the Commission recommends as a good conservation practice that anglers not transport any live fish out of the Lake Erie Watershed and introduce those fish into other watersheds. For more information on invasive species, please see "Aquatic Invasive Species" on [page 18](#). For more information on VHS, please contact the Commission's Northwest Regional Office ([page 3](#)) or visit [www.fishandboat.com/pafish/all/vhs/vhs.htm](http://www.fishandboat.com/pafish/all/vhs/vhs.htm).

\* It is unlawful to conduct or participate in a fishing tournament for bass on Lake Erie or Presque Isle Bay during the period from opening day of the trout season in April until midnight the first Saturday after June 11.  
 \*\* It is unlawful to fish or possess trout or salmon in or along any Lake Erie tributary stream from 12:01 a.m. on April 13 until 8 a.m. on April 14 (32 hours total).  
 \*\*\* Adaptive management for daily limits: After the PFBC Executive Director establishes the daily limit for the year, the information will be available from any PFBC office and posted at [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com).

**Special Regulations—Lake Erie Tributary Streams**

- Designated as Nursery Waters are Trout Run and its tributaries, Godfrey Run, Orchard Beach Run, and Crooked Creek (where posted). It is unlawful to fish, wade or possess fishing equipment while in or along Lake Erie tributary streams designated as Nursery Waters.
- Archery fishing or spear fishing is prohibited in or along Lake Erie tributary streams.
- From September 4 until the opening day of trout season in April, all Lake Erie tributary streams are closed to fishing from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. on the following day except for Walnut Creek north of Manchester Bridge Road and Elk Creek north of Route 5.
- It is unlawful to fish from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. on the following day within 50 yards of the mouth of both Trout Run and Godfrey Run while fishing the Lake Erie shoreline.

**LAKE ERIE PERMIT**

All anglers fishing in the waters of Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay and their tributaries, including waters that flow into those tributaries are required to possess a valid Lake Erie permit or Combination Trout/Salmon/Lake Erie permit.

The main tributaries where a permit is required are: Cascade Creek, Conneaut Creek, Crooked Creek, Eightmile Creek, Elk Creek, Fourmile Creek, Mill Creek, Raccoon Creek, Sevenmile Creek, Sixmile Creek, Sixteenmile Creek, Turkey Creek, Twelvemile Creek, Twentymile Creek and Walnut Creek. A permit is also required for all of those waters that flow into these main tributaries.

Anglers fishing the East and West Basin ponds (Waterworks Ponds, Presque Isle State Park) are not required to possess a Lake Erie Permit.

Anglers fishing inland ponds, lakes and reservoirs in Erie County are not required to possess a Lake Erie Permit.

\*For all crayfish species, the head must be immediately removed behind the eyes upon capture unless used as bait in the water from which taken.

**BROOD STOCK LAKES PROGRAM**

These regulations are intended to restrict harvest and fish consumption from designated lakes during the FDA-mandated withdrawal period. During this period, fish anesthetics are used during Muskellunge, Tiger Muskellunge (hybrids), Northern Pike and pickerel culture operations. **From April 1 through May 31, fishing for these species is permitted on a catch and release/no harvest basis.** It is unlawful to take or possess any Muskellunge, Tiger Muskellunge (hybrids), Northern Pike and pickerel from these lakes during this period. When caught, these fish species shall be immediately returned unharmed.

County	Water Area
Crawford	Conneaut Lake
	Lake Canadohta
	Sugar Lake
	Woodcock Creek Lake
Erie	Edinboro Lake
	Howard Eaton Reservoir

County	Water Area
Mercer	Lake Wilhelm
Wayne	Belmont Lake
	Prompton Dam

For all other species, Commonwealth inland waters seasons, sizes and creel limits apply.

**CATCH AND RELEASE LAKES**

These lakes are regulated year-round as catch and release for all fish species. This means fishing is permitted on a catch and release/no harvest basis. It is unlawful to take, kill or possess any fish from these lakes. Once caught, all fish shall be immediately returned unharmed.

Additional catch and release regulations specifically for trout can be found on [page 21](#). These include: Catch and Release-Artificial Lures Only, Catch and Release-All Tackle and Catch and Release Fly-Fishing Only.

County	Water Area
Allegheny	Pine Township Park Pond
Beaver	Raccoon Creek State Park Upper Pond
Centre	Colyer Lake
Columbia and Northumberland	Bear Gap Reservoir
	McWilliams Reservoir
Columbia	Klines Reservoir
Lancaster	Speedwell Forge
Luzerne and Sullivan	Lake Jean
Schuylkill	Lower Owl Creek Reservoir
Schuylkill	Owl Creek Reservoir
Tioga	Lake Nessmuk
Westmoreland	Lower Burrell Park Pond

**HOW TO RELEASE FISH CATCH AND RELEASE**

Some waters are managed strictly as "Catch and Release" waters. Minimum size limits require that fish less than the minimum must be released. Creel limits require that fish caught in excess of the limit must be released. Closed seasons require the release of fish species caught during a season when keeping them is not permitted. The number of fish that survive depends on several factors, including the length of the fight, where the fish is hooked, water temperature, and how the fish is handled and released.

To give fish released the best chance for survival, follow these recommended guidelines:

1. Use barbless hooks.
2. Play fish quickly.
  - Try to land your fish as quickly as possible and don't play the fish to exhaustion.
3. Use a landing net.
4. Keep the fish in the water. The chance of a fish being injured increases the longer it is held out of water.
5. Wet your hands, your net and other materials that may come in contact with the fish.
6. Hold the fish upside down while removing the hook. This can often pacify the fish and reduce handling time.
7. Remove hooks quickly. Hemostats or long-nose pliers are essential tools for quickly removing hooks.

**PANFISH ENHANCEMENT SPECIAL REGULATIONS**

These regulations are intended to increase the number, quality and size of panfish through the use of minimum length limits on sunfish, crappies and Yellow Perch. For all other species, Commonwealth inland waters seasons, sizes and creel limits apply, unless listed in other special regulation programs. It is unlawful to fish in the Panfish Enhancement Special Regulations waters listed below except in compliance with the following size and creel limits:

County	Water Area	Species	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Berks	Blue Marsh Reservoir	Crappie	9 inches	20
Cambria	Beaverdam Run Reservoir	Yellow Perch	9 inches	
		Hinkston Run Reservoir	Sunfish	7 inches
	Wilmore Dam	Crappie	9 inches	
		Sunfish	7 inches	
Crappie		9 inches		
Centre	Foster Joseph Sayers Lake*	Yellow Perch	9 inches	
		Sunfish	7 inches	
Chester	Chambers Lake	Sunfish	7 inches	
		Crappie	9 inches	
		Yellow Perch	9 inches	
Crawford	● Pymatuning Reservoir	Crappie	9 inches	
Fayette/Westmoreland	Bridgeport Reservoir	Crappie	9 inches	
		Sunfish	7 inches	
Montour	Lake Chillisquaque	Sunfish	7 inches	
		Crappie	9 inches	
Monroe	Bradys Lake	Sunfish	7 inches	
		Crappie	9 inches	
		Yellow Perch	9 inches	
	Gouldsboro Lake	Sunfish	7 inches	
		Crappie	9 inches	
		Yellow Perch	9 inches	
Pike	Lower Lake (Lower Promised Lake)	Sunfish	7 inches	
		Yellow Perch	9 inches	
	Promised Land Lake (Upper Promised Land Lake)	Sunfish	7 inches	
		Yellow Perch	9 inches	
Somerset	Quemahoning Reservoir	Sunfish	7 inches	
		Crappie	9 inches	
		Yellow Perch	9 inches	
Washington	Cross Creek Lake	Sunfish	7 inches	
		Crappie	9 inches	
Westmoreland	Peters Twp. Lake (Reservoir #2)	Crappie	9 inches	
		Sunfish	7 inches	
	Indian Lake	Crappie	9 inches	
		Sunfish	7 inches	
	Lower Twin Lake	Crappie	9 inches	
		Northmoreland Lake	Sunfish	7 inches
Upper Twin Lake	Crappie	9 inches		
	Crappie	9 inches		

When Panfish Enhancement Regulations apply to more than one species in the same waterway, the creel limit is 20 for each species with the total creel not to exceed 50 panfish combined.

"Sunfish" includes Bluegills, Pumpkin-seeds and Redear Sunfish.

"Crappie" includes both Black and White Crappies.

\* see Misc. Special Regulations for Crappies at Foster Joseph Sayers Lake.

8. Cut the line. When it is not possible to remove the hook without harming the fish, cut the line.
9. Don't touch the gills. Do not handle fish by placing your fingers in the gill slits.
10. Hold the fish upright underwater after hook removal and allow it to swim away under its own power. If necessary, hold the fish out of the current until it revives.

11. Fish that are bleeding from the mouth or gills due to hook removal do not survive after being released back into the water. Anglers may be charged with violating the Fish and Boat Code by failing to immediately release the fish unharmed. If regulations permit, the angler should keep the fish and have it count towards his or her daily limit.

MISCELLANEOUS WATERS WITH SPECIAL REGULATIONS

These special regulations apply to fish species identified for each location and regulation. Fish species not covered by a special regulation in these locales – inland regulations apply unless otherwise designated for these species.

**BEAVER:** *Hopewell Township Park Lake*

- Bass – 15-inch minimum size, creel limit 2 per day. Panfish – Creel limit 10 combined species per day. Use of live fish for bait is prohibited. Refer to Big Bass Program for NO HARVEST dates (see page 11).

**BLAIR/HUNTINGDON/JUNIATA/MIFFLIN/PERRY:** *Juniata River and tributaries*

- The daily creel limit of Rock Bass is 10; open season year-round; no minimum size limit.

**BUTLER:** *Glade Run Lake*

- All species except trout – catch and release/ no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess any fish except trout. All fish caught other than trout must be immediately returned unharmed. This miscellaneous special regulation will remain in effect until further notice.

Trout – inland regulations apply.

**CENTRE:** *Foster Joseph Sayers Lake*

- Black and White Crappie: Daily creel limit is 10 (combined crappie species). No more than 5 may be greater than 9 inches in size. Total panfish daily creel limit may not exceed 50 when other panfish species are in the creel (see page 10 and 15 applicable to other panfish).

**CENTRE:** *Penns Creek – 7 miles from the confluence with Elk Creek downstream to the Catch and Release area.*

- Trout (all species), all other species, inland regulations apply. Open to fishing year-round
- From 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular trout season through Labor Day, the slot limit for trout is at least 7 inches and less than 12 inches in length, caught on, or in possession. and the daily limit is 2 (combined species).
- From the day after Labor Day until 8 a.m. of the opening day of the trout season of the following year, no trout may be killed or had in possession.
- Fishing may be done with artificial lures, flies or streamers, natural bait, baitfish and fish bait. Spinning or fly fishing gear may be used on this water.

**CLARION:** *Beaver Creek Ponds*

- Closed to fishing from Jan. 1 through opening day of bass season.
- Bass – 15-inch minimum size, creel limit 2 per day on entire project area. Panfish – Creel limit 10 per day combined species on entire area.

**COLUMBIA AND NORTHUMBERLAND:** *South Branch of Roaring Creek* – from the bridge on State Route 3008 at Bear Gap upstream to the bridge on State Route 42 – This is a catch and release/no harvest fishery for all species. It is unlawful to take, kill or possess any fish. All fish caught must be immediately returned unharmed.

**CRAWFORD:** *Paden Creek, Linesville Creek and Shenango River*

- Nursery waters closed to all fishing March 1 through May 1, 2018. Waters involved are Paden Creek (Finley Creek) from the mouth upstream to “Finley Bridge” on U.S. Route 6, Linesville Creek from the mouth (Pymatuning Sanctuary) upstream to the Conrail Railroad bridge north of U.S. Route 6 in Linesville, and the Shenango River, from the Pymatuning Lake Sanctuary boundary at the Route 285 bridge, locally known as Blair Bridge, upstream 100 yards.

**CRAWFORD/ERIE:** *Conneaut Creek*

- Lake Erie Tributary Regulations apply (see page 14) for entire stream in Crawford and Erie counties.

**CUMBERLAND:** *Opossum Lake*

- All species except trout – catch and release/ no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess any fish except trout. All fish caught other than trout must be immediately returned unharmed. This miscellaneous special regulation will remain in effect until further notice.

Trout – inland regulations apply.

**HUNTINGDON:** *Lake Perez*

- All species except trout – catch and release/ no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess any fish except trout. All fish caught other than trout must be immediately returned unharmed. This miscellaneous special regulation will remain in effect until further notice.

Trout – inland regulations apply.

**HUNTINGDON:** *Raystown Lake and Raystown Branch* – From dam downstream to Juniata River.

- Trout (all species) no closed season. Creel limit 5 per day during regular season; 3 per day from the day after Labor Day to 8 a.m. on the opening day of the next regular season, minimum size – 7 inches.
- *Raystown Lake and Tributaries* – Smelt may be taken with a dip net from the shore or by wading only. Dip net may not exceed 20 inches in diameter or square. Daily limit – 200 smelt or one gallon by volume, whichever is greater.

**LEHIGH:** *Leaser Lake*

- All species, except trout – catch and release/ no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess any fish, except trout. All fish caught other than trout must immediately returned unharmed. For trout, inland regulations apply. This regulation will remain in effect until further notice.

**LUZERNE:** *Harveys Lake*

- Open year-round to fishing. The daily limit is 3 trout (combined species) during the period from 8 a.m. on the opening day of trout season through the last day in February. Only one of the three (3) trout daily limit may exceed 18 inches in length. No trout may be killed or had in possession from March 1 to the opening day of trout season. Inland regulations apply for other fish species.

**MONROE/NORTHAMPTON/PIKE:** *Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area* – The use of eel chutes, eelpots and fyke nets is prohibited. The taking of the following fishbait is prohibited: Crayfish or crabs, mussels, clams and the nymphs, larvae and pupae of all insects spending any part of their life cycle in the water. The taking, catching, killing and possession of any species of amphibian or reptile within the boundaries of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is prohibited.

**NOTICE FOR INFORMATION ONLY:** Anglers are advised that the National Park Service 2016’s Superintendent’s Compendium of Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements, and Other Restrictions states: “The use of crayfish, clams, mussels, reptiles or amphibians as fish bait is prohibited, unless it is a commercially produced, preserved and packaged product.” – Duration until further notice within Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

**SOMERSET/FAYETTE/WESTMORELAND/ALLEGHENY:** *Youghiogheny River* – From the confluence with the Casselman River downstream to the confluence with Ramcat Run and Youghiogheny River from the PA Route 381 bridge at Ohiopyle downstream to the mouth of the river.

- No closed season on trout. Daily limit – Opening day of the trout season through Labor Day – 5 trout; the day after Labor Day through the opening day of the trout season of the following year – 3 trout. For all other species, inland regulations apply. See All-Tackle Trophy-Trout regulations on page 21.

**WARREN:** *Allegheny River* – 8.75 miles from the outflow of the Allegheny Reservoir downstream to the confluence of Conewango Creek.

- From 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular trout season through Labor Day, the minimum size for trout is 14 inches and the daily limit is 2 (combined species).
- From the day after Labor Day until 8 a.m. of the opening day of the trout season of the following year, no trout may be killed or had in possession.

**WASHINGTON:** *Little Chartiers Creek* – From Canonsburg Lake Dam approximately 0.25 mile downstream to the mouth.

- No fishing from March 1 until 8 a.m. opening day of the trout season.

**WAYNE:** *West Branch Delaware River* – From the Pennsylvania/New York border downstream to the confluence with the East Branch of the Delaware River.

- Artificial-Lures-Only season runs from October 16 until 8 a.m. on the opening day of the trout season.

- Fishing may be done with artificial lures only, constructed of metal, plastic, rubber or wood, or with flies and streamers constructed of natural or synthetic materials. All lures may be used with spinning or fly fishing gear.

- The daily creel limit of trout is zero (0) during the artificial-lures-only season. (see page 13 for additional regulation for the Delaware River)

**REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS - SEASONS AND LIMITS**

Species	Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
Bullfrog	July 1 through October 31	10 (combined species)	20 (combined species)
Northern Green Frog	July 1 through October 31	10 (combined species)	20 (combined species)
Snapping Turtle	July 1 through October 31	15	30
Amphibian Eggs and Tadpoles	No closed season	15 (combined species)	15 (combined species)
Timber Rattlesnake*	June 9 through July 31	1 annual limit** (must be at least 42 inches in length, measured lengthwise along the dorsal surface from the snout to the tail, excluding the rattle, and must possess 21 or more subcaudal scales.***)	
Northern Copperhead	June 9 through July 31	1 annual limit**	

\* It is unlawful to hunt, take, catch or kill Timber Rattlesnakes west of Route 15 and south of Interstate 81 to the Maryland line where there is no open season.

\*\* It is unlawful to possess, take, catch or kill more than one Timber Rattlesnake or Northern Copperhead per calendar year except as provided in Chapter 79.7(f) (Fish & Boat Code) relating to organized reptile and amphibian

hunt permits). It is unlawful to possess more than one Timber Rattlesnake or Northern Copperhead at any time except as provided in Chapter 79.7(f) (Fish & Boat Code).

\*\*\* Subcaudal scales are large flat scales located on the underside of a Timber Rattlesnake between the vent (anal scale) and the base of the tail rattle.

See page 30 for snapping turtle consumption advice.

**ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS for ALL Reptiles and Amphibians:**

- A fishing license is required to catch or take reptiles and amphibians from the lands and waters of the Commonwealth.
- Unless otherwise indicated, reptiles and amphibians may only be taken by hand, hook, snake tongs, turtle hooks, traps and nets less than four feet square or four feet in diameter.
- It is unlawful to take, catch or kill a reptile or amphibian through the use of firearms, chemicals, explosives, winches, jacks or other devices.
- It is unlawful to damage or disrupt the nest or eggs of any reptile in the natural environment of this Commonwealth.
- It is unlawful to damage or destroy habitat in the pursuit of a reptile or amphibian.
- It is unlawful to take, catch, kill or possess for the purposes of selling or offering for sale, importing or exporting for consideration, trading or bartering or purchasing an amphibian or reptile whether dead or alive, in whole or in parts, including the eggs or any life stage that was taken from lands or waters within this Commonwealth.
- It is unlawful to transport or import into or within this Commonwealth a native species from another jurisdiction. It is also unlawful to receive a native species that was transported or imported into or within this Commonwealth from another jurisdiction.
- Taking, catching and possessing amphibians and reptiles in Department of Conservation and Natural Resources natural areas designated by posters is prohibited.

**The following ENDANGERED and THREATENED native species have NO OPEN SEASON. The DAILY LIMIT is 0 (zero) and POSSESSION LIMIT is 0 (zero).**

The Commission has identified some species of reptiles, amphibians, fish and aquatic organisms as endangered, threatened or candidate species. Endangered and threatened species face extirpation and have **NO OPEN SEASON.**

- SALAMANDERS:**  
 Eastern Mud Salamander (Endangered)  
 Green Salamander (Threatened)  
 Blue-spotted Salamander (Endangered)
- FROGS and TOADS:**  
 Eastern Spadefoot (Threatened)

- New Jersey Chorus Frog (Endangered)  
 Northern Cricket Frog (Endangered)  
 Southern Leopard Frog (Endangered)

- SNAKES:**  
 Eastern Massasauga (Endangered)

- Kirtland's Snake (Endangered)  
 Rough Green Snake (Endangered)
- TURTLES:**  
 Bog Turtle (Endangered)  
 Eastern Mud Turtle (Endangered)  
 Redbelly Turtle (Threatened)

FOR A LIST OF ALL ENDANGERED, THREATENED AND CANDIDATE FISH SPECIES visit [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com).

**The following native reptile and amphibian species have NO OPEN SEASON. The DAILY LIMIT is 0 (zero) and POSSESSION LIMIT is 0 (zero).**

- SALAMANDERS:**  
 Eastern Hellbender  
 Four-toed Salamander  
 Jefferson Salamander  
 Marbled Salamander  
 Mudpuppy  
 Northern Ravine Salamander

- FROGS and TOADS:**  
 Mountain Chorus Frog  
 Upland Chorus Frog  
 Western Chorus Frog
- SNAKES:**  
 Eastern Hognose Snake  
 Eastern Ribbon Snake

- Eastern Smooth Earth Snake  
 Eastern Smooth Green Snake  
 Eastern Worm Snake  
 Mountain Earth Snake  
 Queen Snake  
 Shorthead Garter Snake

- TURTLES:**  
 Blanding's Turtle  
 Eastern Box Turtle  
 Spotted Turtle  
 Wood Turtle
- SKINKS/LIZARDS:**  
 Broadhead Skink  
 Eastern Fence Lizard  
 Northern Coal Skink

**The following native reptile and amphibian species have NO CLOSED SEASON. The DAILY LIMIT is 1 (one) and POSSESSION LIMIT is 1 (one).**

- SALAMANDERS:**  
 Allegheny Mountain Dusky Salamander  
 Eastern Redback Salamander  
 Eastern Red-Spotted Newt  
 Longtail Salamander  
 Northern Dusky Salamander  
 Northern Red Salamander  
 Northern Slimy Salamander  
 Northern Spring Salamander

- Northern Two-lined Salamander  
 Seal Salamander  
 Spotted Salamander  
 Wehrle's Salamander  
 Valley and Ridge Salamander
- FROGS and TOADS:**  
 Eastern American Toad  
 Eastern Gray Treefrog  
 Fowler's Toad

- Northern Leopard Frog  
 Pickerel Frog  
 Spring Peeper  
 Wood Frog
- SNAKES:**  
 Eastern Garter Snake  
 Eastern Milksnake  
 Eastern Ratsnake  
 Northern Black Racer  
 Northern Brown Snake  
 Northern Redbelly Snake

- Northern Ringneck Snake  
 Northern Water Snake
- TURTLES:**  
 Eastern Musk Turtle  
 Eastern Painted Turtle  
 Eastern Spiny Softshell  
 Map Turtle  
 Midland Painted Turtle
- SKINKS/LIZARDS:**  
 Five-lined Skink

**Frogs:**

- The use of artificial light to take frogs at night is illegal.
- Frogs may be taken with long bow and arrow, including compound bows, crossbows, spears or gigs. Spears or gigs may not have more than five barbs and cannot be used in stocked trout waters.

**Turtles:**

- Set-lines, turtle traps or other devices for catching turtles must include a tag indicating the name, address and phone number of the owner or user. Traps, nets or other devices must be of a floating or partially submerged design so as to allow for the release of untargeted turtles. Hooks must be at least 3.5 inches long with not less than one inch space between the point and shank of the hook. The number of lines or hooks per line is unlimited.

**PERMITS:**

- A permit is required to hunt, take, catch, kill or possess Timber Rattlesnakes and Northern Copperhead snakes.
- A permit is required to hunt, take, catch or kill common Snapping Turtles for the purpose of sale, barter or trade.

Permit applications for these two species permits can be found online at: [http://fishandboat.com/forms\\_nongame.htm](http://fishandboat.com/forms_nongame.htm).

The practice of catch and release of amphibians and reptiles is encouraged.

# Aquatic Invasive Species

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) may be microscopic and can be plants or animals. AIS have the potential to cause significant economic and ecologic harm to our waterways by competing with native and game species for space and food. Anglers, boaters, swimmers and others who contact this water can unknowingly spread AIS.

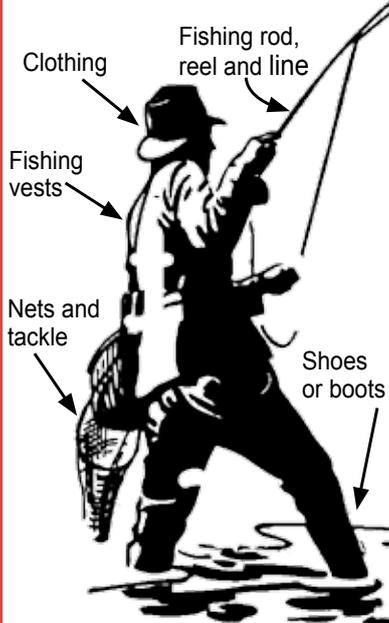
- Do not move or release animals or plants to other waterways.
- Dispose of unwanted fishing bait in the trash.

# Clean Your Gear!

Before leaving this waterway, check for and remove any aquatic life (plants and animals), mud and other organic debris.

Use the following AIS disinfection methods before using your gear or equipment at a new waterway:

### Check these areas



### Small Gear

- For a minimum of 20 minutes, soak gear in hot water (120°-140° F) (may damage Gor-tex®) containing 1 cup of regular dish detergent per gallon of water OR freeze gear for at least 8 hours.
- After cleaning or freezing, allow gear to dry for a minimum of 48 hours before next use.
- Consider using your gear in only one waterway, thus eliminating the need to disinfect.

### Boats and Heavy Equipment

- Before leaving this waterway, drain water from boat, motor, bilges, bladder tanks, live bait wells, any other wet compartments and portable bait containers.
- Use a steam spray unit to thoroughly clean all parts of the boat or heavy equipment (including all wet compartments such as the bilge, bait compartments and storage bunkers). If steam cleaning is not available, use a high pressure hot water sprayer. If these cleaning options are not available, put your boat through a hot water car wash.
- Thoroughly spray all parts of a boat trailer and towing vehicle that contact the water.
- Thoroughly flush the cooling system of all boat motors.
- After cleaning, allow equipment to dry for at least 48 hours.

# STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

For more information, visit [www.fishandboat.com/AIS.htm](http://www.fishandboat.com/AIS.htm)

REPORT AIS SIGHTINGS: <http://fishandboat.com/ais-reporting.htm>

THESE ARE SOME OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES IN PENNSYLVANIA.



Rusty Crayfish

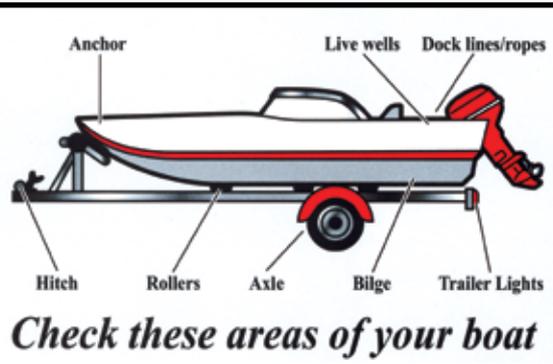


Quagga Mussel



Round Goby

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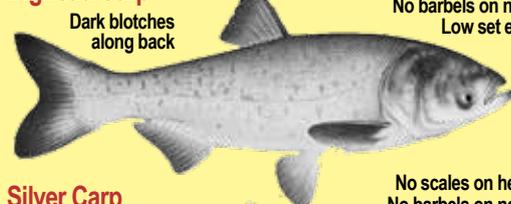


Check these areas of your boat

# STOP ASIAN CARP!

Bighead, Silver and Black Carp are Asian carp\* that are Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). It is unlawful to possess, introduce or import, transport, sell, purchase, offer for sale or barter these species in Pennsylvania. These species pose a significant threat to the biodiversity of native species and habitat, along with imposing safety risks to boaters.

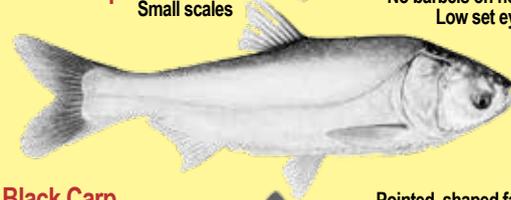
### Bighead Carp



Dark blotches along back

No scales on head  
No barbels on nose  
Low set eyes

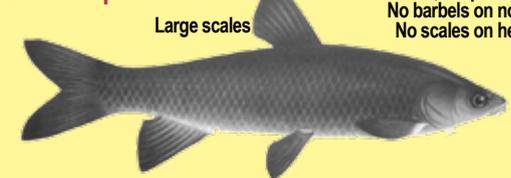
### Silver Carp



Small scales

No scales on head  
No barbels on nose  
Low set eyes

### Black Carp



Large scales

Pointed, shaped face  
No barbels on nose  
No scales on head

Asian carp have had a devastating impact in the Mississippi River system and now pose this threat to the Great Lakes basin. As AIS species, these fish do not naturally occur in Pennsylvania waters and would only occur if transported and released.

These carp species are a threat due to their large size (some can grow to more than 100 pounds and five feet in length), reproductive success, habitat damage and large, year-round food consumption. In addition, Silver Carp, when startled, can jump up to 10 feet out of the water striking boaters, causing severe injury.

For more information and to report sightings or catches of these fish species and other AIS, visit PFBC's AIS web page at: [www.fishandboat.com/ais.htm](http://www.fishandboat.com/ais.htm).

\*Grass Carp are also known as Asian carp. Diploid Grass Carp are banned from stocking in Pennsylvania, but Triploid (sterile) Grass Carp are allowed to be stocked in lakes and ponds with a PFBC-approved permit.

## GENERAL BOATING REGULATIONS

**BOATING**—A Coast Guard-approved wearable life jacket or personal flotation device (PFD) is required for each occupant on all types of boats in all waters. See additional PFD (life jacket) requirements on this page.

Motorboats (including boats powered by electric motors) must be registered, and they must be registered in their state of principal use. Boat operators of boats with greater than 25 horsepower and born on or after Jan. 1, 1982, may not operate unless they have obtained and have in possession a Boating Safety Education Certificate. All PWC (personal watercraft) operators must have obtained and have in possession a Boating Safety Education Certificate. Persons 11 years of age or younger may NOT operate a boat with greater than 25 horsepower or a PWC. Persons 12–15 years of age may not operate a PWC with any passengers on board 15 years of age or younger or rent a PWC.

Owners of unpowered boats (canoes, kayaks, rowboats, stand-up paddleboards, etc.) can launch their boats at Commission lakes, access areas and properties, and at PA state parks and forests if their boats display the Commission's launch use permit OR boat registration, OR PA state parks launch permit OR mooring permit. An unpowered boat may have a registration OR launch permit, but it is not required to have both. The Commission does NOT recognize launch permits from other states.

## LIFE JACKET WEAR REQUIRED BY LAW NOVEMBER 1 TO APRIL 30



Boaters are required, by law, to wear life jackets on boats less than 16 feet in length or any canoe or kayak during the cold weather months from November 1 through April 30. This requirement is intended to protect boaters from the dangers of cold water shock if they fall into the water.

The risk of an accident being fatal is significantly higher when the air and water temperatures are colder in late fall through spring. Over the last 15 years, cold water incidents represented only eight percent of the boating-related accidents, but they resulted in 24 percent of the fatalities. Victims who are wearing a life jacket when exposed to cold water have potentially life-saving advantages.

## MAKE SURE YOUR LIFE JACKET FITS!

For a life jacket to work properly, not only does it need to be on your body, it should fit properly as well. A properly fitting life jacket is more comfortable (meaning you are more likely to wear it) but more important, it functions better. Life jackets that are too small or large can ride up or even come off when you are in the water.

It's easy to check a conventional life jacket for proper fit—just put it on. The jacket should fit you snugly with all zippers, straps, ties and snaps correctly secured. With a partner behind you, raise your arms like you are signaling a touchdown in a football game. Have the partner lift the jacket by the shoulders. The jacket should come no higher than your chin. If the jacket covers your face or comes off—that's what would happen in the water. In this case, tighten the straps or use a smaller size.



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## WHO MUST WEAR A LIFE JACKET?

- Children 12 years of age and younger on Commonwealth waters when underway in any boat 20 feet or less in length and in all canoes and kayaks.
- On Pittsburgh District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lakes (only), everyone in boats under 16 feet and in all canoes and kayaks.
- All water skiers and anyone towed behind boats, in addition to personal watercraft operators and passengers, and sailboarders (windsurfers) are required to wear a life jacket. Inflatable life jackets are not acceptable for these activities.
- Boaters are required, by law, to wear life jackets on boats less than 16 feet in length or any canoe or kayak during the cold weather months from November 1 through April 30.

## PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE (LIFE JACKET) REQUIREMENTS

- All boats must have a USCG-approved wearable life jacket on board for each person.
- In addition to wearable life jackets, boats 16 feet and over must have a throwable device (ring buoy, life ring or buoyant seat cushion) on board. Canoes and kayaks, regardless of length, are not required to carry a throwable device.
- Life jackets must be used in accordance with any requirements on the approval label.
- All life jackets must be in good and serviceable condition and legibly marked showing the USCG approval number. **This means the life jacket must be fully functional, free of tears or defects in the material. All buckles, straps, zippers and other closures must be operable.**
- Wearable life jackets must be "readily accessible," which means that they are stowed where they can be easily reached or that they are out in the open ready to wear. Throwables devices must be "immediately available," which means that the device cannot be in a protective covering and shall be within arm's reach of the operator or passenger while the boat is operated. A PFD that is sealed in its original packaging is not readily accessible or immediately available.
- Life jackets must be the appropriate size for the person intended and adjusted to wear.
- A throwable device may not be used as a substitute for a wearable device.

## BOATING AND ALCOHOL DO NOT MIX!

Alcohol use increases the chances of having an accident. Alcohol affects balance, coordination and judgment. It is illegal to operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance. Penalties include loss of boating privileges, significant fines and imprisonment.



**Find the regulation that applies to where you want to fish.**

To assist trout anglers in knowing the regulations that apply to locations where they fish, the trout regulations are separated by PFBC Regions. From pages 22 through 29, each region contains a listing of its counties separated by specific trout regulation.

An explanation of each regulation and its requirements is on this page and the next page.

**REGIONAL OPENING DAY OF TROUT SEASON**

The trout season begins earlier in 18 southeastern Pennsylvania counties. In these counties (and designated waters crossing into these counties), trout season will begin 8 a.m., March 31. Unless otherwise specified by special regulation, inland daily limits and minimum sizes apply.

*Stocked trout waters in the Southeast, Southcentral, Northcentral and Northeast Regions that have this early opening day are listed beginning on page 22.*

**STOCKED TROUT WATERS**

Many streams, lakes, ponds and reservoirs are officially classified as “stocked trout waters.” This means that these waters contain significant portions that are open to public fishing and are stocked with trout. The waters listed here are open to trout harvest during the “extended season” (see page 10). Unlisted tributary streams (those not included in this list of “stocked trout waters”) are not open to harvest of trout during the “extended season.” Only stocked trout waters and all waters downstream of stocked trout waters are open during this period. Spearing fish is not permitted in any of these waters at any time of the year.

These waters are closed to all fishing (including taking of minnows) from March 1 to 8 a.m. on the opening day of the trout season. A person shall be deemed to be fishing if he or she has in possession any fishing line, rod or other device that can be used for fishing while on or in any water or on the banks within 25 feet of any water where fishing is prohibited.

**Special note:** Although the list was up to date at the time this booklet was printed, it is possible that some streams may later be deleted or added as “stocked trout waters” because of last-minute changes in water quality conditions. Check with the nearest Fish and Boat Commission office (see page 3) if there is any question about whether or not a water area is “stocked.”

**Streams designated as both Class A Wild Trout Streams and Stocked Trout Waters**

Stream sections that are designated as both Stocked Trout Waters and Class A Wild Trout Streams located within the Regional Opening Day of Trout Season area are closed to fishing from March 1 to 8 a.m. on the Regional Opening Day of Trout Season. Stream sections that are designated as both Stocked Trout Waters and Class A Wild Trout Streams located within the Regular Opening Day of Trout Season area are closed to fishing from March 1 to 8 a.m. on the Regular Opening Day of Trout Season. Stream Sections Governed by These Regulations - Closed to fishing from March 1 until 8 a.m. on Opening Day of Trout Season. Extended Season: September 4, 2018 through February 28, 2019—No Harvest—Catch and Immediate Release Only.

Water Name	County	Section	Miles	Limits
Bald Eagle Creek	Centre	04	5.71	Confluence with Spring Creek near SR 144 bridge downstream to the inlet of Sayers Lake near Boggs/Howard Township line
Fishing Creek	Clinton	13	1.49	Confluence with Cedar Run downstream to Axe Factory Hollow
Fishing Creek	Clinton	14	1.60	Axe Factory Hollow downstream to Country Club Road Bridge (SR 2015) in Mill Hall
Kishacoquillas Creek	Mifflin	05	3.70	1.5 miles upstream from confluence with Tea Creek downstream to Penn Central Railroad Bridge
Little Lehigh Creek	Lehigh	04	4.89	Confluence with Spring Creek downstream to Wild Cherry Lane Bridge (T-508)
Little Lehigh Creek	Lehigh	07	2.06	0.4 km upstream of Country Club Road Bridge (T-473) downstream to Fish Hatchery Road Bridge (SR 2010)
Martins Creek	Northampton	01	4.72	Confluence of East Branch & West Branch Martins Creek downstream to the discharge from Bangor Sewage Treatment Plant
Monocacy Creek	Northampton	08	0.99	Illicks Mill Dam downstream to the Schoenersville Road Bridge (SR 3017)
Monocacy Creek	Lehigh/ Northampton	09	2.11	Schoenersville Road Bridge (SR 3017) downstream to the mouth
Penns Creek	Centre	02	8.10	SR 0045 downstream to the confluence with Elk Creek
Pohopoco Creek	Carbon	04	2.90	Outlet of Beltzville Lake downstream to cable across creek at Hideaway Hunting & Fishing Club
Yellow Creek	Bedford	04	1.67	Confluence with Beaver Creek downstream to Red Bank Hill

**STOCKED TROUT WATERS OPEN TO YEAR-ROUND FISHING**

Waters with this designation are considered “stocked trout waters.” From 8 a.m. opening day of trout through Sept. 3, Commonwealth inland size and creel limits apply. From Jan. 1 through Feb. 28, and from Sept. 4 through Dec. 31, “extended season” size and creel limits apply. These waters are open to fishing from March 1 to opening day of trout season; however, no trout may be taken or possessed on these waters during this period. It is unlawful to fish in rivers and streams designated as stocked trout waters open to year-round fishing without a current trout/salmon permit. A trout/salmon permit is not required to fish in lakes and ponds that have been designated as stocked trout waters open to year-round fishing unless the person takes, kills or possesses, while in the act of fishing, a trout or salmon on or in these waters.

# SPECIAL REGULATION AREAS

The Commission establishes specially regulated areas on some trout waters. These specially regulated areas are assigned to one of the programs on this page with the regulations for each program included. These program regulations apply only to those waters designated by the Commission as being part of that program, not to all trout waters. When applicable, a list of specially regulated waters appears at the end of the stocked trout waters section for each region of the state.

## DELAYED HARVEST ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Fishing is permitted on a 24-hour basis.
- Minimum size – 9 inches, caught on or in possession on, the waters under these regulations from June 15 through Labor Day.
- The daily creel limit is three trout (combined species) from June 15 through Labor Day, caught on or in possession on the waters under these regulations. From the day after Labor Day until June 15, the daily creel limit is zero.
- Fishing may be done with artificial lures only constructed of metal, plastic, rubber or wood, or with flies and streamers constructed of natural or synthetic materials. All such lures may be used with spinning or fly fishing gear.
  - Taking baitfish or fishbait is prohibited.
  - An angler in a boat may possess bait and fish caught in compliance with the seasons, sizes and creel limits in effect for a water from which it was taken, provided that the boat angler floats through the Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only area without stopping or engaging in the act of fishing or the boat angler puts in or takes out his boat at an access point within the Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only area.
  - A current trout/salmon permit is required.

The Keystone Select Stocked Trout Waters program provides anglers with an exciting opportunity to fish for larger trout. Under the program, approximately 4,500 large trout, 2-to 3-years old and measuring between 14 to 20 inches, will be distributed among these select waters under the Delayed Harvest, Artificial Lures Only special regulation. These larger trout are stocked only during the spring stocking periods to coincide with the period of peak angler use. As with many waters managed under Delayed Harvest, Artificial Lures Only special regulation, not all of the waters managed under the Keystone Select Stocked Trout Waters program receive a fall stocking. Fall stocking is limited to stream sections that act as destination fisheries and tend to provide better angler use at this time of year. Currently, four of the eight stream sections in this program receive a fall stocking. In the stocked trout water listings on the following pages, look for the **red keystone** which indicates that this water is a **Keystone Select Stocked Trout Water**.\*



## CATCH AND RELEASE ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Fishing is permitted on a 24-hour basis.
- Use or possession of any other lures or substance is prohibited.
- No trout may be killed or had in possession.
  - Fishing may be done with artificial lures only constructed of metal, plastic, rubber or wood, or with flies or streamers constructed of natural or synthetic materials. All such lures may be used with spinning or fly fishing gear.
  - Wading is permitted unless otherwise posted.
  - Taking baitfish or fishbait is prohibited.
  - An angler in a boat may possess bait and fish caught in compliance with the seasons, sizes and creel limits in effect for a water from which it was taken, provided that the boat angler floats through the Catch and Release area without stopping or engaging in the act of fishing or the boat angler puts in or takes out his boat at an access point within the Catch and Release area.
  - A current trout/salmon permit is required.

## CATCH AND RELEASE FLY-FISHING ONLY

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Fishing is permitted on a 24-hour basis.
- No trout may be killed or had in possession.
  - Fishing may be done with artificial flies and streamers constructed of natural or synthetic materials, so long as all flies are constructed in a normal fashion with components wound on or about the hook. Fishing must be done with tackle limited to fly rods, fly reels and fly line with a maximum of 18 feet in leader material of monofilament line attached. **Anything other than these items is prohibited.**
  - Taking baitfish or fishbait is prohibited.
  - Wading is permitted unless otherwise posted.
  - An angler in a boat may possess bait and fish caught in compliance with the seasons, sizes and creel limits in effect for a water from which it was taken, provided that the boat angler floats through the Catch and Release Fly-Fishing Only area without stopping or engaging in the act of fishing or the boat angler puts in or takes out his boat at an access point within the Catch and Release Fly-Fishing Only area.
  - A current trout/salmon permit is required.

## CATCH AND RELEASE ALL TACKLE

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Fishing is permitted on a 24-hour basis.
- No trout may be killed or had in possession.
  - Fishing may be done with artificial lures, flies or streamers, natural bait, baitfish and fishbait. Spinning or fly fishing gear may be used in these areas.
  - An angler in a boat may possess bait and fish caught in compliance with the seasons, sizes and creel limits in effect for a water from which it was taken, provided that the boat angler floats through the Catch and Release All Tackle area without stopping or

engaging in the act of fishing or the boat angler puts in or takes out his boat at an access point within the Catch and Release All Tackle area.

- A current trout/salmon permit is required.

## ALL TACKLE TROPHY TROUT

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Fishing is permitted on a 24-hour basis.
- Minimum size – 14 inches, caught on, or in possession on, the waters under these regulations from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular trout season through Labor Day.
  - The daily creel limit is two trout – combined species except for the period from the day after Labor Day to 8 a.m. of the first Saturday after April 11 of the following year, when no trout may be killed or had in possession.
  - There are no tackle restrictions.
  - An angler in a boat may possess bait and fish caught in compliance with the seasons, sizes and creel limits in effect for a water from which it was taken, provided that the boat angler floats through the All Tackle Trophy Trout area without stopping or engaging in the act of fishing or the boat angler puts in or takes out his boat at an access point within the All Tackle Trophy Trout area.
  - A current trout/salmon permit is required.
  - The regulations apply to **trout only**; all other species, inland regulations apply.

## TROPHY TROUT ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Fishing is permitted on a 24-hour basis.
- Minimum size – 14 inches, caught on, or in possession on, the waters under these regulations from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular trout season through Labor Day.
  - The daily creel limit is two trout – combined species except for the period from the day after Labor Day to 8 a.m. of the first Saturday after April 11 of the following year, when no trout may be killed or had in possession.
  - Fishing may be done with artificial lures only, constructed of metal, plastic, rubber or wood, or with flies and streamers constructed of natural or synthetic materials. All lures may be used with spinning or fly fishing gear.
  - Taking baitfish or fishbait is prohibited.
  - An angler in a boat may possess bait and fish caught in compliance with the seasons, sizes and creel limits in effect for a water from which it was taken, provided that the boat angler floats through the Trophy Trout area without stopping or engaging in the act of fishing or the boat angler puts in or takes out his boat at an access point within the Trophy Trout area.
  - A current trout/salmon permit is required.

*Special regulation waters appear on pages 22 through 29 after each region's section of stocked trout waters.*

**SOUTHEAST REGION REGULATED TROUT WATERS**

**REGIONAL OPENING DAY OF TROUT SEASON STOCKED TROUT WATERS**

**OPENING DAY: MARCH 31**

**BERKS:**

- Allegheny Creek (inseason only)
- Antietam Creek
- Antietam Reservoir
- Furnace Creek (Robesonia)
- Hay Creek
- Kistler Creek
- Little Lehigh Creek
- Little Swatara Creek
- Maiden Creek (confluence with Kistler Creek in Kempton downstream to dam in Lenhartsville)
- Manatawny Creek
- Mill Creek (trib. to Sacony Creek)
- Mill Creek (trib. to Schuylkill River)
- Mill Creek (trib. to Tulpehocken Creek)
- Northkill Creek
- Ontelaunee Creek (Spring House Road Bridge (SR 4024) downstream to mouth)
- Perkiomen Creek
- Pine Creek (trib to Maiden Creek)
- Sacony Creek (Bowers Road (T-616) downstream to SR 222 Kutztown By-pass)
- Scotts Run Lake
- Spring Creek
- Swamp Creek (aproximately 350 yards above powerline, downstream to mouth in Morgantown)
- Tulpehocken Creek (Marion Twp R&G Club downstream to vicinity of Charming Forge Rd.)
- Willow Creek
- Wyomissing Creek (headwaters downstream to SR 0222)

**BUCKS:**

- Delaware Canal (Two Sections- Upper Washington Crossing State Park and Lower Washington Crossing State Park downstream to East Maple Street Bridge in Morrisville)

- East Branch Perkiomen Creek (Branch Road Bridge (T-431) downstream through Sellersville)
- Levittown Lake
- Neshaminy Creek (Two sections: Valley Road to Mill Road near Jamison and from the dam at the causeway in Tyler State Park downstream to the bridge on SR 332)
- Tohickon Creek (Dark Hollow Rd. to mouth)
- Unami Creek (Milford Township Park downstream to Trumbauersville Road (SR 4051))

**CHESTER:**

- Beaver Creek (at Downingtown)
- Big Elk Creek
- Buck Run (Compass Rd. downstream to SR 372)
- East Branch Brandywine Creek (SR 4031 in Glenmoore downstream to US Business Route 30 in Downingtown)
- East Branch Elk Creek
- East Branch White Clay Creek
- French Creek
- Middle Branch White Clay Creek
- Pickering Creek
- Pocopson Creek
- West Branch Brandywine Creek (SR 4005 Cedar Knoll downstream to SR 0340)
- West Valley Creek
- White Clay Creek

**DELAWARE:**

- Chester Creek (confluence of West Branch Chester Creek downstream to Bridgewater Road (SR 3018))
- Chester Creek (upstream from confluence with West Branch - inseason only)
- Darby Creek (0.5 mile upstream confluence with Little Darby Creek downstream to Hilldale Road)
- Ithan Creek
- Little Darby Creek
- Ridley Creek (Two sections: 1.25 miles upstream from Gradyville Rd. downstream to falls in Ridley Creek State Park and Brookhaven Rd. downstream to Chestnut Street)
- West Branch Chester Creek

**LANCASTER:**

- Big Beaver Creek
- Bowery Run

- Conowingo Creek (T341 Black Bear Rd. downstream to Black Barron Rd.)
- Conoy Creek (Saegerville Rd. downstream to mouth)
- East Branch Octoraro Creek (Steelville Rd. downstream to Knight Run confluence - inseason only)
- Fishing Creek
- Hammer Creek
- Indian Run
- Little Beaver Creek
- Little Chiques Creek
- Little Cocalico Creek
- Little Conestoga Creek (powerline upstream of Miller Road (T-707) downstream to Harrisburg Pike (SR 4020))
- Little Muddy Creek (Bowmansville Rd. downstream to 150 yds, below SR 897)

- Meetinghouse Creek
- Middle Creek (PGC's Middle Creek Dam downstream to W. Lime Rock Rd.)
- Muddy Creek (Pleasant Valley Road downstream to SR 897)
- Muddy Run (most northern SR 772 crossing Intercourse downstream to powerline above Monterey Rd.)
- Pequea Creek (Wanner Drive (T-515) downstream to 110 yards downstream of School Lane (T-948))
- Rock Run (Bowmansville)
- Stewart Run
- Swarr Run (Yellow Goose Road (T-802) downstream to SR 0741)
- West Branch Little Conestoga Creek
- West Branch Octoraro Creek

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**LEHIGH:**

- Cedar Creek (Lake Muhlenburg outflow downstream to mouth)
- Coplay Creek
- Jordan Creek
- Kistler Creek
- Laurel Run (South Branch Saucon Creek)
- Leaser Lake
- Lehigh Canal (from first lock upstream of Monocacy Creek downstream to Monocacy Creek Crossing)
  - Little Lehigh Creek
  - Monocacy Creek
- Ontelaunee Creek
- Swabia Creek

- Switzer Creek
  - Trout Creek (Big Trout Creek - Slatington)
- MONTGOMERY:**
- Deep Creek Dam
  - East Branch Perkiomen Creek (from near Salfordville Rd. downstream to Bergey's Mill Rd. - inseason only)

- Kepner Creek
- Loch Alsh Reservoir
- Manatawny Creek
- Pennypack Creek (Lorimer Park)
- Perkiomen Creek (county line downstream to first unnamed trib downstream of Fruitville Road (T-414))
- Skippack Creek
- Stony Creek
- Unami Creek
- Wissahickon Creek (from Lafayette Ave. downstream to Stenton Ave.)

**NORTHAMPTON:**

- Bushkill Creek
- Hokendauqua Creek
- Indian Creek
- Jacoby Creek
- Lehigh Canal (0.6 mile downstream of Carbon County line downstream to confluence with Bertsch Creek, and first lock upstream of Monocacy Creek crossing downstream to confluence with Nancy Run Crossing)

- Little Bushkill Creek
  - Martins Creek
  - Monocacy Creek
- Saucon Creek

**PHILADELPHIA:**

- Pennypack Creek (county line downstream to Frankford Avenue (SR 0013))
- Wissahickon Creek (Germantown Pike downstream to tributary at intersection of Forbidden Drive and Lincoln Drive)

**SCHUYLKILL:**

- Bear Creek
- Deep Creek
- Little Catawissa Creek
- Little Mahanoy Creek
- Little Schuylkill River (Two sections: from confluence with Locust Creek downstream to confluence with Panther Creek, pre-season and inseason; from mouth upstream 1.1 miles to Port Clinton, inseason only)
- Lizard Creek

- Locust Creek
- Locust Lake
- Lower Little Swatara Creek
- Mahantango Creek
- Mahoning Creek
- Pine Creek (trib to Little Schuylkill River)
- Pine Creek (trib to Mahantango Creek)
- Pine Creek (trib to Schuylkill River)
- Rabbit Run Reservoir (off East Valley Rd. SW of Tamaqua)
- Upper Little Swatara Creek
- Whipoorwill Dam

**STOCKED TROUT WATERS OPEN TO REGION-ROUND FISHING**

**BERKS:**

- Tulpehocken Creek (from covered bridge at T-921 downstream to the mouth)

- Kaercher Creek Dam

**BUCKS:**

- Lake Luxembourg

**LANCASTER:**

- Muddy Run Rec Lake

**NORTHAMPTON:**

- Minsi Lake (*under drawdown*)

**SCHUYLKILL:**

- Sweet Arrow Lake
- Tuscarora Lake (fall stocking)

**CATCH AND RELEASE**

**NORTHAMPTON:**

- Bushkill Creek - 1.19 miles; from the dam at Binney and Smith downstream to the 13th Street Bridge

**CATCH AND RELEASE ALL TACKLE**

**CHESTER/MONTGOMERY:**

- Valley Creek - at Valley Forge and tributaries including Little Valley Creek. *Be aware that Valley Forge National Historic Park has imposed special bait restrictions. Check local posters.*

**CATCH AND RELEASE FLY-FISHING ONLY**

**CHESTER:**

- French Creek - 0.9 mile; from the dam at Camp Sleepy Hollow downstream to Hollow Road

**DELAWARE:**

- Ridley Creek - 0.6 mile; from the falls in Ridley Creek State Park downstream to the mouth of Dismal Run

**LANCASTER:**

- Donegal Creek - 2.21 miles; from 275 yards below SR 772 downstream to T-334

West Branch Octoraro Creek – 2.0 miles; From 30 yards downstream of SR 0472 downstream to 230 yards upstream of the second unnamed tributary downstream of SR 2010 (Puseyville Road)

**LEHIGH:**

Little Lehigh Creek – 1.54 miles; from the downstream face of the bridge on T-508 (Wild Cherry Lane) downstream to the upstream face of the bridge on T-510 (Millrace Road)

Little Lehigh Creek – 0.83 mile; from the upstream face of Fish Hatchery Road bridge downstream to near the Oxford Dr. Bridge

**TROPHY TROUT ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY**

**NORTHAMPTON:**

Monocacy Creek – 2.21 miles; from Illick's Mill Dam upstream to and including the Gertrude Fox Conservation Area

Saucon Creek – 2.1 miles; from the upstream boundary of the city of Bethlehem property downstream to the SR 0412 bridge

**DELAYED HARVEST ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY**

**BERKS:**

Tulpehocken Creek – 3.8 miles; from the first deflector below Blue Marsh Dam downstream to the T-921 covered bridge

**CHESTER:**

East Branch Brandywine Creek – 1.2 miles; from SR 4019 (Dorlan's Mill Road) downstream to SR 4004 (Dowlin Forge Road)

Pickering Creek – 1.5 miles; from SR 1019 (Charlestown Road) downstream to 330 yards upstream of the railroad bridge

Middle Branch White Clay Creek – 1.67 miles; from SR 3009 (Good Hope Road) downstream to the confluence with the East Branch

West Valley Creek – 1.2 miles from the confluence with the unnamed tributary (locally known as Colebrook Run)

upstream of SR 2020 (Boot Road) downstream to 0.25 miles of the Railroad Tunnel

**SCHUYLKILL:**

Bear Creek – 1.74 miles; from a cable 800 yards above T-662 downstream to the downstream side of the bridge on T-676

Little Schuylkill River – 1.7 miles; from SR 0895 in New Ringgold downstream to the T-848 Bridge near Rauschs

**SOUTHCENTRAL REGION REGULATED TROUT WATERS**

**REGIONAL OPENING DAY OF TROUT SEASON STOCKED TROUT WATERS**

**OPENING DAY: MARCH 31**

**ADAMS:**

Bermudian Creek  
Carbaugh Run  
Conewago Creek (SR 0234 Bridge downstream to SR 3001)  
Conococheague Creek  
East Branch Antietam Creek  
Latimore Creek  
Little Marsh Creek  
Marsh Creek (SR 3011 downstream to SR 0030)  
Middle Creek  
Opossum Creek  
Ortanna Pond  
Toms Creek (Mount Hope Road Bridge (T-300) downstream to SR 0116)  
Waynesboro Reservoir

**CUMBERLAND:**

Big Spring Creek  
Childrens Lake (Boiling Springs)  
Doubling Gap Lake  
Fuller Lake  
Green Spring Creek  
Laurel Lake  
Middle Spring Creek  
Mountain Creek  
Opossum Lake  
Yellow Breeches Creek

**DAUPHIN:**

Armstrong Creek  
Clark Creek  
Mahantango Creek  
Manada Creek  
Middletown Reservoir  
Pine Creek  
Powell Creek  
Rattling Creek  
South Fork Powell Creek

Stony Creek  
West Branch Rattling Creek  
Wiconisco Creek

**FRANKLIN:**

Buck Run (Dickeys Run)  
Carbaugh Run  
Conococheague Creek (former dam at Birch Run Reservoir downstream to Boyers Mill Road Bridge (T-481))  
Conodoguin Creek (confluence with Bear Valley Run downstream to SR 0997)  
Dennis Creek  
East Branch Antietam Creek  
Falling Spring Branch  
Letterkenny Reservoir  
Little Cove Creek  
Rowe Run  
West Branch Antietam Creek  
West Branch Conococheague Creek (Amberson Road Bridge (SR 4005) downstream to US 30 Bridge at Fort Loudon)

**JUNIATA:**

Big Run  
Blacklog Creek  
Cocolamus Creek  
Delaware Creek  
East Licking Creek from Mifflin County and Juniata County line downstream  
Horning Run  
Horse Valley Run  
Laurel Run (Liberty Valley Run)  
Lost Creek (SR 0035 Bridge upstream of confluence with Little Lost Creek at Oakland Mills downstream to mouth)  
Tuscarora Creek (county line downstream to confluence with Horse Valley Run in East Waterford)  
West Branch Mahantango Creek

**LEBANON:**

Bachman Run  
Conewago Creek (first bridge upstream from Colebrook downstream to T-304 Eckert Road)  
Hammer Creek  
Indiantown Run  
Lions Lake  
Marquette Lake  
Mill Creek  
Quittapahilla Creek  
Snitz Creek  
Stovers Lake  
Trout Run  
Tulpehocken Creek

**PERRY:**

Bixler Run  
Buffalo Creek (Heritage Hills Road Bridge(T-326) downstream to SR 0849 Bridge downstream of Walnut Grove)  
Bull Run  
Fishing Creek  
Fowler Hollow Run  
Horse Valley Run  
Laurel Run (Liberty Valley Run)  
Little Buffalo Creek (Mannsville Road Bridge (SR 4003) downstream to mouth)

Little Juniata Creek  
McCabe Run  
Montour Creek  
Panther Creek  
Raccoon Creek  
Sherman Creek (lower Tuscarora State Forest boundary downstream to Couchtown Road Bridge (SR 3008) at Cisna Run)  
Shultz Creek (Browns Run)

**YORK:**

Bald Eagle Creek  
Beaver Creek

Codorus Creek (Tannery Road (T-399) downstream to confluence with West Branch Codorus Creek)

Deer Creek  
East Branch Codorus Creek  
Fishing Creek (trib to Susquehanna River near Craley)  
Fishing Creek (trib to Susquehanna River near Goldsboro)

Leibs Creek  
Muddy Creek (confluence of North Branch Muddy Creek and South Branch Muddy Creek downstream to powerline crossing 1.6 miles downstream of SR 0425 in Woodbine)  
North Branch Muddy Creek  
Otter Creek  
Sheppard-Myers Reservoir  
South Branch Codorus Creek  
South Branch Muddy Creek  
Yellow Breeches Creek

**STOCKED TROUT WATERS**

**OPENING DAY: APRIL 14**

**BEDFORD:**

Beaver Creek  
Bobs Creek  
Clear Creek  
Cove Creek  
Evitts Creek  
Gladdens Run  
Little Wills Creek  
Maple Run  
Raystown Branch Juniata River (county line downstream to confluence with Shobers Run)  
Sherman Valley Run  
Town Creek

Wills Creek (county line downstream to B & O Railroad Bridge about 1.0 mile downstream of Hyndman)

● Yellow Creek

**BLAIR:**

Bald Eagle Creek  
Beaverdam Creek  
Bells Gap Run  
Blair Gap Run  
Canoe Creek  
Clover Creek (SR 2005 Bridge at Henrietta downstream to Larke Road Bridge near Larke)  
Frankstown Branch Juniata River (confluence with Pine Run near Claysburg downstream to confluence with Halter Creek near East Freedom)

Poplar Run  
Riggles Gap Run  
South Poplar Run  
Vanscoyoc Run

**FULTON:**

Big Cove Creek  
Cowans Gap Lake  
Laurel Fork  
Licking Creek (SR 0522 Bridge downstream to confluence with Baby Run at Soliam Church)  
Little Aughwick Creek  
Little Brush Creek  
Little Tonoloway Creek (Moss Road Bridge (T-318) downstream to SR 0655 Bridge)  
North Branch Little Aughwick Creek  
Oregon Creek  
Sideling Hill Creek (confluence of Oregon Creek and Laurel Fork downstream to intersection of SR 4013 and SR 0913)

●=Section of this Stocked Trout Water is also a Class A Wild Trout Stream-see chart on page 20 for listing.

## SOUTHCENTRAL/SOUTHWEST REGIONS

South Branch Little Aughwick Creek  
Spring Run  
Wooden Bridge Creek

### HUNTINGDON:

Blacklog Creek (from county line downstream to mouth)  
Globe Run  
Great Trough Creek (Newburg Park Road Bridge (T-370) downstream to 200 yards downstream of dam)

Greenwood Lake

Laurel Run

Lake Perez

North Branch Little Aughwick Creek (Nine Mile Creek)

North Spring Branch

Saddler Creek

Shade Creek

Shaver Creek (Perez Lake downstream to SR 305 bridge at Bethel Church)

Standing Stone Creek (Penn Roosevelt Dam downstream to powerline crossing 400 yards downstream of SR 0026 Black's Bridge)

Three Springs Creek

Tuscarora Creek

West Licking Creek

Whipple Lake

### MIFFLIN:

East Licking Creek

Havice Creek

Honey Creek (from the lower boundary of the Delayed Harvest Area downstream to SR 1002 Bridge 0.5 mile downstream of confluence with Treaster Run)

● Kishacoquillas Creek (Bunker Road Bridge (T-340) downstream to railroad Bridge at Yeagertown and Mill Street Bridge downstream to mouth)

Lingle Creek  
Meadow Creek  
Strodes Run  
Treaster Run  
West Licking Creek

### STOCKED TROUT WATERS OPEN TO YEAR-ROUND FISHING

#### BEDFORD:

Koon Lake

#### BLAIR:

Canoe Creek Lake

#### CUMBERLAND:

Mountain Creek (from Adams County line downstream to the backwaters of Laurel Lake)

#### DAUPHIN/LEBANON:

Stony Creek (from .4-mile upstream of Cold Spring Road downstream to State Game Lands #211 gate)

#### LEBANON:

Lakeside Quarry

#### PERRY:

Little Buffalo Lake (Holman Lake)

#### YORK:

South Branch Codorus Creek (from SR 0616 in Centerville downstream to T-527)

### CATCH AND RELEASE ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY

#### CUMBERLAND:

Yellow Breeches Creek—1.17 miles; 0.17 miles of the Unnamed Tributary to Yellow Breeches Creek (from the outfall of Children's Lake to the confluence with Yellow Breeches Creek at Boiling Springs) and 1.0 mile of Yellow Breeches Creek from the confluence with the Unnamed Tributary at

Boiling Springs downstream to the vicinity of Allenberry  
**HUNTINGDON:**  
Spruce Creek—0.5 mile; Penn State Experimental Fisheries Area (about 0.6 mile above the village of Spruce Creek)

#### MIFFLIN/UNION:

Penns Creek—3.65 miles; from approximately 650 yards downstream of Swift Run downstream to approximately 550 yards downstream of Cherry Run

### CATCH AND RELEASE ALL TACKLE

#### BLAIR/HUNTINGDON:

Little Juniata River—13.7 miles from the railroad bridge at the east (downstream) border of Ironville downstream to mouth

### CATCH AND RELEASE FLY-FISHING ONLY

#### ADAMS:

Conewago Creek—1.1 miles; from 0.1 mile downstream of T-340 (Russel Tavern Rd.) downstream to SR 34

#### BEDFORD:

Yellow Creek—0.9 mile from mouth of Maple Run (Jacks Run) upstream to cable near Red Bank Hill

#### CUMBERLAND:

Big Spring Creek—1.52 miles; from 100 feet below the source (Big Spring) downstream to the Nealy Road Bridge

Green Spring Creek—1.2 mile; from mouth upstream to near confluence with Bulls Head Branch

Letort Spring Run—1.7 miles; from 300 yards upstream of bridge on T-481 (Bonnybrook Road) downstream to the Reading Railroad Bridge at the southern edge of Letort Spring Park

#### DAUPHIN:

Clark Creek—2.4 miles; PGC rifle range parking area on SR 325 downstream to PGC access road at the Iron Furnace

#### FRANKLIN:

East Branch Antietam Creek—0.88 mile; from SR 16 downstream to T-365 (Welly Rd.)

Falling Spring Branch—2.5 miles; from the first private lane located 672 feet upstream of Briar Lane bridge downstream to a wire fence crossing the Thomas L. Geisel property

#### YORK:

Muddy Creek—1.6 miles; from 300 yards downstream of Bruce Road Bridge (T-628) in Bruce downstream to 300 yards upstream of Bridgeton Road (SR 2032) Bridge in Bridgeton

### TROPHY TROUT ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY

#### YORK:

Codorus Creek—2.0 miles; from the confluence of the West Branch downstream to a point that is .4 mile downstream from SR 3082 (Porters Road)

### DELAYED HARVEST ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY

#### BLAIR:

Little Juniata River—0.7 miles; from the first bridge on SR 0220 just northeast of Bellwood downstream to

the confluence with the first unnamed tributary entering from the west just south of Fostoria

#### DAUPHIN:

Manada Creek—1.8 miles; from Fogarty Road downstream to Furnace Road (T-616)

Wiconisco Creek—0.74 mile; from the western edge of the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art Walking Bridge downstream to the power line crossing located 1.7 miles upstream from the mouth

#### FRANKLIN:

Falling Spring Branch—1.02 miles; from Walker Road downstream to Fifth Avenue

#### FULTON:

Big Cove Creek—0.93 mile; from 200 yards downstream of the SR 0928 bridge downstream to the lower Buchanan State Forest boundary

#### JUNIATA/MIFFLIN:

East Licking Creek—4.0 miles; from the Texas Eastern gas pipeline crossing downstream to the upstream boundary of the Karl B. Guss State Forest Picnic Area

#### LEBANON:

Quittapahilla Creek—1.1 miles; from Spruce Street Bridge on T-398 downstream to the SR 0934 Bridge

#### MIFFLIN:

Honey Creek—1.75 miles; from the upper Bald Eagle St. Forest boundary downstream 1.75 miles

## SOUTHWEST REGION REGULATED TROUT WATERS

### STOCKED TROUT WATERS

**OPENING DAY:  
APRIL 14**

#### ALLEGHENY:

Big Sewickley Creek (from headwaters downstream to Merriman Avenue)

Bull Creek

Deer Creek

Flaugherty Run

Long Run

Lower Deer Lake

Middle Deer Lake

Montour Run

Pine Creek (from headwaters downstream to East Pennview Avenue)

Turtle Creek (from headwaters downstream to SR 48 on Mosside Blvd)

West Deer Lake (Upper Deer Lake)

#### ARMSTRONG:

Buffalo Creek (from headwaters downstream to Little Buffalo Creek)

Cherry Run

Complanter Run

Cowanshannock Creek

Glade Run  
Huling Run  
Little Sandy Creek  
North Fork Pine Creek  
Patterson Creek  
Plum Creek

Redbank Creek (county line to confluence with Little Sandy Creek)

Scrubgrass Creek

South Fork Pine Creek

#### BEAVER:

Big Sewickley Creek

Brush Creek Park Pond

Mill Creek

North Fork Big Sewickley Creek  
North Fork Little Beaver Creek (county line downstream to 100 meters downstream of SR 551 Bridge)

South Branch Brady Run  
Traverse Creek

#### CAMBRIA:

Beaverdam Run

Bens Creek

Chest Creek

Clearfield Creek (confluence with Beaverdam Run downstream to 330 yards downstream of T-510

Bridge at Condron)

Duman Lake

Elton Sportsmens Dam

Hinckston Run

Howells Run

Killbuck Run

Lake Rowena

Laurel Lick Run

Laurel Run (trib to

Conemaugh River)

Laurel Run (trib to South Fork

Little Conemaugh River)

Little Killbuck Run

Little Paint Creek

Noels Creek

North Branch Blacklick Creek  
 North Branch Little Conemaugh River  
 Stewart Run  
**FAYETTE:**  
 Back Creek  
 Big Sandy Creek  
 Chaney Run  
 Dunbar Creek  
 Dunlap Creek (from headwaters downstream to Mon-Fayette Expressway)  
 Georges Creek (headwaters downstream to York Run)  
 Indian Creek  
 Meadow Run  
 Mill Run (tributary to Indian Creek)  
 Mountain Creek  
 Virgin Run Lake  
**GREENE:**  
 Browns Creek (Bates Fork "Sycamore" downstream to mouth)  
 Dunkard Fork  
 Enlow Fork  
 Lake Wilma  
 North Fork Dunkard Fork  
 South Fork Dunkard Fork  
 Whiteley Creek (headwaters downstream to SR 0088)  
**INDIANA:**  
 Blacklegs Creek  
 Brush Creek  
 Canoe Creek  
 Cush Creek  
 Cush Cushion Creek  
 Laurel Run  
 Little Mahoning Creek (intersection of T-836 and SR 1037 at Antioch Church to 700 meters downstream West Mahoning and North Mahoning Township Line)  
 Little Yellow Creek  
 Mudlick Run  
 South Branch Two Lick Creek  
 Toms Run  
 Yellow Creek  
**SOMERSET:**  
 Allen Creek  
 Beaverdam Creek

Beaverdam Run  
 Bens Creek  
 Breastwork Run  
 Brush Creek  
 Casselman River (from MD - PA state line downstream to Moser Road (T-353) Bridge)  
 Clear Shade Creek  
 Cub Run  
 Elk Lick Creek  
 Flaugherly Creek  
 Gladdens Run  
 Glade Run  
 Jones Mill Run  
 Kimberly Run  
 Kooser Lake  
 Kooser Run  
 Laurel Hill Creek  
 Little Piney Creek  
 McClintock Run  
 Middle Creek  
 Miller Run  
 Piney Creek  
 Piney Run  
 Raystown Branch Juniata River  
 Shafer Run  
 Shaffers Run  
 South Fork Bens Creek  
 Stonycreek River (from Yonai Road (T-515) Bridge downstream to railroad retaining wall 0.25 mile downstream of Covered Bridge Road (T-565)  
 Tub Mill Run  
 Whites Creek  
 Wills Creek  
**WASHINGTON:**  
 Aunt Clara Fork  
 Dutch Fork  
 Dutch Fork Lake  
 Enlow Fork  
 Kings Creek  
 Little Chartiers Creek  
 Millers Run  
 Mingo Creek  
 Pike Run  
 Templeton Fork  
 Tenmile Creek (from SR 0018 downstream to SR 0019)  
**WESTMORELAND:**  
 Fourmile Run  
 Hannas Run  
 Hendricks Creek

Indian Creek (from the SR 381 bridge in Jones Mill downstream to Mill Run Reservoir)  
 Indian Lake  
 Jacobs Creek (from Acme Dam downstream to Bridgeport Dam)  
 Linn Run  
 Loyalhanna Creek (from Zimmerman Run downstream to SR 981)  
 Mammoth Lake  
 Mill Creek  
 Sewickley Creek  
 Shannon Run  
 Tubmill Creek  
 Turtle Creek

**STOCKED TROUT WATERS OPEN TO YEAR-ROUND FISHING**

**ALLEGHENY:**  
 North Park Lake  
**ARMSTRONG:**  
 Mahoning Creek (Mahoning Creek Dam outflow downstream to the confluence of Pine Run)  
**BEAVER:**  
 Bradys Run Lake  
 Main Lake (Raccoon Lake)  
**FAYETTE:**  
 Dunlap Creek Lake  
**FAYETTE/SOMERSET:**  
 Youghiogheny River (from the lake downstream to the confluence of the Casselman River)  
**INDIANA:**  
 Cummings Reservoir (Blue Spruce Lake)  
**SOMERSET:**  
 Blue Hole Creek (from confluence with Garys Run downstream to mouth)  
 Fall Creek (from confluence with Ansell Run downstream to mouth)  
 Laurel Hill Lake  
**WASHINGTON:**  
 Canonsburg Lake

**WESTMORELAND:**  
 Keystone Lake  
 Northmoreland Lake  
 Twin Lakes Number One Reservoir (Lower Twin Lake)  
 Twin Lakes Number Two Reservoir (Upper Twin Lake)

**CATCH AND RELEASE FLY-FISHING ONLY**

**FAYETTE:**  
 Dunbar Creek – 4.22 miles; from the confluence of Glade Run downstream to the stone quarry along SR 1055

**INDIANA:**  
 Little Mahoning Creek – 3.6 miles; from Oberlin Road Bridge abutments upstream of SR 1041 Bridge upstream to Cesna Run

**SOMERSET:**  
 Clear Shade Creek – 1 mile; from the cable at Windber Water Dam upstream

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**FAYETTE/SOMERSET:**  
 Youghiogheny River – 9.16 miles; from the confluence with Ramcat Run downstream to the Route 381 bridge at Ohiopyle

**DELAYED HARVEST ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY**

**ALLEGHENY:**  
 Deer Creek – 1.9 miles; from the SR 0910 Bridge at T-678 intersection downstream to the lower boundary of Rose Ridge Golf Course  
 Pine Creek – 1.4 miles; from the abandoned railroad bridge near the T-575 and Duncan Ave. intersection downstream to 150 yards downstream of the SR 4019 bridge  
 Bull Creek – 1.0 mile; from the first bridge on T-721 (above the T-721 and T-719 intersection) downstream to the T-721 bridge in Millerstown

**ARMSTRONG/BUTLER:**  
 Buffalo Creek – 3.7 miles; from Little Buffalo Run downstream to 0.6 mile above SR 4035 in Craigsville

**CAMBRIA:**  
 Chest Creek – 1.8 miles; from the northern Patton borough line downstream to the SR 4022 bridge at Thomas Mills

**FAYETTE:**  
 Meadow Run – 2.2 miles; from the SR 2011 bridge (Dinner Bell Road) adjacent to the Ohiopyle St. Park office downstream to mouth

**SOMERSET:**  
 Laurel Hill Creek – 2.33 miles; from 200 yards downstream of the T-364 (Countryman Bridge) downstream to the T-364 Bridge upstream of Laurel Hill Lake

Laurel Hill Creek – 1.26 miles; from the footbridge on State Game Lands #111 Road in Humbert downstream to Paddytown Hollow Run

**WASHINGTON:**  
 Dutch Fork – 1.59 miles; from the first bridge (SR 0070) upstream of the Columbia Gas Compressor Station downstream to the Dutch Fork Lake backwaters at T-487 bridge just off SR 3001 (Lake Road)

Pike Run – 1.1 miles; from the confluence with the unnamed tributary upstream of the SR 2079 bridge downstream to the powerline crossing downstream of the SR 2036 bridge

**WESTMORELAND:**  
 Indian Creek – 1.6 miles; from the T-916 bridge downstream to the SR 0381 bridge.

Loyalhanna Creek – 1.67 miles; from SR 711 downstream to SR 2045

**NORTHWEST REGION REGULATED TROUT WATERS**

**STOCKED TROUT WATERS**

**OPENING DAY: APRIL 14**

**BUTLER:**  
 Bear Creek  
 Bonnie Brook  
 Buffalo Creek  
 Connoquenessing Creek  
 Complanter Run (county line to Moorehead Road (T-658))

Glade Run Lake  
 Harbar Acres Lake  
 Little Buffalo Run  
 Little Connoquenessing Creek  
 North Branch Slippery Rock Creek  
 Silver Creek  
 Slippery Rock Creek  
 Thorn Creek  
**CLARION:**  
 Beaver Creek

Canoe Creek  
 Cathers Run  
 Coon Creek  
 East Sandy Creek  
 Leatherwood Creek  
 Mill Creek  
 Piney Creek  
 Redbank Creek (county line to confluence with Little Sandy Creek)  
 Richey Run

Toms Run  
 Turkey Run  
**CRAWFORD:**  
 Caldwell Creek  
 Conneaut Creek  
 Dicksonburg Road (SR 4004) downstream to Missing Bridge (Pennside Road))  
 East Branch Oil Creek (Clear Lake outflow downstream to mouth)

Fivemile Creek  
 Little Sugar Creek  
 McLaughlin Creek (T-890 Bridge downstream to mouth)  
 Muddy Creek (T-794 downstream to SR 1033)  
 North Deer Creek  
 Oil Creek (confluence with Mosey Run near Lincolnville downstream to county line)  
 Pine Creek

# NORTHWEST/NORTHCENTRAL REGIONS

Sugar Creek (Center Road (T-549) downstream to county line)  
 Thompson Creek (SR 2031 downstream to mouth)  
 Woodcock Creek  
**ERIE:**  
 Cascade Creek  
 Conneauttee Creek  
 Crooked Creek  
 East Basin Pond (Waterworks Ponds, Presque Isle State Park)  
 Elk Creek  
 French Creek (from the state line downstream to the confluence with West Branch French Creek)  
 Lake Pleasant  
 South Branch French Creek  
 Twentymile Creek  
 Upper Gravel Pit  
 West Basin Pond (Waterworks Ponds, Presque Isle State Park)  
**FOREST:**  
 Beaver Run  
 Bluejay Creek  
 Coon Creek  
 East Hickory Creek  
 Little Hickory Run  
 Maple Creek  
 Queen Creek  
 Ross Run  
 Salmon Creek  
 South Branch Tionesta Creek  
 Spring Creek  
 The Branch  
 Tionesta Creek (county line downstream to Kelletville Bridge)  
 Toms Run

West Branch Millstone Creek  
 West Hickory Creek  
**LAWRENCE:**  
 Bessemer Lake  
 Big Run  
 Deer Creek  
 Hickory Run  
 Honey Creek  
 Little Neshannock Creek  
 Neshannock Creek  
 North Fork Little Beaver Creek  
 Slippery Rock Creek (county line downstream to Heinz Camp lower property line)  
 Taylor Run  
**MERCER:**  
 Buhl Lake  
 Cool Spring Creek  
 Little Neshannock Creek  
 Little Shenango River  
 Mill Creek (trib to Cool Spring Creek)  
 Neshannock Creek (SR 0058 at Mercer downstream to county line)  
 North Deer Creek  
 Pine Run  
 Sandy Creek (SR 173 Bridge downstream to county line)  
 ● Shenango River (Hamburg Road bridge in New Hamburg to pipeline crossing 600 yards upstream Valley Road bridge)  
 West Branch Little Neshannock Creek

Wolf Creek  
**VENANGO:**  
 East Branch Sugar Creek  
 East Sandy Creek  
 Hemlock Creek  
 Horse Creek  
 Little Sandy Creek  
 Little Scrubgrass Creek  
 Little Sugar Creek  
 Lower Twomile Run  
 Mill Creek  
 Oil Creek (county line downstream to SR 0008 Bridge at Rynd Farm)  
 Pine Run  
 Pithole Creek  
 Prather Creek  
 Richey Run  
 Sandy Creek (county line downstream to SR 3013 (old Route 8) Bridge in Pecan)  
 Sugar Creek  
 Twomile Run (Upper Twomile Run)  
 West Pithole Creek  
**WARREN:**  
 Akeley Run  
 Blue Eye Run  
 Brokenstraw Creek  
 Browns Run  
 Caldwell Creek  
 East Branch Spring Creek  
 East Branch Tionesta Creek  
 East Hickory Creek  
 Farnsworth Branch  
 Fourmile Run  
 Hemlock Run  
 Jackson Run  
 Little Brokenstraw Creek  
 Perry Magee Run  
 Pine Creek  
 Queen Creek

Sixmile Run  
 South Branch Tionesta Creek  
 Spring Creek  
 Thompson Run  
 Tidioute Creek  
 Tionesta Creek  
 Twomile Run  
 West Branch Caldwell Creek  
 West Branch Tionesta Creek  
 West Hickory Creek

## STOCKED TROUT WATERS OPEN TO YEAR-ROUND FISHING

**FOREST:**  
 Tionesta Creek (from Tionesta Dam outflow downstream)  
**LAWRENCE:**  
 Cascade Quarry  
**VENANGO:**  
 Two Mile Run Reservoir (Justus Lake)

## CATCH AND RELEASE ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY

**WARREN:**  
 West Branch Caldwell Creek – 2.75 miles; West Branch Bridge upstream to Three Bridge Run

## CATCH AND RELEASE FLY-FISHING ONLY

**LAWRENCE:**  
 Slippery Rock Creek – 0.5 mile; from Heinz Camp property downstream to 0.25 mile below SR 2022 Bridge  
**VENANGO:**  
 Little Sandy Creek – 1.3 miles; from the old bridge at Polk Center Pump House downstream to the bridge on Savannah Road (SR 3024)

**WARREN:**  
 Caldwell Creek – 1.49 miles; from Selkirk highway bridge downstream to approximately 0.5 miles upstream of the Dotyville Bridge

## DELAYED HARVEST ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY

**CLARION:**  
 Piney Creek – 1.2 miles; SR 2016 bridge downstream to 0.2 mile upstream of the SR 0066 bridge

**FOREST:**  
 East Hickory Creek – 1.7 miles; from the Queen Creek Bridge downstream to the Otter Creek Bridge

**LAWRENCE:**  
 Neshannock Creek – 2.67 miles; from the base of the Mill Dam in Volant downstream to the covered bridge on T-476

**MERCER:**  
 Cool Spring Creek – 1.18 miles; from SR 2014 bridge upstream to the abandoned railroad grade

**VENANGO:**  
 Oil Creek – 1.55 miles; from bridge at Petroleum Center downstream to railroad bridge at Columbia Farm

Oil Creek – 1.0 mile; from the two green posts near the Drake Well Museum downstream to Oil Creek State Park hiking trail bridge

# NORTHCENTRAL REGION REGULATED TROUT WATERS

## REGIONAL OPENING DAY OF TROUT SEASON STOCKED TROUT WATERS

### OPENING DAY: MARCH 31

*These waters flow beyond the counties designated as part of the Regional Opening Day of Trout and are included as part of this trout program.*

### NORTHUMBERLAND:

Mahantango Creek  
**SNYDER**  
 West Branch Mahantango Creek

## STOCKED TROUT WATERS

### OPENING DAY: APRIL 14

**CAMERON:**  
 Brooks Run  
 Clear Creek  
 Driftwood Branch  
 Sinnemahoning Creek  
 East Branch Cowley Run  
 East Branch Hicks Run  
 First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek  
 Hicks Run  
 Mix Run  
 North Creek  
 Sinnemahoning Portage Creek  
 Upper Jerry Run  
 West Branch Cowley Run  
 West Branch Hicks Run  
 Wykoff Run  
**CENTRE:**  
 Bald Eagle Creek (T-305 near Port Matilda downstream to the confluence with Spring Creek)

● Bald Eagle Creek (from the confluence with Spring Creek near SR144 bridge downstream to the inlet of Sayers Lake near the Boggs-Howard Township line)  
 Big Poe Creek  
 Black Moshannon Creek  
 Cold Stream (from outflow of Cold Stream Dam upstream 1.0 mile to the power line crossing)  
 Cold Stream Dam  
 Eddy Lick Run  
 Little Fishing Creek (SR 0064 Bridge near Hublersburg downstream to county line)  
 Marsh Creek  
 Mountain Branch  
 ● Penns Creek (SR 0045 Bridge in Spring Mills downstream to

confluence with Elk Creek)  
 Pine Creek (Stony Run Road Bridge downstream to first bridge on Pine Creek Road)  
 Poe Lake  
 Seven Mountains Boy Scout Pond  
 Sinking Creek  
 Sixmile Run  
 South Fork Beech Creek  
 Wallace Run  
 White Deer Creek  
 Wolf Run  
**CLEARFIELD:**  
 Anderson Creek  
 Bennett Branch Sinnemahoning Creek  
 Chest Creek  
 Curry Run  
 East Branch Mahoning Creek

(confluence with Beech Run downstream to county line)  
 Gazzam Run  
 Gifford Run  
 Goss Run Dam  
 Janesville Dam  
 Juniata Lake (Tannery Dam)  
 Laborde Branch  
 Laurel Run (tributary to Bennett Branch Sinnemahoning Creek)  
 Laurel Run (tributary to East Branch Mahoning Creek)  
 Little Clearfield Creek  
 Little Muddy Run  
 Medix Run  
 Moose Creek  
 North Witmer Run  
 Parker Lake  
 South Witmer Run

West Branch Susquehanna River (confluence with Anderson Creek to SR 2024 crossing at Porters Bridge) Wilson Run

Wolf Run (county line to mouth)

**CLINTON:**

Baker Run

Cooks Run

● Fishing Creek (confluence with Cedar Run downstream to mouth)

Hyner Run

Kettle Creek (county line downstream to Owl Hollow)

Left Branch Young Womans Creek

Little Fishing Creek

Young Womans Creek

**ELK:**

Bear Creek

Belmouth Run

Bennett Branch

Sinnemahoning Creek

Big Mill Creek

Boggy Run

Byrnes Run

Crooked Creek

East Branch Clarion River

East Branch Hicks Run

East Branch Millstone Creek

East Branch Spring Creek

Elk Creek

Hicks Run

Hoffman Run

Laurel Run Reservoir

Little Toby Creek

Maxwell Run

Mead Run

Medix Run

Millstone Creek

Mix Run

Powers Run

Ridgway Reservoir

Rocky Run

Spring Creek

Twin Lakes

West Branch Clarion River

West Branch Hicks Run

West Branch Millstone Creek

Wilson Run

Wolf Run

**JEFFERSON:**

Big Run (trib to Little Sandy Creek)

Big Run (trib to Mahoning Creek)

Callen Run

Canoe Creek

Cathers Run

Clear Creek

Clear Run

Cloe Lake

East Branch

Mahoning Creek

Fivemile Run

(trib to Sandy Lick Creek)

Laurel Run (trib to East Branch Mahoning Creek)

Little Sandy Creek

Little Toby Creek

Mill Creek (trib to Clarion River)

Mill Creek (trib to Sandy Lick Creek)

North Fork Redbank Creek

Pekin Run

Rattlesnake Creek

Rattlesnake Run

Redbank Creek

Sandy Lick Creek

Walburn Run

Wolf Run

**LYCOMING:**

Hoagland Run

Larrys Creek (water company filtration plant downstream to 1 mile downstream of confluence with First Fork Larrys Creek)

Little Bear Creek

Little Muncy Creek (SR 0118 Bridge downstream to confluence with Big Run)

Little Pine Creek

Loyalsock Creek (county line downstream to SR 0973)

Lycoming Creek (confluence with Roaring Branch downstream to confluence with Hoagland Run)

Mill Creek (Warrensville) (0.5 mile upstream of T-846

Bridge downstream to SR 2039 Bridge downstream of Warrensville)

Muncy Creek (county line downstream to confluence with Little Muncy Creek)

Pleasant Stream

Rock Run (trib to Lycoming Creek)

Spring Creek

White Deer Hole Creek

**MCKEAN:**

Allegheny River (county line downstream to confluence with Allegheny Portage Creek)

Bell Run

Bradford City Number Three Reservoir

Brewer Run

Chappel Fork

Combs Creek

East Branch Tionesta Creek

Hamlin Lake

Havens Run

Kinzua Creek

Marvin Creek

North Branch Sugar Run

Potato Creek (confluence of East Branch Potato Creek and Havens Run downstream to confluence with Marvin Creek)

Red Mill Brook

Sartwell Creek (county line to mouth)

Sevenmile Run

Skinner Creek

South Branch Kinzua Creek

Sugar Run

Twomile Run

West Branch Clarion River

West Branch Potato Creek

Willow Creek

**MONTOUR:**

Mahoning Creek (from SR 0054 to the mouth)

Mausies Creek

Roaring Creek

**NORTHUMBERLAND:**

Little Shamokin Creek

Schwaben Creek

South Branch Roaring Creek

Zerbe Run Rod & Gun Club Pond

**POTTER:**

Allegheny River

Bailey Run

Bell Run

Cowanesque River

East Branch Cowley Run

East Branch Fishing Creek

East Fork Sinnemahoning Creek

Elevenmile Creek

First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek

Fishing Creek

Freeman Run

Genesee River

Kettle Creek

Little Kettle Creek

Lyman Run

Lyman Run Reservoir

Middle Branch Genesee River

Oswayo Creek (confluence with Clara Creek

downstream to Sharon Center Bridge (T-372))

Pine Creek

Sartwell Creek

South Branch Oswayo Creek

South Woods Branch

West Branch Cowley Run

West Branch Genesee River

West Branch Pine Creek

**SNYDER:**

Kern Run

Middle Creek (headwaters downstream to 0.5 mile downstream of SR 0522 Bridge at Middleburg)

North Branch Mahantango Creek

North Branch Middle Creek

South Branch Middle Creek

Swift Run

**TIOGA:**

Asaph Run,

Corey Creek

Cowanesque River (county line downstream to confluence with Troupes Creek)

East Branch Stony Fork

Long Run (trib to Pine Creek)

Marsh Creek (SR 3024 downstream to mouth)

Mill Creek

Pine Creek

Seeley Creek

Stony Fork

Tioga River (county line downstream to confluence with Fall Brook)

**UNION:**

Buffalo Creek (T-366 Bridge downstream to confluence with Rapid Run)

Halfway Lake

Laurel Run

North Branch Buffalo Creek

Penns Creek (0.3 mile downstream of confluence with Cherry Run

downstream to SR 0235 Bridge in Glen Iron)

Rapid Run (from outflow of Halfway Lake to mouth)

Spring Creek

Spruce Run

White Deer Creek (from Cooper Mill bridge to mouth)

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YEAR-ROUND  
FISHING**

**CAMERON:**

George B. Stevenson Reservoir

West Creek

**CLEARFIELD:**

West Branch Susquehanna River (SR 1001 Bridge near Hyde to first Railroad Bridge downstream of the confluence with Moose Creek)

**CLINTON:**

Kettle Creek Lake

**ELK:**

Straight Creek

West Creek (SR 1008 at Rathbun downstream to SR 3001 at Howard Siding)

**LYCOMING:**

Little Pine Lake

Pine Creek (from confluence with Bonnell Run at DCNR Clark Farm Access Area downstream to the confluence with Little Pine Creek)

**LYCOMING/TIOGA:**

Pine Creek (from SR 0414 bridge in Blackwell downstream to the confluence with Slate Run)

**MCKEAN:**

Meade Run

**TIOGA:**

Beechwood Lake

Hamilton Lake

**CATCH AND RELEASE  
ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY**

**CAMERON:**

Hunts Run— 4.7 miles; from confluence with McNuff Branch downstream to the mouth

**CLINTON:**

Fishing Creek— 2.0 miles; from State Game Lands #295 boundary (located 300 yards downstream of the upstream SR 2002 bridge) downstream to a point 1.3 miles upstream of the lower SR 2002 bridge

Rauchtown Creek— 1.12 miles; from the confluence of Rockey Run and Krape Run downstream to the SR 0880 crossing upstream of the Ravensburg St. Park Picnic Area.

Young Womans Creek — 5.7 miles; from the Beechwood Trail downstream to a point .7 mile upstream of the confluence with the Left Branch Young Womans Creek

**LYCOMING:**

Grays Run— 2.2 miles; from the Grays Run Hunting Club property line downstream to the concrete bridge on T-842 (Grays Run Road) at the old CCC camp

**MIFFLIN/UNION:**

Penns Creek— 3.65 miles; from approximately 650 yards downstream of Swift Run downstream to approximately 550 yards downstream of Cherry Run

**POTTER:**

Cross Fork— 5.02 miles; from Bear Trap Lodge downstream to the Weed property

## NORTHCENTRAL/NORTHEAST REGIONS

### UNION:

Chery Run—2.7 miles; from the mouth upstream a distance of 2.7 miles

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#### CAMERON:

Driftwood Branch Sinnemahoning Creek — 1.55 miles; from the Shippen Township Building downstream to 330 yards upstream of the SR 0120 Bridge near Emporium

#### CENTRE:

Spring Creek (Fisherman's Paradise) — 1.3 miles; from a point adjacent to the Stackhouse School Pistol Range downstream to the lower Bellefonte Hatchery grounds

#### ELK:

West Branch Clarion River — 0.68 mile; from intersection of SR 219 and SR 4003 upstream to the former Texas Gulf Sulphur property line 0.6 miles upstream of SR 4003 bridge

#### JEFFERSON:

North Fork Redbank Creek — 1.9 miles; from SR 322 in Brookville upstream 1.9 miles, except a 110-yard section from the Brookville Water Authority Dam downstream to the wire across the creek

#### LYCOMING/TIOGA:

Slate Run — 7.13 miles; from the confluence of the Cushman and Francis branches downstream to the mouth

### McKEAN:

Marvin Creek — 0.9 miles; from the vicinity of the high voltage line 3 miles south of Smethport downstream for a distance of 0.9 miles

#### POTTER:

Kettle Creek — 1.7 miles; from a sign located 500 feet downstream of the SR 0144 bridge to a sign located 1.7 miles upstream of the lower boundary

#### TIOGA:

Francis Branch Tributary to Slate Run — 1.7 miles; from mouth upstream to Kramer Hollow

#### UNION:

White Deer Creek — 3.16 miles; from Cooper Mill Road upstream to Union/Centre County line

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#### CAMBRIA/CLEARFIELD:

- West Branch Susquehanna River (from outflow of AMD treatment plant near Watkins downstream to confluence of Cush Creek near Dowler Junction

#### CENTRE:

Spring Creek— 16.22 miles; from the Boalsburg Road Bridge (SR 3010) at Oak Hall upstream of Hanson Quarry (formerly HRI/Neidig Bros. Quarry) downstream to the mouth with the exception of special regulations area at Fisherman's Paradise and the Exhibition Area in Bellefonte

#### ELK:

Clarion River— 8.48 miles; from the confluence of the East and West branches downstream to the Main St. Bridge (SR 948) in Ridgway

### LYCOMING:

Pine Creek — 2.88 miles; from the confluence with Slate Run downstream to the confluence with Bonnell Run at DCNR Clark Farm Access Area

#### POTTER/TIOGA:

Upper Kettle Creek basin — 28.3 miles; Kettle Creek from the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Long Run and all tributaries including Long Run upstream to the headwaters.

### TROPHY TROUT ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY

#### CENTRE:

Lick Run — 2.5 miles; from the headwaters to the mouth

#### CLINTON:

Fishing Creek — 1.18 miles; from the private lane bridge at the Tylersville State Fish Hatchery downstream to the State Game Lands #295 boundary (located 300 yards downstream of the upstream SR 2002 bridge) and 2.1 miles; from a point 1.3 miles upstream of the lower SR 2002 bridge downstream to Fleming's Bridge (SR 2004) at the Lamar Fish Hatchery

#### LYCOMING/TIOGA:

Cedar Run — 7.44 miles; from the confluence with Buck Run downstream to the mouth

#### McKEAN:

East Branch Tunungwant Creek — 3.0 miles; from the confluence with Pigeon Run downstream to the Main Street Bridge in Lewis Run

### DELAYED HARVEST ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY

#### CENTRE:

Black Moshannon Creek — 1.3 miles; from Dry Hollow downstream to 0.3 mile downstream of the Huckleberry Road bridge

#### CLEARFIELD:

Little Clearfield Creek— 1.1 miles; from 0.4 miles downstream of the T-584 Bridge downstream to 0.2 miles upstream of the SR 2023 (Turkey Hill) Bridge  
Sandy Lick Creek— 1.71 miles; from the mouth of Laborde Branch downstream to the SR 219 bridge

#### ELK:

Big Mill Creek— 1.5 miles; from the confluence of Rocky Run downstream to 0.3 mile downstream of the Allegheny National Forest, Forest Road, 135 Bridge

East Branch Clarion River— 1.15 miles; from 110 yards downstream of the outflow from East Branch Clarion River Lake downstream to the State Gameland boundary 1.15 miles downstream of the upstream limit

#### LYCOMING:

Little Pine Creek— 1.1 miles; from the confluence of Otter Run downstream to the confluence of Schoolhouse Hollow

Loyalsock Creek— 1.49 miles; from the Lycoming - Sullivan County line downstream to Sandy Bottom

Lycoming Creek— 1.3 miles; from the SR 0015 bridge (Old Route 15) near Haleeka upstream 1.3 miles to the first overhead utility line crossing upstream of Powys Curve  
Muncy Creek — 1.1 miles; from R. Sullivan property 600 yards upstream of T-650 bridge downstream to vicinity of confluence of Big Run at Tivoli

#### McKEAN:

Kinzua Creek— 2.29 miles; From SR 219 at Tallyho downstream to Camp Run  
West Branch Tunungwant Creek — 1.2 miles; from T-499 bridge downstream to pipeline crossing near confluence of Gates Hollow

#### POTTER:

Allegheny River — 2.7 miles; from Pond Road 0.3 mile downstream of Colesburg downstream to ford 0.3 mile downstream of Prosser Hollow Bridge

First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek — 1.67 miles; from mouth of Bailey Run downstream to a bend above Berge Run Bridge

#### SNYDER:

Middle Creek — 1.2 miles; from the bridge on SR 4007 (Pine Swamp Road) to the downstream boundary of State Game Lands #188

#### TIOGA:

Pine Creek — 1.06 mile; from Darling Run downstream to 0.1 mile downstream of the confluence with Owasssee Slide Hollow

## NORTHEAST REGION REGULATED TROUT WATERS

### REGIONAL OPENING DAY OF TROUT SEASON STOCKED TROUT WATERS

### OPENING DAY: MARCH 31

\*These Northeast Region waters flow beyond the counties designated as part of the Regional Opening Day of Trout Season and are included as part of this trout program.

#### CARBON:

Lizard Creek  
Mahoning Creek

### STOCKED TROUT WATERS

### OPENING DAY: APRIL 14

#### BRADFORD:

- Cooks Pond
- Gaylord Creek
- Little Schrader Creek (confluence with Marsh Creek downstream to mouth)
- North Branch Sugar Creek (Alparon Park Fairgrounds downstream to mouth)
- Schrader Creek
- South Branch Towanda Creek
- South Creek

Sugar Creek (confluence with South Branch Sugar Creek downstream to SR 0006 in East Troy)  
Sunfish Pond

Towanda Creek (South Ave., T-998 downstream to SR 3001 Bridge)

Tuscarora Creek  
Wysox Creek

#### CARBON:

Aquashicola Creek  
Buckwha Creek  
Drakes Creek  
Hickory Run (outlet of Hickory Run Lake downstream to Saylorville Dam)

Hickory Run Lake  
Lehigh Canal (Long Run Level near Weissport)

- Lehigh River (0.33 miles upriver from railroad bridge at Glen Onoko down river to Mauch Chunk Creek)

Mauch Chunk Creek (outlet Mauch Chunk Lake downstream to upstream face of Lentz Trail (SR 3012) bridge)

Nesquehoning Creek

- Pohopoco Creek (outlet of Beltzville Lake downstream to Hideaway Hunting and Fishing Club cable across the creek)

Sand Spring Run

#### COLUMBIA:

Beaver Run (Moyers Farm downstream to mouth)

Briar Creek

Fishing Creek (SR 4049 downstream to Light Street)

Huntington Creek (Forks Farm downstream to Twin Bridges Park)

Little Fishing Creek (Talmar Road (SR 4032) downstream to Evers Grove Road (SR 4021))

Mugser Run

Pine Creek

Roaring Creek

Scotch Run

South Branch Roaring Creek  
 West Branch Briar Creek  
 West Creek  
**LACKAWANNA:**  
 Aylesworth Creek Lake  
 Desandis Pond  
 Eston Wilson Lake  
 Gardner Creek  
 Lackawanna River (from Old Stillwater Reservoir downstream to Simpson)  
 Lehigh River  
 Merli-Sarnoski Park Lake  
 Roaring Brook  
 South Branch Tunkhannock Creek  
 West Branch Wallenpaupack Creek  
**LUZERNE:**  
 Big Wapwallopen Creek (Nuangola Road (SR 2042) downstream to county road)  
 Harvey's Creek  
 Kitchen Creek (Shady Hill Road (T-559) downstream to mouth)  
 Lake Frances  
 Nescopeck Creek  
 Pine Creek  
 Wright Creek  
**MONROE:**  
 Brodhead Creek (Cherry Lane Bridge (SR 1002) downstream to SR 0080 Bridge east of Exit 309)  
 Buckwha Creek  
 Bush Kill  
 Lake Creek  
 Lehigh River  
 McMichael Creek  
 Pocono Creek  
 Princess Run  
 Snow Hill Dam  
 Tobyhanna Creek  
 Tobyhanna Lake  
**PIKE:**  
 Bush Kill  
 Decker Brook (SR 0006 Bridge downstream to lower SGL #183 boundary)  
 Fairview Lake  
 Lackawaxen River (county line downstream to mouth)  
 Lake Loch Lomond  
 Lake Minisink  
 Lily Pond  
 Little Bush Kill (lower limit of Lehman Lake club property downstream to upper limit of Bushkill Rod & Gun Club property and Bushkill Falls boundary downstream to mouth)

Little Mud Pond  
 Lower Lake (Lower Promised Land Lake, including outlet from Upper Lake)  
 Masthope Creek (Upper SGL #316 boundary downstream to lower SGL #316 boundary)  
 Middle Branch Bush Kill  
 Saw Creek (Bushkill Falls Road (SR 2003) downstream to State Forest boundary downstream of Whitaker Road (T-324))  
 Shohola Creek (SR 0739 downstream to the SGL #180 ford crossing)  
 Shohola Creek (from the outlet of Shohola Lake downstream to lower boundary of SGL #180)  
**SULLIVAN:**  
 Elk Creek  
 Hoagland Branch (confluence with Porter Creek downstream to mouth)  
 Kings Creek (intersection of Tall Maple Road (T-395) and SR 4008 downstream to mouth)  
 Little Loyalsock Creek (SR 0087 Bridge south of Dushore downstream to the confluence with Big Bottom Run)  
 Loyalsock Creek  
 Mill Creek (Hillsgrove)  
 Muncy Creek  
 North Branch Mehoopany Creek  
 Schrader Creek  
 West Branch Fishing Creek  
**SUSQUEHANNA:**  
 Canawacta Creek  
 East Branch Tunkhannock Creek  
 East Branch Wyalusing Creek  
 Fall Brook  
 Gaylord Creek  
 Horton Creek  
 Lackawanna River  
 Martins Creek  
 Meshoppen Creek  
 North Branch Wyalusing Creek  
 Riley Creek  
 Salt Lick Creek  
 Silver Creek  
 Snake Creek  
 South Branch Canawacta Creek  
 Starrucca Creek  
 Tunkhannock Creek  
 West Branch Meshoppen Creek (White Creek)  
**WAYNE:**  
 Dyberry Creek  
 East Branch Dyberry Creek  
 Equinunk Creek  
 Hollister Creek

Jones Creek  
 Lackawanna River  
 Lackawaxen River  
 Long Pond  
 Rose Pond Branch  
 Shehawken Creek  
 Van Auken Creek  
 West Branch Dyberry Creek  
 West Branch Lackawaxen River (from outflow of Prompton Dam to backwaters of Seelyville Dam)  
 West Branch Wallenpaupack Creek  
**WYOMING:**  
 Bowman Creek  
 Horton Creek  
 Leonard Creek  
 Martins Creek  
 Mehoopany Creek  
 Meshoppen Creek  
 North Branch Mehoopany Creek  
 Oxbow Lake  
 Riley Creek  
 South Branch Tunkhannock Creek  
 Tuscarora Creek  
 West Branch Meshoppen Creek (White Creek)

**STOCKED TROUT WATERS OPEN TO YEAR-ROUND FISHING**

**BRADFORD:**  
 Mountain Lake  
 Sugar Run  
**CARBON/LUZERNE:**  
 Francis E. Walter Reservoir (Bear Creek Reservoir)  
 Lehigh River (Carbon/Luzerne county line from outlet of F. E. Walter Reservoir downstream to confluence with Sandy Run)  
**COLUMBIA:**  
 Briar Creek Lake  
**LACKAWANNA:**  
 Lackawanna Lake  
**LUZERNE:**  
 Frances Slocum Lake  
 Harvey's Lake (see miscellaneous special regulations on [page 16](#))  
 Lake Irena  
 Lake Took A While (Riverlands)  
 Lily Lake  
 Moon Lake  
 Sylvan Lake  
**MONROE:**  
 Hidden Lake  
**SULLIVAN:**  
 Hunters Lake  
**SUSQUEHANNA:**  
 Quaker Lake

**WAYNE:**  
 Duck Harbor Pond  
 Upper Woods Pond  
**WYOMING:**  
 Lake Winola  
 Mehoopany Creek (from confluence with Kasson Brook downstream to confluence of North Fork Mehoopany Creek)

**CATCH AND RELEASE ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY**

**CARBON:**  
 Hickory Run—3.12 miles; from the outlet of Saylorville Dam downstream to the mouth  
**LACKAWANNA:**  
 Roaring Brook—3.84 miles; from Hollisterville Dam downstream to Elmhurst Reservoir  
**PIKE:**  
 Toms Creek—2.17 miles; from the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area boundary downstream to the mouth

**CATCH AND RELEASE FLY-FISHING ONLY**

**MONROE:**  
 Bush Kill — 6.1 miles; on the Resica Falls Scout Reservation property except 200 yards on each side of the falls  
**WAYNE:**  
 Dyberry Creek—0.87 mile; from 300m (.19 mile) downstream from the third bridge on Dug Rd. (SR 4009) upstream of the mouth, downstream to the second bridge on Dug Rd. (SR 4009) upstream from the mouth  
**WYOMING:**  
 Bowman Creek — 0.8 mile; from SR 0292 downstream to Marsh Creek

**TROPHY TROUT ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY**

**LACKAWANNA:**  
 Lackawanna River—4.9 miles; from the Gilmartin Street Bridge in Archbald downstream to the Lackawanna Avenue Bridge (SR 0347) in Olyphant. Excepted is a mid-section area extending .7 mile from the Depot Street Bridge in Jessup downstream to the foot bridge in Robert Mellow Park

**DELAYED HARVEST ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY**

**BRADFORD:**  
 Towanda Creek — 1.7 miles; from SR 3001 downstream to Con's Road (T-350)  
**CARBON:**  
 Mud Run—2.5 miles; in Hickory Run State Park  
**LACKAWANNA/WYOMING:**  
 South Branch Tunkhannock Creek — .99 mile; from SR 6 downstream through Keystone College campus  
**LUZERNE:**  
 Harveys Creek — 1.7 miles; from Jackson Road (T-812) downstream to Pavlick Road (T-497)  
 Nescopeck Creek—2.24 miles; from the upstream boundary of State Game Lands #187 downstream to a cable across the stream  
**MONROE:**  
 McMichael Creek — 1.66 miles; from a point 0.71 mile downstream of the bridge on Turkey Hill Road (T-416) downstream to Glen Brook Rd. (SR 2004) bridge  
 Tobyhanna Creek — 1 mile; from the confluence of Still Swamp Run, downstream to the PPL service bridge  
**PIKE:**  
 Dingmans Creek — 1.56 miles; from the base of Deer Leap Falls downstream to Dingmans Falls  
**SUSQUEHANNA:**  
 Salt Lick Creek — 1.45 miles; from 90 yards downstream from Beaver Creek downstream to boundary of State Game Lands #35  
**WAYNE:**  
 West Branch Wallenpaupack Creek — 1.74 miles; from 0.6 miles downstream from the Jones Creek confluence downstream to the Callapoosie Rd. (SR 3009) bridge

*An explanation of each trout regulation is on [pages 20 and 21](#).*

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY  
2018 FISH CONSUMPTION**

**HEALTH BENEFITS OF EATING FISH**

Fish are nutritious and good to eat. Fish are low in fat, high in protein and provide substantial human health benefits. Fish provide valuable vitamins and minerals and beneficial oils that are low in saturated fat. Omega-3 fatty acids found in fish are also beneficial, particularly in terms of cardiovascular health. The Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommends that consumers eat a balanced diet, choosing a variety of foods including fruits and vegetables, foods that are low in trans fat and saturated fat, as well as foods rich in high fiber grains and nutrients. A diet that includes a variety of fish and shellfish can be an important part of a balanced healthy diet. The U.S. FDA, EPA, the American Heart Association and other nutrition experts recommend eating two meals (12 oz) of fish per week. Following these advisories means that you should feel comfortable making one of those meals (up to 8 oz) a recreationally caught Pennsylvania sport fish.

**CONTAMINANTS IN FISH**

While most recreationally caught sport fish in Pennsylvania are safe to eat, chemicals such as mercury and PCBs have been found in some fish from certain waters. While the levels of these unavoidable chemical contaminants are usually low, they could potentially be a health concern to pregnant and breast-feeding women, women of childbearing age, children and individuals whose diet consists of a high percentage of fish.

Long lasting contaminants such as PCBs, chlordane and mercury build up in your body over time. It may take months or years of regularly eating contaminated fish to build up amounts that are a health concern. Health problems that may result from the contaminants found in fish range from small changes in health that are hard to detect to birth defects and cancer. Mothers who eat highly contaminated fish for many years before becoming pregnant may have children who are slower to develop and learn. The meal advice in this advisory is intended to protect children from these potential developmental problems. Adults are less likely to have health problems at the low levels that affect children. If you follow this advisory over your lifetime, you will minimize your exposure and reduce health risks associated with contaminants in fish

**INTRODUCTION TO FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES**

It is important to note that we are not recommending that you stop eating sport caught fish, except where "Do Not Eat" is shown in the advisory listing. When properly prepared, eating fish regularly offers important health benefits as a good choice to replace high fat foods. You will gain those benefits if you follow the sport fish consumption advisory carefully to: choose safer places to fish; pick safer species to eat; trim and cook your catch correctly; and follow the recommended meal frequencies. Using this advice, you will reduce your exposure to possible contaminants.

Consumption advisories provide guidance to individuals or segments of the population that are at greater risk from exposure to contaminants in fish. Advisories are not regulatory standards, but are recommendations intended to provide additional information of particular interest to high-risk groups. These advisories apply only to recreationally caught sport fish in Pennsylvania, not commercial fish. The federal Food and Drug Administration establishes the legal standards for contaminants in food sold commercially, including fish.

**STATEWIDE ADVISORY**

Pennsylvania has issued a general, statewide health advisory for recreationally caught sport fish. That advice

is that you eat no more than one meal (one-half pound) per week of sport fish caught in the state's waterways. This general advice was issued to protect against eating large amounts of fish that have not been tested or that may contain unidentified contaminants.

**HOW TO USE THIS ADVISORY**

Follow the general, statewide one meal per week advisory to limit your exposure to contaminants. To determine if more protective advice applies to the fish you have caught, find the locations and species of fish you've caught in the tables that follow. Find the meal advice for the fish you've caught. "Do Not Eat" means no one should eat those fish because of very high contamination. The other groups ("Two meals a Month", "One Meal a Month", "One Meal Every Two Months") are advice for how often to eat a fish meal.

One meal is assumed to be one-half pound of fish (8 oz before cooking) for a 150-pound person. The meal advice is equally protective for larger people who eat larger meals and smaller people who eat smaller meals.

People who regularly eat sport fish, women of childbearing age and children are particularly susceptible to contaminants that build up over time. If you fall into one of these categories, you should be especially careful to space fish meals out according to the advisory tables that follow. Your body can get rid of some contaminants over time. Spacing the meals out helps prevent the contaminants from building up to harmful levels in the body. For example, if the fish you eat is in the "One Meal a Month Group", wait a month before eating another meal of fish from any restricted category.

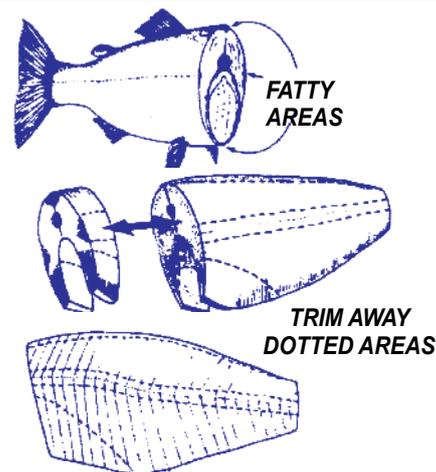
Women beyond their childbearing years and men generally face fewer health risks from these contaminants. However, it is recommended that you also follow the advisory to reduce your total exposure to contaminants. For these groups, it is the total number of meals that you eat during the year that becomes important and many of those meals can be eaten during a few months of the year. If most of the fish you eat are from the "One Meal a Month" category, you should not exceed 12 meals per year.

Sometimes, anglers catch fish with external growths, sores or other lesions. Such abnormalities generally result from viral or bacterial infections and may occasionally be caused by exposure to certain chemical contaminants. The appearance of viral or bacterial infections in fish may be unsightly, but there is no evidence to suggest that these infections pose a threat to consumers of these fish. Whether or not to eat such fish is a matter of personal choice.

**CLEANING AND COOKING YOUR FISH**

PCBs and most other organic contaminants usually build up in a fish's fat deposits and just underneath the skin. By removing the skin and fat before cooking, you can reduce the levels of these chemicals. Mercury, however, collects in the fish's muscle and cannot be reduced by cleaning and cooking methods. To reduce PCBs and other organics:

- Remove all skin.
- Slice off fat belly meat along the bottom of the fish.
- Cut away any fat above the fish's backbone.
- Cut away the V-shaped wedge of fat along the lateral line on each side of the fish.
- Bake or broil trimmed fish on a rack or grill so some of the remaining fat drips away.
- Discard any drippings. Do not eat them or use them for cooking other foods or in preparing other sauces.



**IMPORTANT:** You must follow these cleaning and cooking directions. The meal advice is for eating skinned and trimmed fish.

Also remember that larger and older fish tend to collect more contaminants, and fatty fish (such as Channel Catfish, carp and eels) tend to collect PCBs and other organic chemicals. Therefore, eating smaller, younger fish and avoiding fatty species can help limit your exposure. Your exposure depends not only on levels in the fish, but also the amount of fish you eat. The consumption of any fish from contaminated waters is a matter of personal choice.

**Trout stocked from Fish & Boat Commission state fish hatcheries are subject to the blanket one-meal-per-week consumption advisory that applies to recreationally caught sport fish in Pennsylvania. If additional consumption advisories for state hatchery trout are appropriate for 2018 they will be announced in February or March 2018.**

**Snapping Turtle Consumption Advice:** Snapping Turtle meat has been found to contain only small amounts of PCBs and is safe to eat without restrictions. Snapping Turtles do retain PCBs in their fat and internal organs. If you choose to eat Snapping Turtles, you can reduce your exposure by carefully trimming away all fat and internal organs and discarding them before cooking the meat or making soup.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The advisory listing was current at the time this summary went to press. Fish consumption advisories may have been issued or lifted since that time. Notice of such actions has been released to the public through press releases.

For further information or the most current advice, contact:

**Dept. of Environmental Protection:**  
717-787-9637, website: [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov).  
Questions concerning current advisory listings, waters sampled, sampling methods.

**Dept. of Health:** 717-787-3550,  
website: [www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov).  
Questions about effects of chemicals on human health.

**Fish & Boat Commission:** 814-359-5147,  
website: [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com).  
Questions about effects of chemicals on fisheries, current advisory listings.

# 2018 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES

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## DELAWARE RIVER BASIN

Water Body	Area Under Advisory	Species	Meal Frequency	Contaminant
Belmont Lake (Wayne Co.)	Entire lake	Rock Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Beltzville Lake (Beltzville State Park) (Carbon Co.)	Entire lake	Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
● Broadhead Creek (Monroe Co.)	Entire basin	Rock Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Bushkill Creek (Monroe & Pike Co.)	Entire basin	American Eel, ● All suckers	2 meals/month	Mercury
Chester Creek (Delaware Co.)	Confluence of West Branch Chester Ck. to mouth	Channel Catfish	2 meals/month	Mercury
Darby Creek (Delaware & Philadelphia Co.)	Entire basin	Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Delaware River	Source to Trenton, NJ-Morrisville, PA bridge	Rock Bass, Walleye over 17" Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month 1 meal/month	Mercury Mercury
Delaware Estuary, including the tidal portion of all PA tributaries and the Schuylkill River to the Fairmount Dam (Bucks, Philadelphia & Delaware Co.)	Trenton, NJ-Morrisville, PA Bridge to PA/DE border	White Perch, Flathead Catfish, Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
		Striped Bass: > 28 inches length	1 meal/month	PCB
		Carp American Eel	6 meals/year Do Not Eat	PCB PCB
Hickory Lake (Wayne Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake Maskenozha (Pike Co.)	Entire lake	Yellow Perch	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake Towhee (Bucks Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake Wallenpaupack (Pike & Wayne Co.)	Entire lake	Walleye	1 meal/month	Mercury
Lehigh River (Northampton Co.)	Confluence of Saucon Creek to mouth	Carp, American Eel	1 meal/month	PCB
Little Neshaminy Creek (Bucks Co.)	Entire basin	Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Long Pond (Wayne Co.)	Entire lake	Walleye	1 meal/month	Mercury
Marsh Creek Lake (Chester Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Miller Pond (Wayne Co.)	Entire lake	Chain Pickerel, Largemouth Bass Yellow Perch	1 meal/month 2 meals/month	Mercury Mercury
Promised Land Lake (Promised Land State Park) (Pike Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Prompton Reservoir (West Branch Lackawaxen River) (Wayne Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass Walleye	1 meal/month 2 meals/month	Mercury Mercury
Red Clay Creek (Chester Co.)	Entire basin (except East Branch Red Clay Creek)	American Eel	1 meal/month	PCB
Schuylkill River (Schuylkill Co.)	Confluence of Mill Creek at Port Carbon to Auburn Dam	Trout	1 meal/month	PCB
Schuylkill River (Schuylkill & Berks Co.)	Confluence of Mahannon Creek at Landingville to Kernsville Dam	Brown Bullhead, All suckers	1 meal/month	PCB
Schuylkill River (Berks Co.)	Kernsville Dam to Maiden Creek	All suckers	1 meal/month	PCB
Schuylkill River (Berks, Chester & Montgomery Co.)	Confluence of Maiden Creek to Black Rock Dam above Phoenixville	All suckers Carp, Channel Catfish	1 meal/month 6 meals/year	PCB PCB
Schuylkill River (Chester, Montgomery & Philadelphia Co.)	Black Rock Dam to Fairmount Dam in Philadelphia	Carp, American Eel, All suckers, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Corbicula (Asiatic clam*)	1 meal/month	PCB
Schuylkill River (Berks, Chester, Montgomery & Philadelphia Co.)	Confluence of Maiden Creek to Fairmount Dam	American Eel All suckers	Do Not Eat 1 meal/month	PCB PCB
Shohola Lake (Pike Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Stairway Pond (Pike Co.)	Entire pond	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Tobychanna Creek (Carbon & Monroe Co.)	Pocono Lake Dam to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Valley Creek at Valley Forge (Chester Co.)	Entire basin	Brown Trout	1 meal/month	PCB
No Harvest-PFBC Catch and Release All Tackle Regulation West Branch Brandywine Creek (Chester Co.)	From business Rt. 30 (Lincoln Highway) in Coatesville to confluence of Buck Run	American Eel	1 meal/month	PCB
West Branch Schuylkill River (Schuylkill Co.)	Entire basin	Brook Trout	1 meal/month	PCB
White Clay Creek (Chester Co.)	Entire basin	American Eel	2 meals/month	Mercury
White Oak Pond Lake (Wayne Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury

\* The harvest of live mussels and clams in Pennsylvania is prohibited.

## SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN

Water Body	Area Under Advisory	Species	Meal Frequency	Contaminant
Beechwood Lake (Tioga Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Black Moshannon State Park Lake (Centre Co.)	Entire lake	Chain Pickerel	1 meal/month	Mercury
Bearwallow Pond (Sullivan Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass, ● Chain Pickerel	2 meals/month	Mercury
● Brady's Lake (Monroe Co.)	Entire lake	Chain Pickerel Yellow Perch	6 meals/year 1 meal/month	Mercury Mercury
Chemung River (Bradford Co.)	NY/PA border to mouth	Channel Catfish Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month 1 meal/month	Mercury Mercury
Conestoga River (Lancaster Co.)	Slackwater to mouth	Rock Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
● Cowanesque River and Reservoir (Tioga Co.)	Entire basin	Largemouth Bass, Black Crappie Yellow Perch Smallmouth Bass	1 meal/month 2 meals/month 2 meals/month	Mercury Mercury Mercury
First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek-George B. Stevenson Dam (Sinnemahoning State Park) (Cameron & Potter Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek (Cameron Co.)	George B. Stevenson Dam to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Francis Slocum Lake (Luzerne Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Hunters Lake (Sullivan Co.)	Entire lake	● All species	2 meals/month	Mercury
Jacks Creek (Mifflin Co.)	Paintersville Bridge to mouth	Bluegill, Rock Bass, Fallfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Kettle Creek Lake (Kettle Creek State Park) (Clinton Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass Black Crappie, Yellow Perch	2 meals/month	Mercury
Kettle Creek (Clinton Co.)	Alvin R. Bush Dam to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lackawanna Lake (Lackawanna State Park) (Lackawanna Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake Jean (UNT Kitchen Cr.) (Ricketts Glen State Park) (Sullivan and Luzerne Co.)	Entire lake	Chain Pickerel, Largemouth Bass Yellow Perch	1 meal/month 2 meals/month	Mercury Mercury
Lake Makoma (Mill Cr.) (Sullivan Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake Winola (Wyoming Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Laurel Lake (Cumberland Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lily Lake (Luzerne Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Little Pine Creek (Clinton Co.)	Entire basin	Yellow Perch	2 meals/month	Mercury
Logan Branch (Centre Co.)	Axemann to mouth	Brown Trout	1 meal/month	PCB
Lopez Pond (Sullivan Co.)	Entire lake	Yellow Perch	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lyman Run Reservoir (Potter Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury

<b>Water Body</b>	<b>Area Under Advisory</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Meal Frequency</b>	<b>Contaminant</b>
● Maple Lake (Lackawanna Co.)	Entire lake	Chain Pickerel	2 meals/month	Mercury
McWilliams Reservoir (Northumberland and Columbia Co.)	Entire reservoir	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Mountain Mud Pond (Merri-Sarnoski Park)(Lackawanna Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Pine Creek (Tioga Co.)	Confluence of Painter Run to confluence of Fourmile Run near Colton Point State Park	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Shumans Lake (Loyalsock Cr) (Sullivan Co.)	Entire lake	Chain Pickerel	2 meals/month	Mercury
Silver Lake (Susquehanna Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Steven Foster Lake (Bradford Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Sugar Creek (Bradford Co.)	Confluence of Bailey Run to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Sunfish Pond (Bradford Co.)	Entire pond	Largemouth Bass, Yellow Perch	2 meals/month	Mercury
Susquehanna River (Susquehanna Co.)	Entire section in PA from the NY border above Starrucca Creek to the NY border below Great Bend	Smallmouth Bass, Fallfish	2 meals/month	Mercury
Susquehanna River (Bradford and Wyoming Co.)	NY border above Sayre to PA Route 92 bridge at Falls	Walleye, Smallmouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Susquehanna River (Wyoming, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Columbia, Northumberland and Montour Co.)	PA Route 92 bridge at Falls to confluence with West Branch	Channel Catfish, Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
		Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Susquehanna River (Snyder, Northumberland, Juniata, Perry, Dauphin, Cumberland, York and Lancaster Co.)	West Branch to PA/MD border	Channel Catfish, Quillback, Carp and Walleye	1 meal/month	PCB
		Channel Catfish >20"	1 meal/month	PCB
Tioga Reservoir (Tioga Co.)	Entire Reservoir	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Towanda Creek (Bradford Co.)	Confluence of Schrader Creek to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Trindle Spring Run (locally Silver Spring Run) (Cumberland Co.)	Silver Spring Meeting House to mouth (approx. 1 mile)	All trout	1 meal/month	PCB
Tunkhannock Creek (Wyoming Co.)	Confluence of South Branch to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Tuscarora Creek (Juniata Co.)	SR 3008 bridge above Port Royal to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
West Branch Susquehanna River (Clinton, Lycoming, Union and Northumberland Co.)	Bald Eagle Creek to confluence with Susquehanna River	Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
White Deer Creek (Union Co.)	I-80 bridge to mouth	Brown Trout	2 meals/month	Mercury
Wyalusing Creek (Bradford Co.)	SR 0706 bridge at Campdown to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Yellow Breeches Creek (Cumberland Co.)	SR 3017 bridge at Huntsdale to confluence of Spruce Run	Brown Trout	1 meal/month	PCB

## OHIO RIVER BASIN

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<b>Water Body</b>	<b>Area Under Advisory</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Meal Frequency</b>	<b>Contaminant</b>
Allegheny River (McKean Co.)	Confluence of Potato Creek to PA/NY border	Smallmouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Allegheny Res. (Warren and McKean Co.)	Entire lake	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Allegheny River (Warren, Forest & Venango Co.)	Kinzua Dam to confluence of Witherup Run at St. George	Smallmouth Bass, Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
Allegheny River (Armstrong Co.)	Pool 6 - Lock & Dam 7 to Lock & Dam 6	Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Allegheny River (Armstrong Co.)	Pool 5 - Lock & Dam 6 to Lock & Dam 5	Carp, Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Allegheny River (Armstrong & Allegheny Co.)	Pool 4 - Lock & Dam 5 to Lock & Dam 4	Carp, Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Allegheny River (Allegheny Co.)	Pool 3 - Lock & Dam 4 to Lock & Dam 3	Carp, Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Allegheny River (Allegheny Co.)	Pool 2 - Lock & Dam 3 to Lock & Dam 2	Carp, Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Allegheny River (Allegheny Co.)	Lock & Dam 2 to Montgomery Lock & Dam on the Ohio River	See Ohio River (Allegheny & Beaver Co.)		
Beaver River (Lawrence & Beaver Co.)	Confl. of Mahoning and Shenango Rivers to mouth	Carp	Do Not Eat	PCB
		Smallmouth Bass, ● Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Beaver Run Reservoir (Westmoreland Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Brokenstraw Creek (Warren Co.)	Confluence of Hare Creek to mouth	All suckers, Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Chapman Dam Reservoir (Warren Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Chartiers Creek and Little Chartiers Creek (Allegheny & Washington Co.)	Chartiers Creek - Canonsburg to mouth L. Chartiers Creek - Canonsburg Lake Dam to mouth	Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	PCB
		Carp	Do Not Eat	PCB
		Smallmouth Bass	6 meals/year	PCB
Clarion River (Clarion Co.)	Confl. of Canoe Creek above Callensburg to confl. of Turkey Run	Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
● Clarion River (Clarion, Clearfield & Elk Co.)	Basin upstream of Piney Dam	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Conemaugh R. (Indiana & Westmoreland Co.)	Conemaugh Lake Dam to mouth	Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Conewango Creek (Warren Co.)	NY/PA border to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Conneaut Lake (Crawford Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Northern Pike	1 meal/month	Mercury
Crystal Lake (Crawford Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Dunkard Creek (Greene Co.)	Confluence of Toms Run to confluence of Roberts Run	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Dunkard Creek (Greene Co.)	SR 2021 bridge to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
East Branch Lake (E. Br. Clarion R.) (Elk Co.)	Entire lake	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Eaton Reservoir (Erie Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass, Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Edinboro Lake (Erie Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
French Creek (Erie, Crawford, Mercer & Venango Co.)	Entire mainstem	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Walleye		
Justus Lake (Venango Co.)	Entire lake	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake Canadohta (Crawford Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass, ● Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake LeBoeuf (Erie Co.)	Entire lake	Muskellunge	1 meal/month	Mercury
		Largemouth Bass, Carp	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake Pleasant (Erie Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Mahoning River (Lawrence Co.)	Entire portion in PA	Carp	6 meals/year	PCB
		Channel Catfish	Do Not Eat	PCB

Water Body	Area Under Advisory	Species	Meal Frequency	Contaminant
Monongahela River (Fayette & Greene Co.)	Point Marion Lock & Dam to Maxwell Locks & Dam	Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Monongahela River (Fayette & Washington Co.)	Pool 4 - Maxwell Locks & Dam to Locks & Dam 4	Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Monongahela River (Allegheny, Washington & Westmoreland Co.)	Pool 3 - Locks & Dam 4 to Locks & Dam 3	Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Monongahela River (Allegheny Co.)	Pool 2 (Braddock Pool)- Locks & Dam 3 to Locks & Dam 2	Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Monongahela River (Allegheny Co.)	From Locks & Dam 2 to the Montgomery Locks & Dam on the Ohio River	See Ohio River (Allegheny & Beaver Co.)		
Ohio River (Allegheny and Beaver Co.)	From the Locks & Dam 2 on the Monongahela River and Locks & Dam 2 on the Allegheny River to the Montgomery Locks & Dam <small>Based on recommendation from the Ohio River Consumption Advisory Workgroup</small>	Freshwater Drum, Spotted Bass, Largemouth Bass, Black Crappie, Smallmouth Bass, White Crappie, Sauger, Walleye All suckers, Flathead Catfish, Hybrid-Striped Bass, White Bass ● Channel Catfish < 18"	1 meal/month 6 meals/year	PCB PCB
Ohio River (Beaver Co.)	From Montgomery Locks & Dam to the state border. <small>Based on recommendation from the Ohio River Consumption Advisory Workgroup</small>	All suckers, Flathead Catfish, Black Crappie, White Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Sauger, Walleye, Freshwater Drum Channel Catfish < 18", Carp, Hybrid Striped Bass, White Bass Channel Catfish > 18"	1 meal/month 6 meals/year	PCB PCB
Oil Creek (Venango Co.)	SR 1004 bridge at Petroleum Center to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
● Shenango River (Mercer & Lawrence Co.)	Pymatuning Dam to Shenango Reservoir	Channel Catfish	2 meals/month	Mercury
Shenango River (Mercer & Lawrence Co.)	Shenango Reservoir Dam to mouth	● All species	Do Not Eat	PCB
Sugar Lake (Crawford Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Tamarack Lake (Crawford Co.)	Entire lake	Muskellunge Walleye	1 meal/month 2 meals/month	Mercury Mercury
Tionesta Creek (Warren and Forest Co.)	SR 0666 bridge at Henrys Mills to Tionesta Res. Dam	Smallmouth Bass, All suckers	2 meals/month	Mercury
Tionesta Reservoir (Forest Co.)	Entire lake	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Traverse Creek (Beaver Co.)	Source to dam in Raccoon State Park	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Tunungwant Creek (McKean Co.)	Confluence of East and West branches to PA/NY border	Carp, All suckers	2 meals/month	Mercury
Union City Reservoir (Erie Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
West Branch Caldwell Creek (Warren Co.)	Entire basin	Brown Trout	2 meals/month	Mercury
Youghiogheny Lake (Fayette/Somerset Co.)	Entire lake	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Youghiogheny River (Fayette and Somerset Co.)	Youghiogheny Lake Dam to confluence of Lick Run	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury

## LAKE ERIE BASIN

Water Body	Area Under Advisory	Species	Meal Frequency	Contaminant
Lake Erie (Erie Co.)	Open waters	Walleye, Coho Salmon*, Steelhead* (Rainbow Trout), Brown Trout*, Smallmouth Bass, White Perch, White Bass, Lake Whitefish, Carp < 20", Freshwater Drum, Lake Trout < 30" and Channel Catfish Carp > 20", Lake Trout > 30"	1 meal/month Do Not Eat	PCB PCB
Lake Erie (Erie Co.)	Presque Isle Bay	Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, White Perch, Freshwater Drum, Bowfin, Carp, Coho Salmon* and Steelhead* (Rainbow Trout), Brown Trout*	1 meal/month	PCB
Conneaut Creek (Erie Co.)	SR 0215 bridge to PA/OH border	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury

\* Salmon and trout are migratory. They may be found seasonally in Presque Isle Bay or Lake Erie tributary streams. Trout, salmon and other fish, whether caught in the lake or tributaries, should be treated as Lake Erie fish.

## POTOMAC RIVER BASIN

*There are currently no advisories for the Potomac River Basin.*

*However, the statewide advisory of 1 meal per week does apply to all waters throughout the Commonwealth, including the Potomac River Basin.*

## Recognizing and Reporting POLLUTION or DISTURBANCE of Waterways

**POLLUTION or DISTURBANCE** of any waterway or watershed is a serious violation of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Code that must be recognized and reported to a PFBC Regional Law Enforcement Office. The law provides for criminal penalties for pollution or disturbances.

**POLLUTION** is an introduction into any waterway of anything that "might" harm or kill fish. Examples of "pollutants" are: Electricity, explosives, sediment runoff, sewage, insecticides, poisons, high volumes of extremely hot water, liquid concrete or cement, paint, chemicals, petroleum products like gasoline or oil, brine runoff from gas or water well drilling and manufacturing waste. Common pollution indicators are: Dead fish including crayfish, frogs and any other

types of aquatic life; strange odors like manure, sewage or chemicals; muddy, cloudy or discolored water; shiny, oily sheen on water's surface; foamy material floating on the surface; and extremely muddy water.

**DISTURBANCE** of waterways or watersheds includes any alteration of a waterway, its banks, bed or fish habitat that "might" cause damage to or kill fish. Common disturbance indicators are: Removal of gravel from stream beds; earth-moving in or along a waterway; dragging logs across stream banks and through stream beds; installing pipes or culverts; building or installing bridges; making roadways through or along a stream; draining a waterway, wetland or watershed; or changing

the channel flow of a waterway. Various types of permits are required for any such work.

If you see anything suspected to be a pollution or disturbance of any waterway, regardless of how seemingly insignificant, report it immediately by calling the local Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission regional law enforcement office listed on [page 3](#) of this publication or the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection at 1-800-541-2050 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week).





**2018 Mentored Youth Trout Days: March 24 (regional) and April 7 (statewide)**

Take part in the Commission's Mentored Youth Trout Days. Youth under the age of 16 can join a mentor (adult) angler who has a current fishing license and trout permit to fish on **Saturday, March 24** on stocked trout waters within the 18 southeastern regional counties for regional trout season and to fish stocked trout waters in the other counties on **Saturday, April 7**. For more information, visit: [www.fishandboat.com/mentoredyouth.htm](http://www.fishandboat.com/mentoredyouth.htm)

**INTERACTIVE MAPS ONLINE!** MORE DETAILS MORE INFORMATION The Fish & Boat Commission maintains up-to-date online maps at [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com)

**Family Fishing Programs**

are educational programs designed for families with little or no fishing experience. Families will learn basic fishing skills and have an opportunity to practice those skills while fishing together during the program. In addition to family fishing, there are specialized programs for family ice fishing, family fly-fishing and a SMART angler program for youth between the ages of 8 and 12. For a current listing of scheduled programs, visit: [www.GoneFishingPa.com](http://www.GoneFishingPa.com)



**2019 FISHING DATES\*** Commonwealth Inland Waters

**Regional Opening Day of Trout\*\*:** March 30, 2019  
**Statewide Opening Day of Trout:** April 13, 2019  
**Opening Day of Walleye/Sauger:** May 4, 2019  
**Opening Day of Bass:** June 15, 2019  
**Extended Trout Season:** September 3, 2019

*\*Dates subject to change by regulation until publication of the 2019 PA Fishing Summary.*  
**\*\*18 southeastern counties**

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[www.PaBestFishing.com](http://www.PaBestFishing.com)

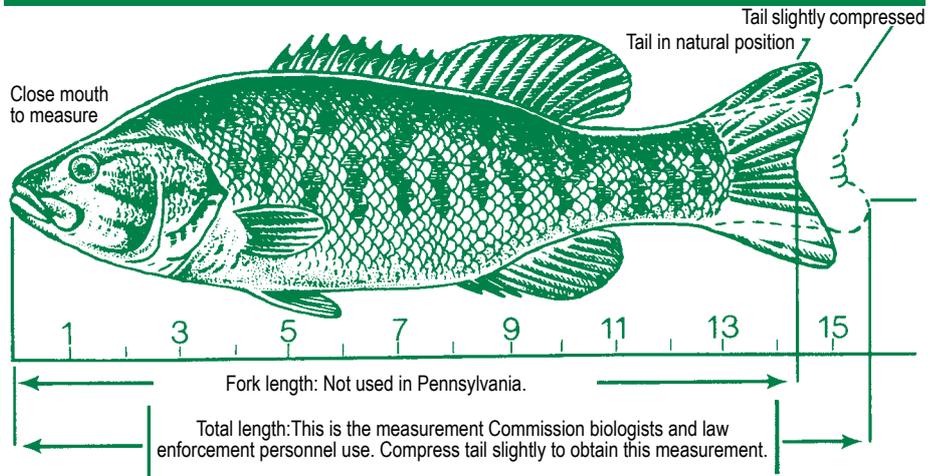
**2018 FISH-FOR-FREE DAYS!**  
**Sunday, May 27**

**Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4**  
 No fishing license is needed to fish on either of these days. It's a great way to introduce someone to the world of fishing. Check the Commission's website for events. Remember that all other regulations apply.

**Fish-For-Free Days**



**HOW TO MEASURE A FISH**



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