

# 2008 PENNSYLVANIA FISHING SUMMARY

Summary of Fishing Regulations and Laws



## 2 TROUT OPENERS

**18** Southeastern  
Counties

**March 29** AND **April 12**

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## WHAT'S NEW FOR 2008

### REGULATION CHANGES

- Changes to waters in Big Bass Program (page 7).
- Changes and additions to Approved Trout Waters (pages 13 through 22).
- Changes and additions to Special Regulations for Trout Waters (pages 13 through 22).
- Changes to Miscellaneous Waters with Special Regulations (page 28).
- Seasons, sizes, creel limit changes to Delaware River (page 8) and Conowingo Reservoir (page 10)
- New regulations concerning transportation of fish out of the Lake Erie Watershed in the Commonwealth (page 9)

### FISH-FOR-FREE DAYS

- Sat., May 24 and Sun., June 1, 2008.  
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 web site for events. *Remember that all other regulations apply.*

**Always wear  
your life jacket.**

**Some 80% of  
boating fatalities  
happen to boaters  
who are not  
wearing a life jacket.**



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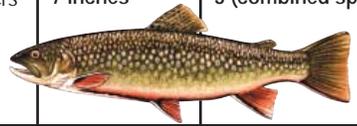
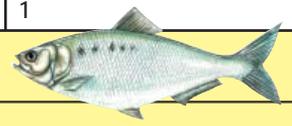
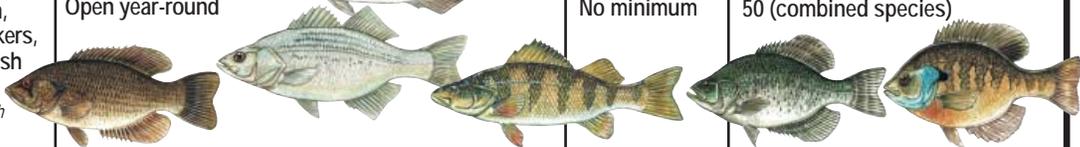
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COMMONWEALTH INLAND WATERS

(includes the Youghiogheny River Lake and does not include special regulation areas or endangered and threatened species not shown on this chart.)

| Species   | Seasons   | Minimum Size  | Daily Limit   |
|---|---|---|---|
| <br>ALL SPECIES OF TROUT AND SALMON<br><br>Additional regulations may apply - see Trout Regulations-page 11-22                                   | <b>Regional Opening Day of Trout Season*</b> - March 29 at 8 a.m. through Sept. 1 (only 18 southeastern PA counties)<br>Regular Season - April 12 at 8 a.m. through Sept. 1 | 7 inches  | 5-streams, lakes, and ponds (combined species)  |
|   | Extended Season: Approved trout waters and all waters downstream of approved trout waters.<br>Jan. 1 through Feb. 29 and Sept. 2 through Dec. 31                            | 7 inches  | 3 (combined species)  |
|   |   |   |   |
| <b>BASS-LAKES</b><br>Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted<br><br>Additional regulations may apply - see Big Bass Regulations-page 7   | Jan. 1 through April 11 and Nov. 1 through Dec. 31  | 15 inches   | 4 (combined species)  |
|   | April 12 through June 13  | <b>NO HARVEST</b> - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted) |   |
|   | June 14 through Oct. 31   | 12 inches   | 6 (combined species)  |
| <b>BASS-RIVERS AND STREAMS</b><br>Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted<br><br>Additional regulations may apply - see Big Bass Regulations-page 7  | Jan. 1 through April 11 and Oct. 1 through Dec. 31  | 15 inches   | 4 (combined species)  |
|   | April 12 through June 13  | <b>NO HARVEST</b> - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted) |   |
|   | June 14 through Sept. 30  | 12 inches   | 6 (combined species)  |
| Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge**<br>Pickerel**<br>Northern Pike**  | Open year-round   | 40 inches<br>18 inches<br>24 inches   | 1 (combined species)<br>4<br>2 (combined species)   |
| Walleye and Saugeye (Hybrids)   | Jan. 1 through March 14 and May 3 through Dec. 31   | 15 inches   | 6   |
| Sauger  |   | 12 inches   | 6   |
| American Shad ***   | Open year-round   | No minimum  | 6   |
| American Shad   | Open year-round - Lehigh River, Schuylkill River**** and tributaries  | No minimum  | 1   |
| American Shad, Alewife, Blueback Herring  |   | <b>CLOSED YEAR-ROUND</b><br>Susquehanna River and tributaries                   |    |
| Hickory Shad ***  |   | <b>CLOSED YEAR-ROUND</b>  |   |
| Herring, Gizzard Shad ***   | Open year-round   | No minimum  | 50 (combined species)   |
| American Eel  | Open year-round   | 8 inches  | 50  |
| 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 and other gamefish not otherwise listed<br><br>Additional regulations may apply - see Panfish Enhancement Special Regulations-page 27 | Open year-round   | No minimum  | 50 (combined species)   |
|   |   |   |   |
| Baitfish/Fishbait (except Mudbugs)  | Open year-round   | No minimum  | 50 (combined species)   |
| American Eel (as Baitfish)  | Open year-round   | 6 to 8 inches   | 50  |
| 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) |
| Paddlefish  |   | <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 two waters crossing from those counties listed in the Regional Opening Day of Trout Season Program.

\*\* 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, hickory shad (endangered species), alewife, and blueback herring (collectively known as river herring) in the Susquehanna River and all its tributaries.

\*\*\*\* 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."

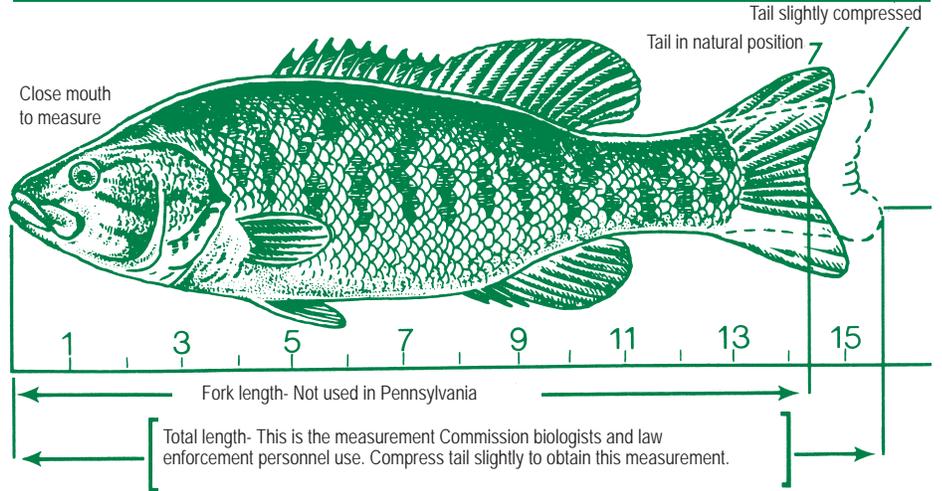
NOTE: Approved trout waters are closed to fishing from March 1 to the opening day of the regular trout season in April, unless included in the Early Season Trout-Stocked Waters Program or Regional Opening Day of Trout Season Program.

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.

**BIG BASS PROGRAM-  
SPECIAL REGULATIONS**

These special regulations apply to largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass in the waters listed below. Approved trout lakes that are in the Big Bass Program are closed to all fishing from March 1 until the opening day of the trout season, unless listed in the Early Season Trout-Stocked Waters Program (indicated below by an asterisk). Those lakes designated below with an asterisk are closed to fishing from April 1 until 8 a.m. on opening day of trout season. For all other species, inland regulations apply. **NOTE:** For purposes of this section, power dam pools and recreational dam pools on the Susquehanna River and navigational dam pools in the Ohio River drainage are "rivers."

**HOW TO MEASURE A FISH**



**RIVERS AND STREAMS**

| Season   | Minimum Size  | Daily Limit          |
|--|---|----------------------|
| Jan. 1 through April 11 and Oct. 1 through Dec. 31 | 18 inches   | 2 (combined species) |
| April 12 through June 13                           | <b>NO HARVEST</b> - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted) |                      |
| June 14 through Sept. 30                           | 15 inches   | 4 (combined species) |

**LAKES**

| Season  | Minimum Size  | Daily Limit          |
|---|---|----------------------|
| Jan. 1 through April 11 and June 14 through Dec. 31 | 15 inches   | 4 (combined species) |
| April 12 through June 13                            | <b>NO HARVEST</b> - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted) |                      |



**Waters Governed by These Regulations**

| County    | Water  |
|-----------|--|
| Allegheny | Upper, Middle and Lower Deer Lakes   |
| Allegheny | North Park Lake  |
| Armstrong | Keystone Lake  |
| Beaver    | Lower Hereford Manor Lake*   |
| Beaver    | Brady Run Lake*  |
| Berks     | Blue Marsh Lake  |
| Berks     | Carsonia Lake  |
| Berks     | Hopewell Lake  |
| Berks     | Kaercher Creek Lake  |
| Bedford   | Shawnee Lake (State Park)  |
| Blair     | Canoe Lake (State Park) to include two small ponds and raceway adjacent to Canoe Lake* |
| Bucks     | Lake Towhee  |
| Bucks     | Nockamixon Lake (State Park)   |
| Butler    | Glade Run Lake*  |
| Butler    | Lake Arthur (Moraine State Park)   |
| Cambria   | Beaverdam Run Reservoir  |
| Cambria   | Duman Dam*   |
| Cambria   | Hinckston Run Reservoir  |
| Cambria   | Wilmore Dam  |

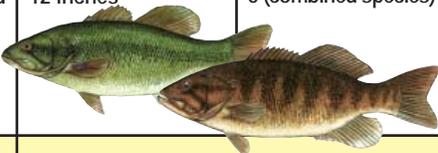
| County     | Water                             |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Carbon     | Mauch Chunk Lake                  |
| Centre     | Colyer Lake                       |
| Chester    | Chambers Lake                     |
| Chester    | Marsh Creek Lake (State Park)     |
| Clarion    | Kahle Lake                        |
| Crawford   | Sugar Lake                        |
| Crawford   | Tamarack Lake                     |
| Cumberland | Opossum Creek Lake                |
| Cumberland | Susquehanna River**               |
| Dauphin    | Susquehanna River**               |
| Fayette    | Mill Run Reservoir                |
| Indiana    | Yellow Creek Lake (State Park)    |
| Jefferson  | Kyle Lake                         |
| Juniata    | Juniata River***                  |
| Juniata    | Susquehanna River**               |
| Lackawanna | Lackawanna Lake (State Park)*     |
| Lancaster  | Speedwell Forge Lake              |
| Lancaster  | Susquehanna River**               |
| Lebanon    | Memorial Lake (State Park)        |
| Luzerne    | Frances Slocum Lake (State Park)* |
| Luzerne    | Harris Pond                       |
| Luzerne    | Lily Lake*                        |
| Lycoming   | Rose Valley Lake                  |

| County         | Water                                   |
|----------------|---|
| Mercer         | Shenango Lake                           |
| Montour        | Lake Chillisquaque                      |
| Northampton    | Minsi Lake                              |
| Northumberland | Susquehanna River**                     |
| Perry          | Holman Lake (Little Buffalo State Park) |
| Perry          | Juniata River***                        |
| Perry          | Susquehanna River**                     |
| Snyder         | Susquehanna River**                     |
| Somerset       | Lake Somerset                           |
| Somerset       | Quemahoning Reservoir                   |
| Venango        | Justus Lake*                            |
| Washington     | Cross Creek Lake                        |
| Wayne          | Lower Woods Pond                        |
| Westmoreland   | Bridgeport Reservoir                    |
| Westmoreland   | Keystone Lake (State Park)*             |
| Westmoreland   | Lower Twin Lake*                        |
| Westmoreland   | Mammoth Dam*                            |
| Westmoreland   | Northmoreland Lake*                     |
| Westmoreland   | Upper Twin Lake*                        |
| Wyoming        | Stevens Lake                            |
| York           | Lake Marburg (Codorus State Park)       |
| York           | Lake Redman                             |
| York           | Lake Williams                           |
| York           | Pinchot Lake (State Park)               |
| York           | Susquehanna River**                     |

\* closed to fishing from April 1 until 8 a.m. on opening day of trout  
 \*\*Susquehanna River from Hollywood Dam upstream to the inflatable dam near Sunbury  
 \*\*\*Juniata River (31.7 miles) from SR 0075 bridge at Port Royal downstream to mouth

DELAWARE RIVER AND ESTUARY

Seasons, sizes and creel limits - The following seasons, sizes and creel limits apply to the Delaware River, its estuary and select tributaries up to their tidal influence, that portion of the Lehigh River from its confluence with the Delaware River upstream to the base of the Easton Dam, and the Delaware River estuary waters listed at right.

| Species  | Seasons  | Minimum Size   | Daily Limit          |
|--|--|--|----------------------|
|   | April 12 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<br>Largemouth<br>Smallmouth<br>           | Jan. 1 through April 11 and June 14 through Dec. 31  | 12 inches  | 5 (combined species) |
|  | April 12 through June 13   | <b>NO HARVEST</b> - Catch and immediate release only |                      |
| Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge (Hybrids)<br> | 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 3 through Dec. 31 | 18 inches  | 3                    |
| American Shad**  | Open year-round  | No minimum   | 6                    |
| Herring  | Open year-round  | No minimum   | 35                   |
| Hickory Shad   | Closed year-round  | <b>ENDANGERED SPECIES</b>                            | 0                    |
| American Eel   | Open year-round  | 8 inches   | 50                   |
| American Eel (as Baitfish)   | Open year-round  | 6 inches to 8 inches                                 | 50                   |
| Striped Bass and Hybrid Striped Bass   | From the Pennsylvania state line to Calhoun Street Bridge March 1 through March 31 and June 1 through Dec. 31. From Calhoun Street Bridge upstream-Open year-round   | 28 inches  | 2                    |
| Sturgeon   | No open season   | <b>ENDANGERED SPECIES</b>                            | 0                    |
| Other Species  | Inland seasons, size and creel limits apply except for waters under special regulations.   |  |                      |

\* A special no-kill season with the use of artificial lures only has been established on the West Branch of the Delaware River (see page 28 for details).  
 \*\* American shad daily creel limit is one fish in the Schuylkill River from I-95 upstream, including all tributaries.

DELAWARE RIVER BLUE CRABS

| Season          | Minimum Size   | Daily Limit  |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Open year-round | 4 inches * (hard shell)<br>3.5 inches * (soft shell) | One (1) bushel<br>(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 BLUE CRABS

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

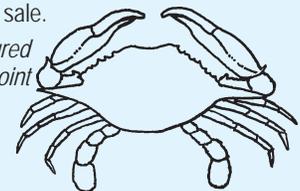
**CRAB POTS** are limited to no more than two pots per person when taking crabs. In addition, two handlines may be used.

**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.

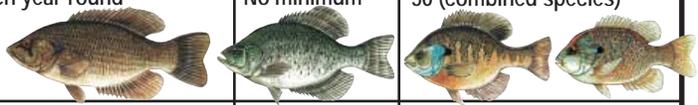
\* Measured point to point



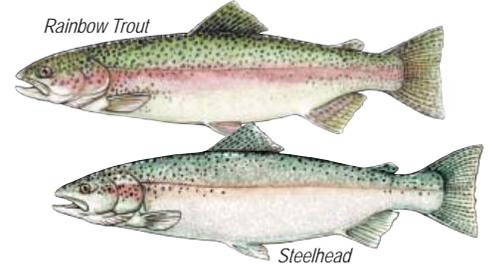
Harvesting blue crabs from the Delaware River and its estuary waters is permitted pursuant to the regulations at left.

LAKE ERIE

(Lake Erie and tributaries, Presque Isle Bay and Peninsular Waters)

| Species  | Seasons   | Minimum Size              | Daily Limit   |
|--|---|---------------------------|---|
| Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge (Hybrids)  | Open year-round<br>                                   | 40 inches                 | 1   |
| Northern Pike  | Open year-round   | 24 inches                 | 2   |
| Walleye  | Jan. 1 through March 14 and May 3 through Dec. 31<br> | 15 inches                 | 6   |
| Bass*<br>Largemouth<br>Smallmouth  | Jan. 1 through April 11 and June 14 through Dec. 31<br>April 12 through June 13*  | 15 inches<br>20 inches    | 4 (combined species)<br>1   |
| Sturgeon   | No open season  | <b>ENDANGERED SPECIES</b> |   |
| Yellow Perch   | Dec. 1 through March 31<br>April 1 through Nov. 30  | 7 inches<br>None          | 30<br> |
| Sunfish, Crappies, Catfish, Rock Bass, Suckers, Eels, Carp, White Bass                                     | Open year-round<br>                                   | 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<br> |
| 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 10<br>                          | 15 inches                 | 3 (combined species), only two (2) of which may be lake trout.                          |
|  | 8 a.m. April 12 through Sept. 1<br>                  | 9 inches                  | 5 (combined species), only two (2) of which may be lake trout.                          |
|  | Sept. 2 through April 16, 2009<br>                   | 15 inches                 | 3 (combined species), only two (2) of which may be lake trout.                          |
| Baitfish/Fishbait  | Open year-round   | No minimum                | 50 (combined species)   |
| Spotted Gar  | No open season  | <b>ENDANGERED SPECIES</b> |   |

\* 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 11 until 8 a.m. on April 12 (32 hours total).



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 2 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 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 Pennsylvania waters of Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay, and their tributaries are required to possess a valid Lake Erie or Combo permit.

The main tributaries where a permit is required are: Cascade Creek, Crooked Creek, Eightmile Creek, Elk Creek, Fourmile Creek, Mill Creek, Raccoon Creek, Sevenmile Creek, Sixmile Creek, Sixteenmile Creek, Twelvemile Creek, Twentymile Creek, and Walnut Creek.

Conneaut Creek, although partially in the Commonwealth, does actually enter into Lake Erie within the border of the state of Ohio. Therefore, anglers are **not** required to possess a Lake Erie Permit.

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.

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, redbreast 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 "Stop Aquatic Nuisance Species" on page 39. For more information on VHS, please contact the Commission's Northwest Regional Office (page 42).

## PYMATUNING & CONOWINGO RESERVOIRS

### PYMATUNING RESERVOIR

| Species                                     | Seasons                | Minimum Size | Daily Limit                           |
|---|------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| Walleye and Saugeye (Hybrids)               | Open year-round        | 15 inches    | 6 (combined species)                  |
| Bass  | Open year-round        | 12 inches    | 5                                     |
| Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge (Hybrids) | Open year-round        | 30 inches    | 2 (combined species)                  |
| All Other Species                           | Open year-round        | No minimum   | None                                  |
| Fishbait and Baitfish                       | 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<br>30 possession limit |
| Turtles (all species other than snapping)   | Open year-round        | No minimum   | 2                                     |

### 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.

### 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. 29 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 |
| <b>American and Hickory Shad</b>                                   | <b>CLOSED YEAR-ROUND</b>                           |              |   |
| Alewife and Blueback Herring (collectively known as river herring) | Jan. 1 through June 15                             | No minimum   | No daily limit  |
| 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  |
| Eels   | Open year-round                                    | 6 inches     | 25  |
| Yellow Perch   | Open year-round                                    | No minimum   | No daily limit  |
| Baitfish/Fishbait  | Open year-round                                    | No minimum   | 35  |
| All Other Fish Species   | Open year-round                                    | No minimum   | No daily limit  |
| <b>Bivalves/Shellfish (Mussels/Clams)</b>                          | <b>CLOSED YEAR-ROUND</b>                           |              |   |

### 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 Youghiogheny 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 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.

### BOAT ANGLER'S CHECKLIST

- ✓ LIFE JACKETS
- ✓ SOUND-PRODUCING DEVICE
- ✓ FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
- ✓ CAPACITY PLATE
- ✓ VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS
- ✓ NAVIGATION AND ANCHOR LIGHTS
- ✓ MUFFLING DEVICE
- ✓ BACKFIRE FLAME ARRESTER
- ✓ ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED

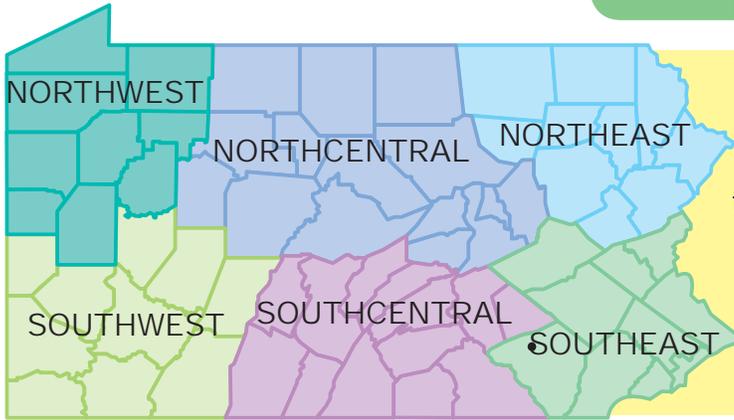
**EQUIPMENT** includes oars or paddles, anchor and line, bailer, marine radio, depth or fish finder, boating maps or charts, flashlight, compass, extra line, extra gas can, and a first aid kit.

### HAZARDS TO BOATING ANGLERS

- DAMS
- STRAINERS
- UNDERWATER OBSTRUCTIONS
- CURRENT
- ALCOHOL
- COLD WATER
- WEATHER
- CAPSIZING
- OVERLOADING
- OTHER BOATERS



Be a smart boater - take a safe boating course. To find a boating course, check the PFBC web site at [www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us).



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 13 through 22, 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.



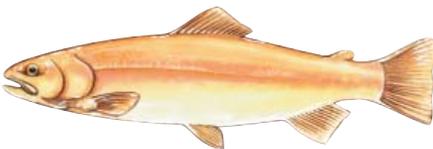
Brook Trout—PA's Official State Fish



Brown Trout



Rainbow Trout

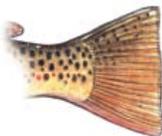


Golden Rainbow Trout

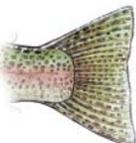


Lake Trout

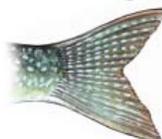
Brown trout has dark spots, few or none on tail.



Rainbow trout has dark spots, especially on tail, and a pink lateral stripe.



Lake trout has light spots over entire body. Tail deeply forked.



### REGIONAL OPENING DAY OF TROUT SEASON

In 2008, trout season will begin earlier in 18 southeastern PA counties. In these counties (and designated waters crossing into these counties), trout season will begin 8 a.m., March 29. Unless otherwise specified by special regulation, inland daily limits and minimum sizes apply.

*Approved trout waters in the Southeast Region and those in the Southcentral Region that have this early opening day are listed beginning on page 13.*



### APPROVED TROUT WATERS

Many streams, lakes, ponds, and reservoirs are officially classified as "approved 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 6). Unlisted tributary streams (those not included in this list of "approved trout waters") are not open to harvest of trout during the "extended season." Only approved trout waters and all waters downstream of approved trout waters are open during this period. Sparring 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. Some of these waters have been included in the Early Season Trout-Stocked Waters Program and are open from March 1 through March 31. 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 "approved trout waters" because of last-minute changes in water quality conditions. Check with the nearest Fish & Boat Commission office (see page 42) if there is any question about whether or not a water area is "approved."

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

Waters with this designation are considered "approved trout waters." From 8 a.m. opening day of trout through Sep. 1, Commonwealth inland size and creel limits apply. From Jan. 1 through Feb. 29, and from Sep. 2 through Dec. 31, "extended season" size and creel limits apply. These waters are open to fishing from March 1 through opening day of trout season; however, no trout may be taken or possessed on these waters during this period.



## CATCH AND RELEASE

- Open to fishing year-round (no closed season).
- Fishing hours – One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.
- 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.
- The use or possession of any natural bait, baitfish, fishbait, bait paste and similar substances, fish eggs (natural or molded), or any other edible substance is prohibited.
- Wading is permitted unless otherwise posted.
- Taking baitfish or fishbait is prohibited.
- A current trout/salmon permit is required.

## CATCH AND RELEASE FLY-FISHING ONLY

- Open to fishing year-round (no closed season).
- Fishing hours – One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.
- 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 on a single hook with components wound on or about the hook. **Anything other than these items is prohibited.**
- Fishing must be done with tackle limited to fly rods, fly reels, and fly line with a maximum of 18 feet in leader material or monofilament line attached. Spinning, spincast, and casting rods and reels are prohibited.
- The use or possession of any natural bait, fishbait, bait paste and similar substances, fish eggs (natural or molded), or any other edible substance is prohibited.
- Taking baitfish or fishbait is prohibited.
- Wading is permitted unless otherwise posted.
- A current trout/salmon permit is required.

## CATCH AND RELEASE ALL TACKLE

- Open to fishing year-round (no closed season).
- 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.
- A current trout/salmon permit is required.

## TROPHY TROUT PROJECTS

- Open to fishing year-round (no closed season).
- 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 - from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular trout season through Labor Day, except during the period from the day after Labor Day to 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular trout season of the following year, when no trout may be killed or had in possession on the waters under these regulations.
- 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 use or possession of any natural bait, baitfish, fishbait, bait paste and similar substances, fish eggs (natural or molded), or any other edible substance is prohibited.
- Taking baitfish or fishbait is prohibited.
- A current trout/salmon permit is required.

## ALL TACKLE TROPHY TROUT

- Open to fishing year-round (no closed season).
- 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 – from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular trout season through Labor Day except during the period from the day after Labor Day to 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular trout season of the following year when no trout may be killed or had in possession on the waters under these regulations.
- 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.
- A current trout/salmon permit is required.
- The regulations apply to **trout only**; all other species, inland regulations apply.

## DELAYED HARVEST ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY

- Open to fishing year-round (no closed season).
- Fishing hours – One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.
- Minimum size – 9 inches, caught on, or in possession on, the waters under these regulations from one hour before sunrise on June 15 to one hour after sunset on Labor Day.
- The daily creel limit is three combined species from one hour before sunrise on June 15 to one hour after sunset on Labor Day, caught on or in possession on the waters under these regulations. From the day after Labor Day until one hour before sunrise on 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.
- The use or possession of any natural bait, baitfish, fishbait, bait paste and similar substances, fish eggs (natural or molded) or any other edible, substance is prohibited.
- Taking baitfish or fishbait is prohibited.
- A current trout/salmon permit is required.

## WILD BROOK TROUT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

- Open to fishing year-round (no closed season).
- No brook trout may be killed or had in possession.
- There are no tackle restrictions.
- The regulations apply to **brook trout only**; all other species, inland regulations apply.
- A current trout/salmon permit is required.

## EARLY SEASON TROUT-STOCKED WATERS PROGRAM

During the month of March, when most trout-stocked waters are closed to fishing, anglers may fish select lakes and the Youghioghney River and Shenango River tailwaters, which are stocked early with a portion of the spring's trout allotment. The following regulations apply:

- Open season – March 1 through March 31 (no fishing from April 1 to the opening day of the trout season)
- Minimum size – 7 inches
- Creel limit – 3 trout (combined species)
- Inland regulations apply to all other species
- A current trout/salmon permit is required to fish in Youghioghney River Lake tailwaters, Shenango River tailwaters, and on select lakes if an angler intends to harvest trout.

SOUTHEAST REGION REGULATED TROUT WATERS

**REGIONAL OPENING DAY OF TROUT SEASON**

**OPENING DAY: MARCH 29 APPROVED TROUT WATERS**

**BERKS:**

- Antietam Creek
- Antietam Lake
- Furnace Creek (Robesonia)
- Hay Creek
- Kistler Creek
- Little Lehigh Creek
- Little Muddy 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 Boro Dam)
- Scotts Run Lake
- Spring Creek
- Swamp Creek (Chestnut Hill Road (SR 2001) downstream to mouth in Morgantown),
- Tulpehocken Creek (county line downstream to 0.5 mile downstream of Charming Forge Dam)
- 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)

- Lake Luxembourg
- 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)
- Unami Creek (Milford Township Park downstream to Trumbauersville Road (SR 4051))

**CHESTER:**

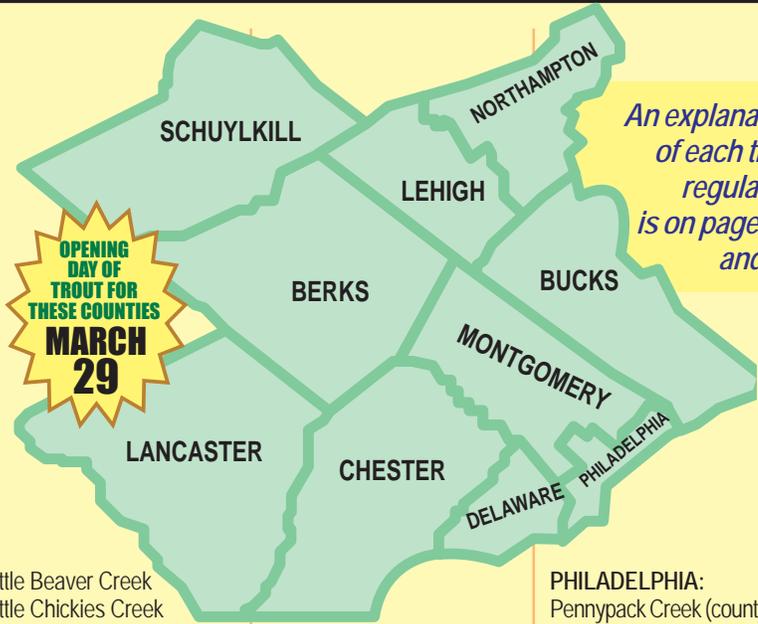
- Beaver Creek (at Downingtown)
- Big Elk Creek
- Buck Run
- East Branch Brandywine Creek (SR 4031 in Glenmoore downstream to U S Business Route 30 in Downingtown)
- East Branch Elk Creek
- East Branch White Clay Creek
- French Creek
- Middle Branch White Clay Creek
- Pickering Creek
- Pocopson Creek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

**DELAWARE:**

- Chester Creek (confluence of West Branch Chester Creek downstream to Bridgewater Road (SR 3018))
- Darby Creek (0.5 mile upstream confluence with Little Darby Creek downstream to Hilldale Road)
- Ithan Creek
- Little Darby Creek
- Ridley Creek
- West Branch Chester Creek

**LANCASTER:**

- Big Beaver Creek
- Bowery Run
- Climbers Run
- Conowingo Creek (Spring Valley Road (SR 3005) downstream to 1 mile downstream of Black Baron Road (T-311))
- Conoy Creek (Bossler Road (SR 4019) downstream to mouth)
- Fishing Creek
- Hammer Creek
- Indian Run



*An explanation of each trout regulation is on pages 11 and 12.*

- Little Beaver Creek
- Little Chickies Creek
- Little Cocalico Creek
- Little Conestoga Creek (powerline upstream of Miller Road (T-707) downstream to Harrisburg Pike (SR 4020))
- Little Muddy Creek (county line downstream to SR 0897)
- Meetinghouse Creek
- Middle Creek (Clay Road Bridge (SR 1035) at SGL# 46 downstream to Middle Creek Road (SR 1039))
- Muddy Creek (Pleasant Valley Road downstream to SR 897)
- Muddy Run
- Muddy Run Rec Lake
- Pequea Creek (Mast downstream to SR 0897)
- Rock Run
- Stewart Run
- Swarr Run (Yellow Goose Road (T-802) downstream to SR 0741)
- Trout Run
- West Branch Little Conestoga Creek
- West Branch Octoraro Creek

**LEHIGH:**

- Big Trout Creek
- Cedar Creek (Lake Muhlenburg outflow downstream to mouth)
- Coplay Creek
- Jordan Creek
- Kistler Creek
- Leaser Lake
- Lehigh Canal (from first lock upstream of Monocacy Creek downstream to Monocacy

- Creek Crossing)
  - Little Lehigh Creek
  - Monocacy Creek
  - Ontelaunee Creek
  - South Branch Saucon Creek
  - Swabia Creek
  - Switzer Creek
- MONTGOMERY:**
- Deep Creek Dam
  - Loch Alsh Reservoir
  - Mill Creek
  - Pennypack Creek
  - Perkiomen Creek (county line downstream to first unnamed trib downstream of Fruitville Road (T-414))
  - Skippack Creek
  - Stony Creek
  - Unami Creek
  - Kepner Creek
  - Wissahickon Creek
- 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
  - Minsi Lake
  - 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
  - Beaver Creek
  - Cold Run
  - Deep Creek
  - Little Catawissa Creek
  - Little Mahanoy Creek
  - Little Schuylkill River (Two sections-from confluence with Locust Creek downstream to confluence with Panther Creek and mouth upstream 1.1 miles to Port Clinton)
  - Lizard Creek
  - Locust Creek
  - Locust Lake
  - Lower Little Swatara Creek
  - Mahantango Creek
  - Mahoning Creek
  - Neifert Creek Flood Control Reservoir
  - Pine Creek (trib to Little Schuylkill River)
  - Pine Creek (trib to Mahantango Creek)
  - Pine Creek (trib to Schuylkill River)
  - Pumping Station Dam
  - Rabbit Run Reservoir
  - Red Creek
  - Upper Little Swatara Creek
  - Whipoorwill Dam

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

- BERKS:**  
Allegheny Creek  
Tulpehocken Creek (from covered bridge at T-921 downstream to the mouth)  
Kaercher Creek Dam (fall stocking)
- BUCKS:**  
Tohickon Creek (from SR 1013 downstream to the mouth)
- DELAWARE:**  
Chester Creek (above confluence with West Branch)
- LANCASTER:**  
East Branch Octoraro Creek
- MONTGOMERY:**  
Pennypack Creek (Lorimer Park) East Branch Perkiomen Creek (from near Salfordville Road downstream to Bergey's Mill Road)
- SCHUYLKILL:**  
Tuscarora Lake (fall and winter stocking)

**CATCH AND RELEASE NORTHAMPTON:**  
Bushkill Creek - 1.1 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 - 2.4 miles; from 275 yards below SR 772 downstream to T-334  
West Branch Octoraro Creek - 2.1 miles; from a point 30 yards downstream of the SR 0472 Bridge downstream to near the confluence with the second unnamed tributary below S.R. 2010

**LEHIGH:**  
Little Lehigh Creek - 1.8 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 - 1 mile; from upstream face of Fish Hatchery Road bridge downstream to near the 24th Street bridge

**TROPHY TROUT PROJECTS NORTHAMPTON:**  
Monocacy Creek - 1.9 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 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 - 1.7 miles; from SR 3009 (Good Hope Road) downstream to the confluence with the East Branch  
West Valley Creek - 1.2 miles; from the mouth of Colebrook Run downstream to about 0.25 mile below the railroad tunnel

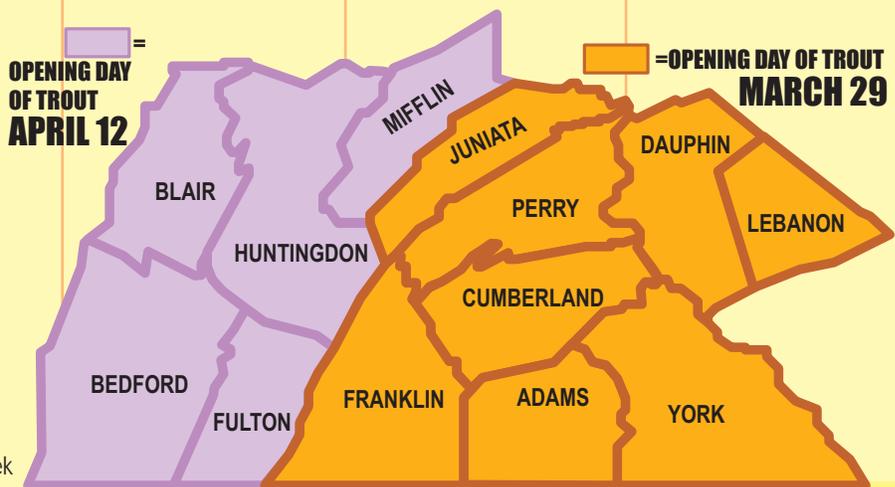
**SCHUYLKILL:**  
Bear Creek - 1.9 miles; from a cable 800 yards above T-662 downstream to the downstream side of the bridge on T-676  
Little Schuylkill River - 1.7 miles; from upstream side of SR 895 bridge downstream to the downstream side of the bridge on T-848

**SOUTHCENTRAL REGION REGULATED TROUT WATERS**

**REGIONAL OPENING DAY OF TROUT SEASON**  
**OPENING DAY: MARCH 29**  
**APPROVED TROUT WATERS**

- 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  
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 Creek 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 (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 (Ambersson Road Bridge (SR 4005) downstream to US 30 Bridge at Fort Loudon)
- JUNIATA:**  
Big Run  
Blacklog Creek

- Cocolamus Creek  
Delaware Creek  
East Licking Creek  
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

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- with Horse Valley Run in East Waterford)  
West Branch Mahantango Creek
- LEBANON:**  
Bachman Run  
Conewago Creek  
Hammer Creek  
Indiantown Run

Lions Lake  
 Marquette Lake  
 Mill Creek  
 Quittapahilla Creek  
 Snitz Creek  
 Stoevers Dam  
 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 (Manns-ville 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  
 Blymire Hollow Run  
 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  
 Sawmill Run  
 Sheppard Myers Dam

South Branch Codorus Creek  
 South Branch Muddy Creek  
 Yellow Breeches Creek

**APPROVED TROUT WATERS**  
**OPENING DAY:**  
**APRIL 12**

**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  
 Shobers Run  
 Three Springs 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  
 Canoe Lake  
 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:**  
 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 Tonoaway 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)  
 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  
 Hares Valley Creek  
 Laurel Run  
 North Branch Little Aughwick Creek (Nine Mile Creek)  
 North Spring Branch  
 Perez Lake  
 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  
 Havic 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  
 Musser Run  
 Strodes Run  
 Swift Run  
 Treaster Run  
 West Licking Creek

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

**BEDFORD:**  
 Koon 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:**  
 Holman Lake (Little Buffalo State Park)  
**YORK:**  
 South Branch Codorus Creek (from SR 0616 in Centerville downstream to T-527)  
 Glatco Lake  
 Lake Marburg

**CATCH AND RELEASE CUMBERLAND:**  
 Yellow Breeches Creek – 1 mile; from 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 – 3.9 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 – 13.5 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 – 1.1 miles; from 100 feet below the source (Big Spring) downstream to the Nealy Road Bridge  
 Green Spring Creek – 1 mile; from mouth upstream to near confluence with Bulls Head Branch  
 Letort Spring Run – 1.5 miles; from 300 yards above the bridge on T-481 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 – 1 mile; from SR 16 downstream to T-365 (Welty 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 **YORK:**

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**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)

## SOUTHCENTRAL REGION/SOUTHWEST REGIONS

### DELAYED HARVEST ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY

#### BLAIR:

Little Juniata River— .75 mile; from the bridge on Route 220 just northeast of Bellwood downstream to the confluence of the unnamed tributary south of Fostoria

#### DAUPHIN:

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

Wiconisco Creek— .74 miles from the western edge of the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art downstream to the power line crossing located 1.7 miles upstream from the mouth

#### FRANKLIN:

Falling Spring Branch— 1.1 miles; from Walker Road downstream to Fifth Avenue

#### FULTON:

Cove Creek— 1.0 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— .9 mile; from Spruce Street Bridge on T-398 downstream to the lower boundary of Quittie Nature Park

#### MIFFLIN:

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

### WILD BROOK TROUT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

#### PERRY:

Shaeffer Run— Tuscarora State Forest upstream on Shaeffer Run to its headwaters, a distance of 6.7 miles, and all tributaries entering this portion of Shaeffer Run

### EARLY SEASON TROUT-STOCKED WATERS PROGRAM

#### BLAIR:

Canoe Lake

#### FULTON:

Cowans Gap Lake

#### HUNTINGDON:

Perez Lake

*An explanation  
of each trout  
regulation is on  
pages 11 and 12.*

## SOUTHWEST REGION REGULATED TROUT WATERS

### APPROVED TROUT WATERS

### OPENING DAY: APRIL 12

#### ALLEGHENY:

Big Sewickley Creek  
Bull Creek  
Deer Creek  
Flaugherty Run  
Long Run  
Lower Deer Lake  
Middle Deer Lake  
Montour Run  
North Park Lake  
Pine Creek  
Turtle Creek  
Upper Deer Lake  
**ARMSTRONG:**  
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  
Brady Run Lake  
Lower Hereford Manor Lake  
Mill Creek  
North Fork Big Sewickley Creek  
North Fork Little Beaver Creek (county line downstream to SR 551 Bridge)  
Raccoon Lake

South Branch Brady Run  
Traverse Creek  
Upper Hereford Manor Lake  
**CAMBRIA:**  
Beaverdam Run  
Bens Creek  
Chest Creek  
Clearfield Creek (confluence with Beaverdam Run near Ashville downstream to T-510 Bridge at Condrion)  
Duman Dam  
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  
Slate Lick Run  
Stewart Run  
**FAYETTE:**  
Back Creek  
Big Sandy Creek  
Chaney Run  
Dunbar Creek  
Dunlap Creek  
Dunlap Creek Lake  
Georges Creek  
Indian Creek  
Meadow Run  
Mill Run (trib to Indian Creek)  
Mill Run (trib to Quebec Run)  
Mountain Creek  
Virgin Run Dam  
Youghiogheny River (see miscellaneous waters with special regulations)  
**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 (intersec-

tion of T-836 and SR 1037 at Antioch Church downstream to McCormick Road Bridge (SR 4018))  
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  
Flaugherty Creek  
Gladders Run  
Glade Run  
Jones Mill Run  
Kimberly Run  
Kooser Lake  
Kooser Run  
Laurel Hill Creek  
Laurel Hill Lake  
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  
Stony Creek (from Yonai Road



(T-515) Bridge downstream to railroad retaining wall 0.25 mile downstream of Covered Bridge Road (T-565) Bridge)

Tub Mill Run  
Whites Creek  
Wills Creek  
Youghiogheny River lake tailwaters

**WASHINGTON:**

Aunt Clara Fork  
Canonsburg Lake  
Dutch Fork Creek  
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:**

Donegal Lake  
Fourmile Run  
Hannas Run  
Hendricks Creek  
Indian Creek  
Indian Lake  
Jacobs Creek  
Keystone Lake  
Linn Run  
Lower Twin Lake  
Loyalhanna Creek  
Mammoth Dam  
Mill Creek  
Northmoreland Lake  
Sewickley Creek  
Shannon Run

Tubmill Creek  
Turtle Creek  
Upper Twin Lake

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

**ARMSTRONG:**

Mahoning Creek (Mahoning Creek Dam outflow downstream to the confluence of Pine Run)

**INDIANA:**

Blue Spruce Lake

**SOMERSET:**

Blue Hole Run (from confluence with Garys Run downstream to mouth)  
Fall Creek (from confluence with Ansell Run downstream to mouth)

### CATCH AND RELEASE FLY-FISHING ONLY

**FAYETTE:**

Dunbar Creek – 4.1 miles; from the confluence of Glade Run downstream to the stone quarry along SR 1055

**INDIANA:**

Little Mahoning Creek – 4.1 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

### ALL TACKLE TROPHY TROUT PROJECTS

**FAYETTE/SOMERSET:**

Youghiogheny River – 9 miles; from the confluence with Ramcat Run downstream to the Route 381 bridge at Ohioyle

### DELAYED HARVEST ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY

**ALLEGHENY:**

Deer Creek – 2.1 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 Craigs ville

**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 Ohioyle St. Park office downstream to mouth

**SOMERSET:**

Laurel Hill Creek – 1.2 miles; from the footbridge on State Game Lands #111 Road in Humbert downstream to Paddytown Hollow Run

Laurel Hill Creek – 2.2 miles; from Laurel Hill State Park at Boy Scout Camp downstream to T-364

**WASHINGTON:**

Dutch Fork Creek – 1.8 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 – 1.7 miles; from SR 711 downstream to SR 2045

### WILD BROOK TROUT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

**WESTMORELAND:**

Camp Run Watershed – 4.1 miles; from the headwaters downstream to mouth and all intermittent flow tributaries

### EARLY SEASON TROUT-STOCKED WATERS PROGRAM

**ALLEGHENY:**

North Park Lake

**BEAVER:**

Brady Run Lake  
Lower Hereford Manor Lake  
Raccoon Lake

**CAMBRIA:**

Duman Dam  
Lake Rowena

**FAYETTE:**

Dunlap Creek Lake  
Virgin Run Dam

**FAYETTE/SOMERSET:**

Youghiogheny River (from the lake downstream to the confluence of the Casselman River)

**SOMERSET:**

Laurel Hill Lake

**WASHINGTON:**

Canonsburg Lake

**WESTMORELAND:**

Donegal Lake  
Keystone Lake  
Lower Twin Lake  
Mammoth Dam  
Northmoreland Lake  
Upper Twin Lake

## NORTHWEST REGION REGULATED TROUT WATERS

### APPROVED TROUT WATERS

**OPENING DAY:  
APRIL 12**

**BUTLER:**

Bear Creek  
Bonnie Brook  
Buffalo Creek  
Connoquenessing Creek  
Complanter Run (county line to Moorehead Road (T-658))  
Glade Run Lake  
Harbor Acres Lake  
Little Buffalo Run  
Little Connoquenessing Creek  
North Branch Slippery Rock Creek  
Silver Creek

Slippery Rock Creek  
Thorn Creek

**CLARION:**

Beaver Creek  
Big Coon Creek  
Canoe Creek  
Cathers Run  
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)

Five Mile 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

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

Lake Pleasant

South Branch French Creek

Twentymile Creek

Upper Gravel Pit

West Basin Pond (Waterworks

Ponds, Presque Isle State Park)

**FOREST:**

Beaver Run

Big Coon Creek

Bluejay Creek

East Hickory Creek

Little Hickory Run

Maple Creek

Queen Creek

Ross Run

Salmon Creek

South Branch Tionesta Creek

Spring Creek

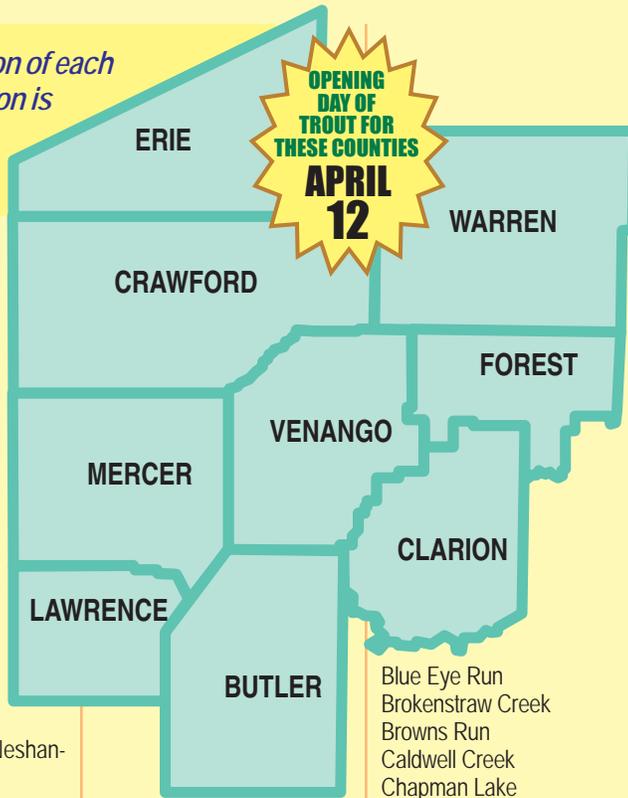
The Branch

Tionesta Creek (county line downstream to Kelletville Bridge)

Toms Run

# NORTHWEST/NORTHCENTRAL REGIONS

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West Branch  
Millstone Creek  
West Hickory Creek  
**LAWRENCE:**  
Bessemer Lake  
Big Run  
Deer Creek  
Hickory Run  
Honey Creek  
Neshannock Creek  
North Fork Little Beaver Creek  
Slippery Rock Creek (county line downstream to Heinz Camp lower property line)  
Taylor Run  
West Branch Little Neshannock Creek  
**MERCER:**  
Cool Spring 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 (outlet of Shenango Dam downstream to Buckeye Drive Bridge (SR 3025))  
West Branch Little Neshannock Creek  
Wolf Creek  
Yellow Creek  
**VENANGO:**  
East Branch Sugar Creek  
East Sandy Creek

Hemlock Creek  
Horse Creek  
Justus Lake  
Little Sandy Creek  
Little Scrubgrass Creek  
Little Sugar Creek  
Lower Two Mile 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  
Upper Two Mile Run  
West Pithole Creek  
**WARREN:**  
Akeley Run

Blue Eye Run  
Brokenstraw Creek  
Browns Run  
Caldwell Creek  
Chapman Lake  
Coffee 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

## APPROVED TROUT WATERS OPEN TO YEAR-ROUND FISHING

**FOREST:**  
Tionesta Creek (from Tionesta Dam outflow downstream)  
**LAWRENCE:**  
Cascade Quarry

## CATCH AND RELEASE WARREN:

West Branch Caldwell Creek—3.6 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 SR 3024 at Polk upstream to old bridge at Polk Center pump house

**WARREN:**  
Caldwell Creek—1.4 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—2.7 miles; from the base of the Mill Dam in Volant downstream to the covered bridge on T-476

**MERCER:**  
Cool Spring Creek—1.25 miles; from SR 2014 bridge upstream to the abandoned railroad grade

**VENANGO:**  
Oil Creek—1.6 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

## WILD BROOK TROUT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

**FOREST/WARREN:**  
Minister Creek—5 miles; includes main stem and tributaries.

## EARLY SEASON TROUT-STOCKED WATERS PROGRAM

**BUTLER:**  
Glade Run Lake  
Harbor Acres Lake  
**ERIE:**  
East Basin Pond (Waterworks Pond, Presque Isle)  
West Basin Pond (Waterworks Pond, Presque Isle)

Lake Pleasant  
Upper Gravel Pit  
**LAWRENCE:**  
Bessemer Lake  
**MERCER:**  
Shenango River tailwaters  
**VENANGO:**  
Justus Lake  
**WARREN:**  
Chapman Lake

# NORTHCENTRAL REGION REGULATED TROUT WATERS

## APPROVED TROUT WATERS

**OPENING DAY: APRIL 12**

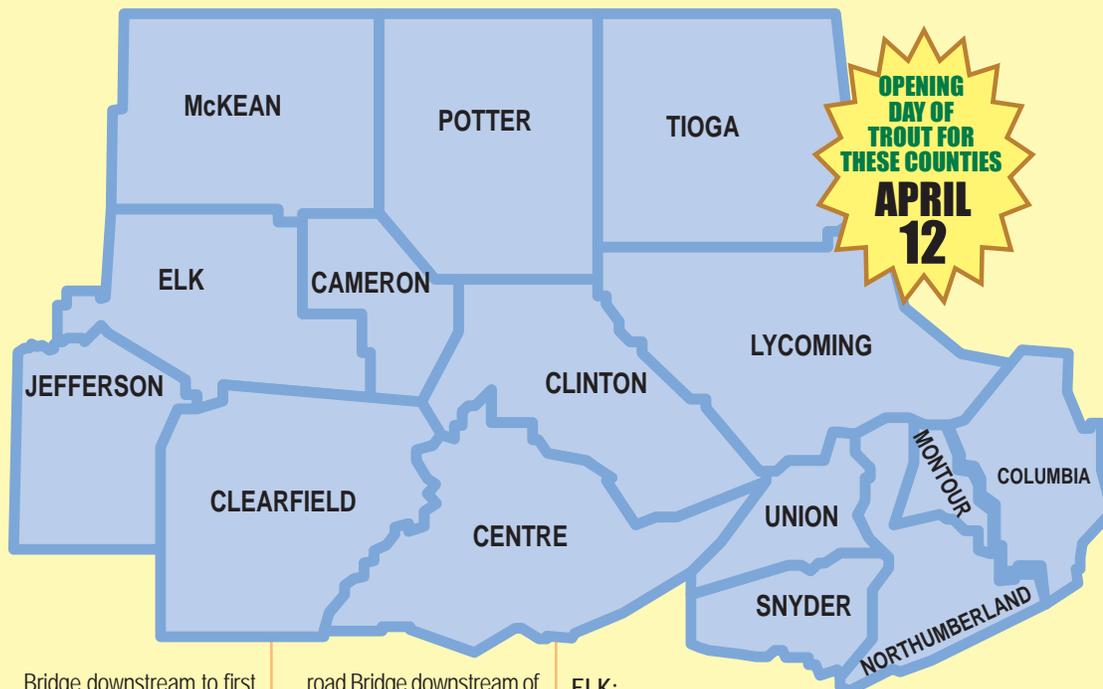
**CAMERON:**  
Brooks Run  
Clear Creek

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  
Stevenson Reservoir  
Upper Jerry Run, West Branch Cowley Run, West Branch Hicks Run, Wykoff Run  
**CENTRE:**  
Bald Eagle Creek (T-305 near Port Matilda downstream to 0.5 mile downstream of

Boggs-Howard Township line)  
Black Moshannon Creek  
Boy Scout Dam  
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



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Bridge downstream to first bridge on Pine Creek Road)  
Poe Creek  
Poe Lake  
Sinking Creek  
Sixmile Run  
South Fork Beech Creek  
Wallace Run  
White Deer Creek  
Wolf Run  
**CLEARFIELD:**  
Anderson Creek  
Beaver Run  
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  
Hockenberry Run  
Jack Dent Branch  
Janesville Dam  
Laborde Branch  
Laurel Run (trib to East Branch Mahoning Creek)  
Little Clearfield Creek  
Little Muddy Run  
Medix Run  
Moose Creek  
North Witmer Run  
Parker Lake  
South Witmer Run  
Tannery Dam  
West Branch Susquehanna River (SR 1001 Bridge near Hyde downstream to first Rail-

road Bridge downstream of the confluence with Moose Creek), Wilson Run, Wolf Run (county line to mouth)  
**CLINTON:**  
Baker Run  
Cooks Run  
Fishing Creek (confluence with Cedar Run downstream to mouth)  
Greenlick Run  
Hyner Run  
Kettle Creek (county line downstream to Owl Hollow)  
Kettle Creek Lake  
Left Branch Young Womans Creek  
Little Fishing Creek  
Long Run  
Rauchtown Creek  
Right Branch Hyner Run  
Young Womans Creek  
**COLUMBIA:**  
Beaver Run (Moyers Farm downstream to mouth)  
Briar Creek (confluence with West Branch Briar Creek downstream to mouth)  
Fishing Creek (SR 4049 downstream to Light Street)  
Little Fishing Creek (Talmar Road (SR 4032) downstream to Eyers Grove Road (SR 4021))  
Pine Creek  
West Branch Briar Creek  
West Creek  
Mugser Run  
Roaring Creek  
Scotch Run  
South Branch Roaring Creek

**ELK:**  
Bear Creek  
Belmouth Run  
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  
Five Mile Run (trib to Sandy Lick Creek)  
Horm Run  
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  
Little Pine Lake  
Loyalsock Creek (county line downstream to SR 0973)  
Lycoming Creek (confluence with Roaring Branch downstream to confluence with Hoagland Run)  
Mill Creek (Warrens ville) (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)  
Pine Creek (county line downstream to confluence with Little Pine Creek)  
Pleasant Stream  
Rock Run (trib to Lycoming Creek)  
Spring Creek  
Upper Pine Bottom Run  
White Deer Hole Creek  
**MCKEAN:**  
Allegheny River (county line downstream to confluence with Allegheny Portage Creek)  
Bell Run  
Bradford Reservoir No. 3 (Marilla 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  
Mausers Creek  
Roaring Creek  
**NORTHUMBERLAND:**  
Little Shamokin Creek  
Mahantango Creek (opens March 29)  
Schwabens Creek  
South Branch Roaring Creek  
Zerbe Twp Rod & Gun Club Pond  
**POTTER:**  
Allegheny River  
Bailey Run

## NORTHCENTRAL REGION TROUT WATERS

Bell Run  
 Big Moores 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 Lake  
 Lyman Run  
 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  
 West Branch Mahantango Creek (opens March 29)  
**TIOGA:**  
 Asaph Run,  
 Beechwood Lake  
 Corey Creek  
 Cowanesque River (county line downstream to confluence with Troupes Creek)  
 East Branch Stony Fork  
 Lake Hamilton  
 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)

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

**CAMERON:**  
 West Creek  
**CLEARFIELD:**  
 Laurel Run (Parker Dam State Park)  
**ELK:**  
 West Creek (SR 1008 at Rathbun downstream to SR 3001 at Howard Siding)  
 Straight Creek  
**MCKEAN:**  
 Meade Run

### CATCH AND RELEASE 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– 1.2 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– 3.9 miles; from approximately 650 yards downstream of Swift Run downstream to approximately 550 yards downstream of Cherry Run

**POTTER:**  
 Cross Fork– 5.4 miles; from Bear Trap Lodge downstream to the Weed property

**UNION:**  
 Cherry Run– 2.7 miles; from the mouth upstream a distance of 2.7 miles

### CATCH AND RELEASE FLY-FISHING ONLY

**CAMERON:**  
 Driftwood Branch Sinnemahoning Creek – 1.4 miles; from the Shippen Township Building downstream to near SR 120 west of Emporium.

**CENTRE:**  
 Spring Creek (Fisherman's Paradise) – 1 mile; lower boundary of Bellefonte State Fish Hatchery to a point adjacent to the Stackhouse School Pistol Range.

**ELK:**  
 West Branch Clarion River – 0.5 mile; from intersection of SR 219 and SR 4003 upstream to wire across stream.

**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 miles; from the confluence of the Cushman and Francis branches downstream to the mouth.

**MCKEAN:**  
 Marvin Creek – 1.1 miles; from vicinity of high voltage line (3 miles south of Smethport) downstream.

**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 – 3.1 miles; from Cooper Mill Road upstream to Union/Centre County line.

### CATCH AND RELEASE ALL TACKLE

**CENTRE:**  
 Spring Creek– 16.5 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– 8.6 miles; from the confluence of the East and West branches downstream to the Main St. Bridge (SR 948) in Ridgway

### TROPHY TROUT PROJECTS

**CENTRE:**  
 Lick Run – 2.5 miles; from the headwaters to the mouth

**CLINTON:**  
 Fishing Creek – 0.9 mile; 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 – 7.2 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

### ALL TACKLE TROPHY TROUT PROJECTS

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

### 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– 1.3 miles; from SR 2023 (Turkey Hill) bridge upstream.

Sandy Lick Creek– 1.71 miles; from the mouth of Laborde Branch downstream to the SR 219 bridge.

**COLUMBIA:**  
 Fishing Creek– .5 mile; from 180 yards upstream of the upstream Benton borough line to the upstream Richard Kriebel property line

**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 of East Branch Clarion River Lake downstream

**LYCOMING:**  
 Little Pine Creek – 1.1 miles; from the confluence of Otter Run downstream to the confluence of Schoolhouse Hollow

Loyalsock Creek – 1.4 miles; from Lycoming 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 riffle upstream of Powys Curve

Muncy Creek – 1.1 miles; from R. Sullivan property 600 yards upstream of T-

**EARLY SEASON TROUT-STOCKED WATERS PROGRAM**

**CAMERON:**  
George B. Stevenson Reservoir  
**CLINTON:**  
Kettle Creek Lake  
**JEFFERSON:**  
Cloe Lake  
**LYCOMING:**  
Little Pine Lake  
**POTTER:**  
Lyman Lake  
**TIOGA:**  
Beechwood Lake  
Lake Hamilton

650 bridge downstream to vicinity of confluence of Big Run at Tivoli  
Pine Creek – 1.2 miles; from the confluence with Slate Run downstream to a point 150 meters upstream of the confluence with Naval Run  
**McKEAN:**  
Kinzoa Creek – 2.3 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 – 2.1 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 – 1.0 mile; from Darling Run to a point 150 meters downstream of the confluence with Owassese Slide Hollow  
**WILD BROOK TROUT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**  
**POTTER:**  
Birch Run Watershed – Entire watershed, which includes 5.3 miles of Birch Run and its tributaries

Lyman Run – Lyman Run basin from the inflow to Lyman Lake upstream on Lyman Run to its headwaters, a distance of 5.3 miles, and including all tributaries to this portion of Lyman Run  
**POTTER/TIOGA:**  
Upper Kettle Creek Basin – 28.3 miles; from the main stem of Kettle Creek from the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Long Run including Long Run and all tributaries upstream to the headwaters

**NORTHEAST REGION REGULATED TROUT WATERS**

**REGIONAL OPENING DAY OF TROUT SEASON**  
**OPENING DAY: MARCH 29**  
**APPROVED TROUT WATERS**

\*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

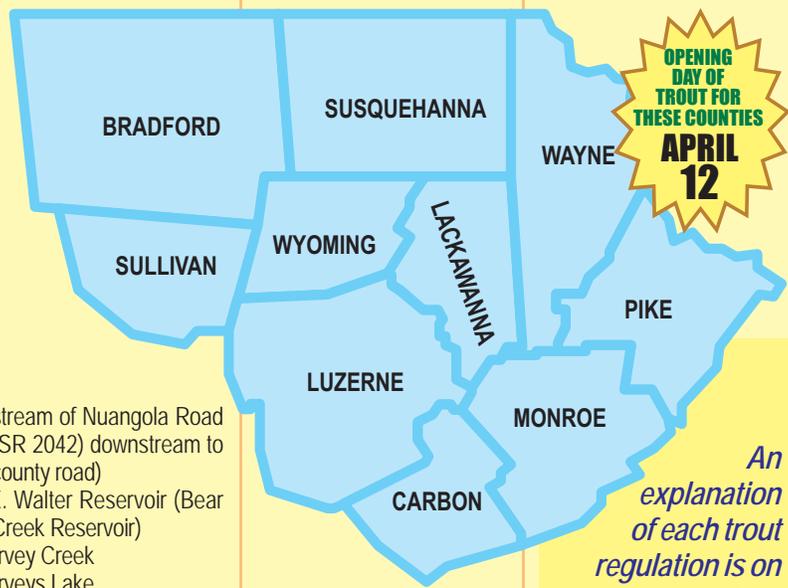
**APPROVED TROUT WATERS**  
**OPENING DAY: APRIL 12**

**BRADFORD:**  
Gaylord Creek  
Little Schrader Creek (confluence with Marsh Creek downstream to mouth)  
North Branch Sugar Creek (Alparon Park Fairgrounds downstream to mouth)  
North Fork Mehoopany Creek  
Schrader Creek  
Seeley 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  
Francis E. Walter Reservoir (Bear Creek Reservoir)  
Hickory Run (outlet of Hickory Run Lake downstream to Saylorville Dam)  
Hickory Run Lake  
Lehigh Canal (Long Run Level near Weissport)  
Lehigh River (Carbon - Luzerne county line from outlet of FE Walter Reservoir downstream to confluence with Sandy Run)  
Mauch Chunk Creek (outlet Mauch Chunk Lake downstream to Mauch Chunk Reservoir)  
Nesquehoning Creek  
Pohopoco Creek (outlet of Beltzville Lake downstream to backwater of Parryville Dam)  
Sand Spring Run  
**LACKAWANNA:**  
Aylesworth Creek Lake  
Gardner Creek  
Lackawanna Lake  
Lackawanna River  
Lehigh River  
Merli-Sarnoski Park Lake  
Roaring Brook  
South Branch Tunkhannock Creek  
West Branch Wallenpaupack Creek  
**LUZERNE:**  
Big Wapwallopen Creek (powerline crossing up-

stream of Nuangola Road (SR 2042) downstream to county road)  
F.E. Walter Reservoir (Bear Creek Reservoir)  
Harvey Creek  
Harveys Lake  
Irena Lake  
Kitchen Creek (Shedy Hill Road (T-559) downstream to mouth)  
Lake Francis  
Lake Took A While (Riverlands)  
Lehigh River (F.E. Walter Dam downstream to Sandy Run)  
Lily Lake  
Moon Lake  
Nescopeck Creek  
Pine Creek  
Wapwallopen Creek  
Wrights Creek  
**MONROE:**  
Appenzell Creek  
Brodhead Creek (Cherry Lane Bridge (SR 1002) downstream to SR 0080 Bridge at Exit 52)  
Buckwha Creek

Bushkill Creek  
Dotters Creek  
Hidden Lake  
Lake Creek  
Lehigh River  
McMichaels Creek  
Pocono Creek  
Princess Run  
Snow Hill Dam  
Tobyhanna Creek  
Tobyhanna Lake  
**PIKE:**  
Bushkill Creek  
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 Bushkill Creek (lower limit of Lehman Lake club prop-



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erty downstream to upper limit of Bushkill Rod & Gun Club property and Bushkill Falls boundary downstream to mouth)  
Little Mud Pond  
Lower Promised Land Lake (including outlet from Upper Promised Land Lake)  
Masthope Creek (Upper SGL #316 boundary downstream to lower SGL #316 boundary)  
Middle Branch Creek  
Saw Creek (Bushkill Falls Road (SR 2003) downstream to State Forest boundary downstream of Whitaker Road (T-324))  
Shohola Creek (SR 0739 downstream to lower boundary of SGL #180)

## NORTHEAST REGION TROUT WATERS

### SULLIVAN:

Double Run  
Elk Creek  
Hoagland Branch (confluence with Porter Creek downstream to mouth)  
Hunters Lake  
Kings Creek (intersection of Tall Maple Road (T-395) and SR 4008 downstream to mouth),  
Little Loyalsock Creek (SR 0087 Bridge south of Du-shore downstream to the confluence with Big Bottom Run)  
Loyalsock Creek  
Mill Creek (Hills Grove)  
Muncy Creek  
North Fork Mehoopany Creek  
Pole Bridge Run  
Schradler Creek  
Shanerburg Run  
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  
Quaker Lake  
Riley Creek  
Salt Lick Creek  
Silver Creek  
Snake Creek  
Starrucca Creek  
Tunkhannock Creek  
West Branch Meshoppen Creek  
**WAYNE:**  
Dyberry Creek  
East Branch Dyberry Creek  
Equinunk Creek (Tanners Falls downstream to Honesdale)  
Hollister Creek  
Jones Creek

Lackawanna River  
Lackawaxen River  
Long Pond  
Rose Pond Brook  
Shehawken Creek  
Upper Woods Pond  
Van Auken Creek  
West Branch Dyberry Creek  
West Branch Lackawaxen River (Pleasant Mount State Fish Hatchery downstream to 0.4 mile downstream of third bridge on Hatchery Road (T-611) and from outflow of Prompton Dam to Seelyville)  
West Branch Wallenpaupack Creek  
**WYOMING:**  
Bowman Creek  
Horton Creek  
Lake Winola  
Leonard Creek  
Martins Creek  
Mehoopany Creek  
Meshoppen Creek  
Oxbow Lake  
Riley Creek  
South Branch Tunkhannock Creek  
Tuscarora Creek  
West Branch Meshoppen Creek

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

**BRADFORD:**  
Mountain Lake  
Sugar Run  
**LUZERNE:**  
Frances Slocum Lake  
Sylvan Lake  
**LUZERNE/SULLIVAN:**  
Lake Jean  
**WAYNE:**  
Duck Harbor Pond  
**WYOMING:**  
Mehoopany Creek (from confluence with Kasson Brook downstream to confluence of North Fork Mehoopany Creek)

### CATCH AND RELEASE

**CARBON:**  
Hickory Run– 2.9 miles; from the outlet of Saylorville Dam downstream to the mouth  
**LACKAWANNA:**  
Roaring Brook– 3.9 miles; from Hollisterville Dam down-

stream to Elmhurst Reservoir

### PIKE:

Toms Creek– 2.1 miles; from the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area boundary downstream to the mouth

### CATCH AND RELEASE FLY-FISHING ONLY

#### MONROE:

Bushkill Creek – 6.1 miles; on the Resica Falls Scout Reservation property except 200 yards on each side of the falls

#### WAYNE:

Dyberry Creek – 0.8 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 – 1 mile; from the vicinity of SR 292 downstream to near the confluence with Marsh Creek

### TROPHY TROUT PROJECTS

#### LACKAWANNA:

Lackawanna River – 5.2 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 – 1.0 mile; from SR 6 downstream through Keystone College campus



#### LUZERNE:

Harveys Creek – 1.5 miles; from Jackson Road (T-812) downstream to Pavlick Road (T-497)

Nescopeck Creek – 2.4 miles; from the upstream boundary of State Game Lands #187 downstream to a cable across the stream

#### MONROE:

McMichaels Creek – 1.66 miles; from a point .71 mile downstream of the bridge on Turkey Hill Road (T-416) downstream to Glen Brook Road SR 2004 Bridge

Tobyhanna Creek – 1 mile; from the confluence of Still Swamp Run, downstream to the PPL service bridge

#### PIKE:

Dingmans Creek – 1.4 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:

Butternut Creek – 2.1 miles; from Buttemut Rd. (SR 3002) downstream to mouth

West Branch Wallenpaupack Creek – 1.6 miles; from 0.6 miles downstream from the Jones Creek confluence downstream to the Cal-

lapoose Rd. (SR 3009) bridge

### WILD BROOK TROUT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

#### CARBON:

Jeans Run– From border of State Game Lands #141 upstream on Jeans Run to its headwaters, a distance of 2.5 miles, and all tributaries entering this portion of Jeans Run

#### MONROE:

Kistler Run Watershed– Entire watershed, which includes 3.1 miles of Kistler Run and its tributaries

Wolf Swamp Run Watershed– Entire watershed, which includes 2.1 miles of Wolf Swamp Run and its tributaries

### EARLY SEASON TROUT-STOCKED WATERS PROGRAM

#### LACKAWANNA:

Lackawanna Lake

#### LUZERNE:

Irena Lake

Lake Took-a-While

Lily Lake

Moon Lake

#### MONROE:

Hidden Lake

#### SULLIVAN:

Hunters Lake

#### WAYNE:

Upper Woods Pond

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## CATCH AND RELEASE LAKES PROGRAM

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 12. These include: Catch and Release, 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 |
| Columbia and Northumberland | Bear Gap Reservoir                  |
|                             | McWilliams Reservoir                |
| Columbia                    | Klines Reservoir                    |
| Schuylkill                  | Owl Creek Reservoir                 |
| Westmoreland                | Lower Burrell Park Pond             |

## HOW TO RELEASE FISH - CATCH AND RELEASE

Some waters are managed strictly as "Catch and Release" waters. Every angler should expect and be prepared to release some portion of his catch. 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. Just as important, catch and release has become a popular and preferred method of angling. The idea for both voluntary catch and release and catch and release required by regulations is that the fish survive to grow larger, and perhaps reproduce, and perhaps then can be caught again. 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.

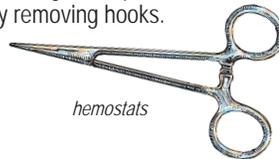
Wet your hands, your net, and other materials that may come in contact with the fish.

### 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.



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### 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.

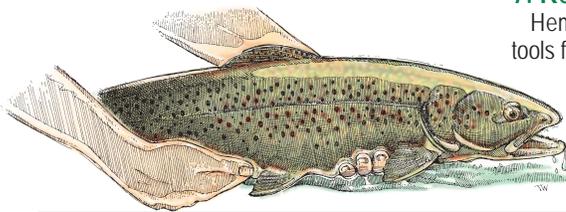
Do not handle fish by placing your fingers in the gill slits.

### 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 and handling indicate your catch and release techniques need to improve.

Survival is reduced significantly when damage resulting in bleeding occurs; if regulations allow, fish that are bleeding are the ones that you should consider keeping.



## CAST/THROW NET PERMIT

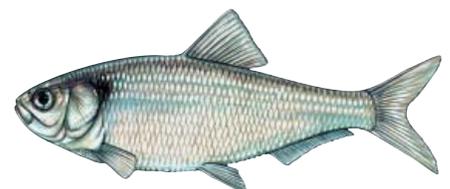
The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission issues permits for use of cast nets or throw nets for taking gizzard shad 8 inches or less in length and alewife only in waters determined by the executive director. The executive director has determined that the Commission will issue cast net or throw net permits only for the waterways listed below. A separate permit is required for each area.

| County     | Water Area         |
|------------|--------------------|
| Berks      | Blue Marsh Lake    |
| Bucks      | Nockamixon Lake    |
| Carbon     | Beltzville Lake    |
| Huntingdon | Raystown Lake      |
| Wayne/Pike | Lake Wallenpaupack |
| Butler     | Lake Arthur        |
| Mercer     | Shenango Lake      |

The use of a cast net or throw net in any other Commonwealth waters is a violation of the Fish and Boat Code and is punishable by a fine and may result in the loss of fishing privileges. Cast nets or throw nets shall not exceed 10 feet in radius or 20 feet in diameter and possess a mesh size of at least 3/8-inch. The holder of the cast net or throw net permit may take, catch, kill or possess a daily creel limit of 100 gizzard shad and alewife (combined species). The holder of the permit shall carry the permit on his/her person while using the net or while possessing more than 50 gizzard shad or alewife (combined species). The permit shall be available for inspection by a waterways conservation officer.

It is unlawful to: use a cast net or throw net in the waterways listed above without the required permit; use a cast net or throw net in any other Common-

wealth waters except those listed above; use a cast net or throw net to take, catch, kill or possess any fish species except gizzard shad 8 inches or less in length and alewife; use gizzard shad or alewife taken under the required permit as live bait in any water other than the water from which it was taken; use a cast net/throw net without possessing a valid fishing license.



**BROOD STOCK LAKES PROGRAM**



Northern Pike

Chain Pickerel

Muskellunge

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 | Canadohta Lake         |
|          | Conneaut Lake          |
|          | Sugar Lake             |
|          | Tamarack Lake          |
|          | Woodcock Lake          |
| Erie     | Edinboro Lake          |
|          | Howard Eaton Reservoir |
|          | Union City Reservoir   |

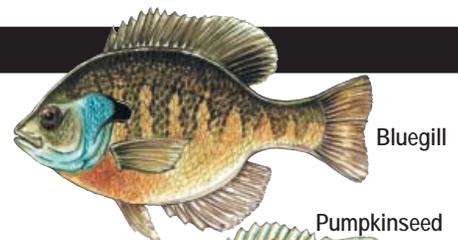
| County | Water Area         |
|--------|--------------------|
| Wayne  | Belmont Lake       |
|        | Duck Harbor Pond   |
|        | Lake Wallenpaupack |
|        | Lower Woods Pond   |
|        | Miller Pond        |
|        | Prompton Dam       |

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

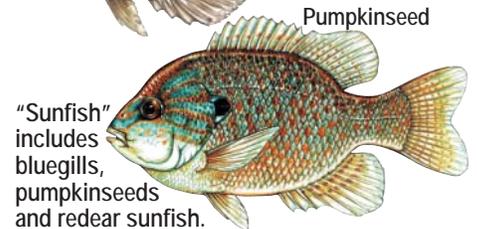
**PANFISH ENHANCEMENT SPECIAL REGULATIONS**

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 the Early Season Trout-Stocked Waters Program. 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<br>When Panfish Enhancement Regulations apply to more than one species in the same waterway, the combined creel limit is 20 for each species with the total creel not to exceed 50 panfish combined. |
| Cambria      | Beaverdam Run Reservoir  | Yellow Perch | 9 inches     |   |
|              | Hinkston Run Reservoir   | Sunfish      | 7 inches     |   |
|              |                          | Crappie      | 9 inches     |   |
|              | Wilmore Dam              | Sunfish      | 7 inches     |   |
|              |                          | Crappie      | 9 inches     |   |
| Yellow Perch |                          | 9 inches     |              |   |
| Centre       | Colyer Lake              | Sunfish      | 7 inches     |   |
|              |                          | Yellow Perch | 9 inches     |   |
|              |                          | Crappie      | 9 inches     |   |
|              | Sayers Lake              | Sunfish      | 7 inches     |   |
|              |                          | Crappie      | 9 inches     |   |
| Chester      | Chambers Lake            | Sunfish      | 7 inches     |   |
|              |                          | Crappie      | 9 inches     |   |
|              |                          | Yellow Perch | 9 inches     |   |
| Lancaster    | Speedwell Forge Lake     | Crappie      | 9 inches     |   |
| Lehigh       | Leaser Lake              | Sunfish      | 7 inches     |   |
|              |                          | Crappie      | 9 inches     |   |
|              |                          | Yellow Perch | 9 inches     |   |
| Montour      | Lake Chillisquaque       | Sunfish      | 7 inches     |   |
|              |                          | Crappie      | 9 inches     |   |
| Pike         | Upper Promised Land Lake | Sunfish      | 7 inches     |   |
|              |                          | Yellow Perch | 9 inches     |   |
|              | Lower Promised Land Lake | Sunfish      | 7 inches     |   |
|              |                          | Yellow Perch | 9 inches     |   |
| Somerset     | High Point Lake          | Yellow Perch | 9 inches     |   |
|              | Quemahoning Reservoir    | Sunfish      | 7 inches     |   |
|              |                          | Crappie      | 9 inches     |   |
|              |                          | Yellow Perch | 9 inches     |   |
| Washington   | Cross Creek Lake         | Sunfish      | 7 inches     |   |
|              |                          | Crappie      | 9 inches     |   |
| Westmoreland | Lower Twin Lake          | Crappie      | 9 inches     |   |
|              | Northmoreland Lake       | Sunfish      | 7 inches     |   |
|              |                          | Crappie      | 9 inches     |   |
|              | Upper Twin Lake          | Crappie      | 9 inches     |   |

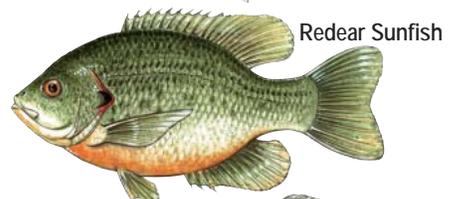


Bluegill

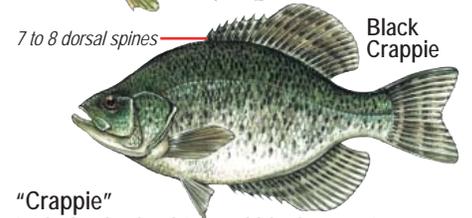


Pumpkinseed

"Sunfish" includes bluegills, pumpkinseeds and redear sunfish.



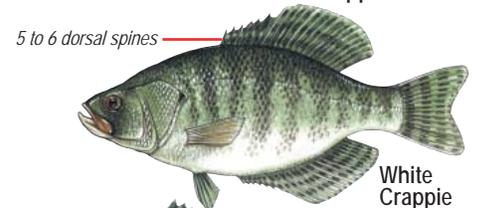
Redear Sunfish



7 to 8 dorsal spines

Black Crappie

"Crappie" includes both white and black crappies.



5 to 6 dorsal spines

White Crappie



Yellow Perch

## 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 7*).

**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.

**CHESTER/MONTGOMERY:** *Elk Creek (Big Elk Creek)* – Maximum size limit of 8 inches applies to taking or possessing blueback herring and alewife.

**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 and Linesville Creek*

- Nursery waters closed to all fishing March 1 through April 15. Waters involved are Paden Creek (Finley Creek) from the mouth upstream to “Finley Bridge” on U.S. Route 6 and Linesville Creek from the mouth (Pymatuning Sanctuary) upstream to the Conrail Railroad bridge north of U.S. Route 6 in Linesville.

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

- Lake Erie Tributary Regulations apply (*see page 9*) for entire stream in Crawford and Erie counties. A Lake Erie permit is not required.

**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.

**LACKAWANNA:** *Lake Scranton*

- It is unlawful for any person to fish from

the fishing pier designated for use by persons with disabilities unless such person is:

- totally blind,
- so severely disabled that he or she is unable to cast or retrieve a line or bait hooks and remove fish,
- deprived of the use of both legs, or
- participating in a special fishing event for persons with disabilities under conditions approved by the owner of the lake.

Such person may fish with only one legal device and must be within 10 feet of the device used. A person authorized to fish from the fishing pier under the above rules may be attended by another individual who may assist the person with the disability in using the fishing device.

**LUZERNE:** *Harveys Lake*

- The daily limit is 3 trout (combined species) during the period from 8 a.m. on the opening day of trout season through March 31. Only one of the 3 trout daily limit may exceed 18 inches in length. The lake is closed to fishing from April 1 until 8 a.m. on the opening day of trout season. Inland regulations apply to warmwater/coolwater species.

**MERCER:** *Shenango River* – From dam downstream 1.5 miles to SR 3025.

- Closed season on trout – April 1 until 8 a.m. on the opening day of regular trout season. Daily limit – Opening day of the trout season to Labor Day – 5 trout; the day after Labor Day through March 31 of the following year – 3 trout.

**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.

**SOMERSET/FAYETTE/WESTMORELAND/ALLEGHENY:** *Youghiogheny River* – (1 mile) From lake downstream to confluence with Casselman River.

- Closed season on trout – April 1 until 8 a.m. on the opening day of trout season. Daily limit-8 a.m. on the opening day of trout season to Labor Day – 5 trout; the day after Labor Day through March 31 of the following year – 3 trout.

*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 12*.

**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 Sept. 2 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 use or possession of natural bait, baitfish, fishbait, bait paste and similar substances, fish eggs (natural or molded), or any other edible substance is prohibited.

- The daily creel limit of trout is zero (0) during the artificial-lures-only season.

**WESTMORELAND:** *Indian Lake* (North Huntingdon Township)

- Bass – 15-inch minimum size limit. Daily limit 2 per day. Refer to Big Bass Program for NO HARVEST dates (*see page 7*). Panfish (combined species) – Daily limit 10 per day.

**WYOMING:** *Lake Winola* – Only bass less than 12 inches and over 18 inches in length may be harvested. Refer to Big Bass Program for NO HARVEST dates (*see page 7*). The daily creel limit is 6, but only one of those bass may be over 18 inches in length.

Cast net/throw net regulations for selected waterways appear on page 26.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS - SEASONS AND LIMITS

The following regulations apply to reptiles and amphibians. They DO NOT apply to endangered and threatened species.

| Species                                | Season                    | Daily Limit  | Possession Limit      |
|--|---------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Bullfrog                               | July 1 through October 31 | 10 (combined species)  | 20 (combined species) |
| 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 14 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 14 through July 31   | 1 annual limit**   |                       |
| Native species not listed on this page | No closed season          | 1  | 1                     |

\* 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.

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

| SNAKES                 | SALAMANDERS           | FROGS                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Eastern Hognose Snake  | Eastern Hellbender    | Northern Cricket Frog       |
| Eastern Ribbon Snake   | Four-toed Salamander  | Mountain Chorus Frog        |
| Eastern Worm Snake     | Jefferson Salamander  | Striped Chorus Frog Complex |
| Mountain Earth Snake   | Marbled Salamander    |                             |
| Queen Snake            | Mudpuppy              | TURTLES                     |
| Shorthead Garter Snake | Ravine Salamander     | Blanding's Turtle           |
| Smooth Earth Snake     |                       | Eastern Box Turtle          |
| Smooth Green Snake     | SKINKS/LIZARD         | Spotted Turtle              |
|                        | Broadhead Skink       | Wood Turtle                 |
|                        | Northern Coal Skink   |                             |
|                        | Northern Fence Lizard |                             |

ENDANGERED SPECIES

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 from the Commonwealth. Candidate species may be more abundant but face similar perils. To obtain a current list, write to: PA Fish & Boat Commission, Environmental Services Division, Natural Diversity Section, 450 Robinson Lane, Bellefonte, PA 16823, or visit: [http://sites.state.pa.us/PA\\_Exec/Fish\\_Boat/etspecis.htm](http://sites.state.pa.us/PA_Exec/Fish_Boat/etspecis.htm).

Snapping Turtle Consumption Advice

Snapping turtle meat has been found to contain only small amounts of PCB's 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.

PERMITS

- A permit is required to hunt 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 permits must be mailed to: PA Fish & Boat Commission, Environmental Services Division, Natural Diversity Section, 450 Robinson Lane, Bellefonte, PA 16823.



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ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS:

ALL Reptiles and Amphibians:

- A fishing license is required to catch or take reptiles and amphibians from the waters of the Commonwealth. A fishing license is not required for reptiles and amphibians on land.
- 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 a reptile or to gather, take or possess the eggs of any reptile in the natural environment of this Commonwealth.
- Except for snapping turtles taken by commercial permit, reptiles, and amphibians whether dead or alive, in whole or parts, including eggs or any life stage taken from within the Commonwealth may not be sold or offered for sale.
- Taking, catching, and possessing amphibians and reptiles in Department of Conservation and Natural Resources natural areas designated by posters is prohibited.

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 approved 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.

FISHING LICENSES

Recently, the Commission announced the availability of fishing licenses in a new format. Licenses are sold by license issuing agents through a new electronic point-of-sale (P.O.S.) system. This new system brings increased efficiency, more options, and easier upgrades for anglers. Internet fishing licenses are sold online at: [www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us).

A current license, signed in ink, is required of persons age 16 and over to fish or angle for any species of fish herein legally provided for, and to take fishbait, baitfish, and all 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.



POINT-OF-SALE LICENSE  
Permits are printed on the license.

2008 FISHING LICENSES

| LICENSE YEAR   | Type of Fishing License or Permit                             | Age     | Cost*   |
|--|---|---------|---------|
| <p>Annual licenses are valid from December 1, 2007, through December 31, 2008.</p> <p>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.</p>  <p><a href="http://www.fish.state.pa.us">www.fish.state.pa.us</a></p> | <b>Resident</b> (Annual)                                      | 16-64   | \$22.00 |
|  | <b>Senior Resident</b> (Annual)                               | 65 & up | \$11.00 |
|  | <b>Senior Resident</b> (Lifetime)                             | 65 & up | \$51.00 |
|  | <b>National Guard/Armed Forces Reserve (NGAFR)</b> (Resident) | 16 & up | \$ 2.00 |
|  | <b>Prisoner of War (POW)</b> (Resident)                       | 16 & up | \$ 2.00 |
|  | <b>Prisoner of War (POW)</b> (Senior Lifetime)                | 65 & up | \$ 2.00 |
|  | <b>1-Day Resident</b>   | 16 & up | \$11.00 |
|  | <b>Non-Resident</b> (Annual)                                  | 16 & up | \$52.00 |
|  | <b>1-Day Tourist</b> (includes all privileges)                | 16 & up | \$26.00 |
|  | <b>3-Day Tourist</b>  | 16 & up | \$26.00 |
|  | <b>7-Day Tourist</b>  | 16 & up | \$34.00 |
|  | <b>Trout-Salmon Permit</b>                                    | 16 & up | \$ 9.00 |
|  | <b>Lake Erie Permit</b>                                       | 16 & up | \$ 9.00 |
|  | <b>Combination Trout-Salmon/Lake Erie Permit</b>              | 16 & up | \$15.00 |

\* Includes issuing agent fee. Must have been deployed for 180 consecutive days (NGAFR). Sold only at county treasurer and PFBC offices (POW & NGAFR).

OBTAIN YOUR LICENSE:

- a) at more than 900 license-issuing agents
- b) at county treasurers offices
- c) at Fish & Boat Commission regional offices
- d) on the Internet at [www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us).

A LOST FISHING LICENSE is replaced by applying to any issuing agent. The cost is \$4.25 for the license plus the face value of any trout/salmon or Lake Erie privileges and issuing agent fee.

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:

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

**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 180 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 January 1, 1991**, are not required to purchase a trout/salmon permit.
- **RESIDENT SENIOR LIFETIME license holders are required to purchase only one permit for a lifetime.**

**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.

**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



SENIOR RESIDENT LIFETIME LICENSE UPGRADE

A durable plastic card version of the Senior Resident Lifetime license is available. This upgrade is available for \$5.00. Complete form PFBC-L-166S and send to the address indicated. Forms are available from the Commission's web site at: [http://fish.state.pa.us/forms\\_fishing.htm](http://fish.state.pa.us/forms_fishing.htm). Upgrades can also be purchased through issuing agents.

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.

### TROUT/SALMON PERMIT

A current Pennsylvania trout/salmon permit is required to fish for trout or salmon in Pennsylvania waters. 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 "approved trout waters" on March 1 through May 31.

### LAKE ERIE PERMIT

All anglers fishing Pennsylvania waters of Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay, and their tributaries are required to possess a valid Lake Erie permit. *See page 9 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.

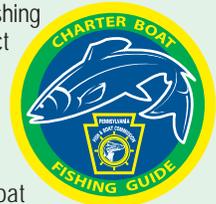
**EXEMPTIONS:** The following persons are NOT required to possess a trout/salmon permit or Lake Erie permit:

- Persons under 16 years of age.
- Disabled persons who possess a "free" fishing license or other persons who are exempt from license requirements.
- Persons who possess a 1-day tourist license.



### 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 web site: [www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us). 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 web site: [www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us).



### 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.

For an up-to-date listing of exclusive areas for children and persons with disabilities, go to the Commission's web site: [http://sites.state.pa.us/PA\\_Exec/Fish\\_Boat/fishpub/summary/children.html](http://sites.state.pa.us/PA_Exec/Fish_Boat/fishpub/summary/children.html).

Federal and state laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, or disability. The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission is an equal opportunity employer, and it complies with applicable federal and Pennsylvania nondiscrimination laws and regulations. In addition, the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission receives federal aid in sport fish restoration and boating enhancement. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, or disability in federally assisted programs. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information, contact the Human Resources Office, PA Fish & Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, or the U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20420.

### ACCOMMODATIONS for Persons with Disabilities

The PA 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                                      |
|----------|---|
| Butler   | Glade Run Lake                                  |
| Carbon   | Mauch Chunk Lake                                |
| Crawford | Tamarack Lake                                   |
| Erie     | North East Marina<br><i>(shoreline fishing)</i> |
| Erie     | Walnut Creek<br><i>(shoreline fishing)</i>      |
| Fayette  | Dunlap Lake                                     |
| Fayette  | Youghiogheny River<br>Lake Outflow              |

| County       | Facilities   |
|--------------|--|
| Jefferson    | Kyle Lake  |
| Jefferson    | Cloe Lake  |
| Lackawanna   | Ford's Pond, Lake Scranton   |
| Lancaster    | Speedwell Forge Lake   |
| Northampton  | Minsi Lake   |
| Philadelphia | Frankford Arsenal Access -<br>Delaware River<br><i>(railed shoreline fishing area)</i> |
| Somerset     | Lake Somerset  |
| Wyoming      | Lake Winola  |
| Wyoming      | Oxbow Lake   |

### PERSONS with DISABILITIES

Persons with disabilities who wish to participate in a Fish & Boat Commission program and who anticipate the need for special accommodations should telephone (717) 705-7833. This publication is available on our web site at [www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us) and may also be obtained as a computer file (alternative accessible format) by contacting the phone number above. 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.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us).

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

**BOATING** – Coast Guard-approved wearable personal flotation devices are required for each occupant on all types of watercraft on all waters. Children 12 years of age and younger must wear an approved Type I, II, III, or V PFD while underway on Commonwealth waters in any boat 20 feet or less in length and in all canoes and kayaks. See “PFD (life jacket) Requirements” on page 33.

Motorboats (including boats powered by electric motors) must be registered. **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.**

Owners of unregistered, unpowered boats (canoes, kayaks, rowboats, etc.) that launch their boats at Commission lakes and access areas and at PA state parks must display the Commission’s Use Permit. PA state park launching and mooring decals are also recognized.

**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, or are part of a tagged fish contest in a boundary lake for which the Commission has issued a permit.

## TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT

**RODS, LINES, AND HOOKS.** An angler may use a maximum of two lines fished either by rod or hand when fishing for gamefish, baitfish, or both. It is unlawful for a person to fish with more than two fishing rods at a time. No more than three hooks shall be attached to a line used in fishing (one hook having two or three points is considered a “single hook”). 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 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. 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 and suckers. Spears or gigs may not be mechanically propelled, may not have more than five barbed points, and may not be used in approved trout waters.

**BOW AND ARROW** (including compound bows and crossbows) may be used for taking **ONLY** carp and suckers on all Commonwealth waters, day or night, except in approved trout waters during the closed season and in special regulation waters. On the Delaware River, catfish and herring (shad excepted) may also be taken with bow and arrow (including compound bow and crossbow), spear or gig, except within 275 yards of an eel weir.

## BAIT

**BAITFISH** includes all forms of minnows; suckers, chubs, fallfish, lampreys, eels between 6 and 8 inches in length; 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 or crabs, mussels, clams, and the nymphs, larvae and pupae of all insects spending any part of their life cycle in the water.

**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. Approved 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, rusty crayfish, ruffe, round goby, and tubenose goby.**
- To fish with more than two 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 approved trout water. Excepted are certain specially regulated waters and "in-season only" stocked waters.
- 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.

## 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.

- 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 42*) for further information and permit applications. Applications are also available online: [www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us).

- 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, cattleways, 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.

## 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 fines up to \$7,500, two years imprisonment, and loss of boating privileges for up to one year.

## PFD (LIFE JACKET) REQUIREMENTS

- All boats must have a USCG-approved wearable (Type I, II, III, or V) life jacket on board for each person.
- In addition to wearable life jackets, boats 16 feet and over must have a throwable device (Type IV) on board. Canoes and kayaks, regardless of length, are not required to carry a throwable device.
- Type V 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 the PFDs (personal flotation devices) are stowed where they can be easily reached, or that they are out in the open ready to wear. Type IV flotation devices (throwables) 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.

## WHO HAS TO WEAR A LIFE JACKET?

- All water skiers and anyone towed behind vessels, personal watercraft operators and passengers, and sailboarders (windsurfers). Inflatable life jackets are not acceptable for these activities.
- 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.

**Remember that life jackets should be personalized, properly fitted, and tested in the water. Everyone should know how to use them.**

**REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF FISH & BOAT COMMISSION-OWNED OR COMMISSION-CONTROLLED PROPERTY**

- A powerboat using a Commission lake or access area shall be registered and shall display the official registration number and current validation stickers. Unpowered boats using a Commission lake or access area must either be properly registered, or display an official and valid watercraft launch or mooring permit issued by DCNR. Fees for Commission use permits are \$10 for a one-year permit and \$18 for a two-year permit.

Overnight mooring of boats is permitted at designated mooring areas from April 1 through November 30. A boat utilizing mooring areas shall be registered and display the official registration number and current validation sticker. Mooring is at the sole risk of the boat owner.

- Boats have the right of way over fishing from boat launch areas or boat docks. It is unlawful for persons fishing from a boat launch area or boat dock to permit their fishing activity to interfere with boat traffic into and out of the boat launch area or boat dock.

- Overnight camping, building, or maintaining open fires, swimming, and picking, cutting, or digging flowers, plants, shrubs, and trees is prohibited.

- The leaving or disposal of any rubbish on Commission property is prohibited unless placed in containers, if provided for this purpose. Disposal of any refuse accumulated off Commission property is prohibited.

- Any personal, organizational, or commercial use other than normally intended fishing and boating activities is prohibited, except that the executive director or his designee may issue permits to organizations for the use of Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission properties, when it is determined that such use will not damage Commission property and will not interfere with normal usage by others. Launching or retrieving swimming aids at Commission access areas is prohibited.

- The removal or defacing of any sign, poster, or property is prohibited, and it shall be unlawful to damage in any manner any lands or to interfere with any device or structure, or to alter or interfere with the flow of water over or through any structure.

- Legal hunting and trapping is permitted on Commission property unless otherwise posted.

- The carrying or use of firearms on Fish & Boat Commission properties is prohibited except while lawfully hunting or trapping. This does not apply to those individuals licensed to carry firearms under 18 Pa. C.S. 6109 (licenses) or those individuals authorized to do so in conformance with 18 Pa. C.S. 6106 (firearms not to be carried without a license).

- The use of electric motors for boat propulsion is permitted on all Commission lakes. The use of internal combustion engines is not permitted.

- On Fish & Boat Commission lakes, inflatable boats must be seven or more feet in length, be constructed of durable corded fabric reinforced with cloth and coated, and have at least two separate buoyancy chambers, excluding inflatable flooring or bottom.

- Vehicles must be parked in designated areas only. Blocking or obstructing driveways, access roads, or launch ramps is prohibited.

- No person may construct, place, or maintain any structure, fixture, or any other tangible property on or in Commission-owned or Commission-controlled property or waters without a permit from the executive director or his designee. Persons are further prohibited from encroaching upon Commission property in any manner incompatible with public use.

- A vehicle properly registered and operated in conformance with the Vehicle Code (except all-terrain vehicles) is permitted on Commission-owned or Commission-controlled property on those areas that are open to vehicular traffic such as roadways, driveways, launch ramps, and designated parking areas. It is unlawful to operate a vehicle on Commission property on (a) roads not open to the public, (b) in a negligent or reckless manner, (c) in a manner that obstructs or impedes public access to driveways, access roads, and launch ramps, (d) in a manner not in conformance with the posted traffic control signs or devices, (e) on forested areas, grasslands, wetlands, and lands under cultivation, and (f) on frozen lakes, ponds, rivers, or streams. The use of off-road motorized vehicles, including trail bikes, Tote Gotes, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), air-cushioned vehicles, track vehicles, hydrofoils and the like, is prohibited.

- Snowmobiles may be used on Commission-owned or Commission-controlled property that has been designated for such use by the executive director and is so posted. The operation of snowmobiles on frozen lakes, ponds, and streams is prohibited. Parking areas on Commission-owned or Commission-controlled property shall not be used for general snowmobile operation.

- Walnut Creek Access, Channel and Basin-Boats have the right of way over shore fishermen. Fishing from boats is prohibited in channel and



basin. Shore fishing is allowed in the basin ONLY at places and times designated. The west bank of Walnut Creek is closed to all access from the mouth to the first bridge.

- Trespassing on Fish & Boat Commission property is prohibited where posted.

- Float tubes or similar devices are permitted while fishing on Fish & Boat Commission lakes so long as the device contains two air bladder systems. It may not be propelled by a mechanical device. The user must wear a Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device.

- Tagged fish contests are prohibited on Fish & Boat Commission lakes or access areas where prizes are awarded for catching tagged fish and where an entry fee is required to participate.

- Please see bulletin boards at Commission properties for any additional restrictions that may apply.

**FISH & BOAT COMMISSION PROPERTY DOG REGULATIONS**

Dogs are permitted on Commission property if they are licensed and otherwise in compliance with all other provisions of the Dog Law.

- The maximum number of dogs that an owner or handler is permitted to have on Commission property at one time is two.

- The owner or handler shall keep the dogs under his or her supervision and control by keeping the dogs on a leash not exceeding six feet in length while on Commission property. Mechanically retractable leashes of any length may also be used. Dogs on board boats are exempt from leash requirements. The owner or handler shall immediately scoop, contain, and retain droppings of the dog and may not dispose of dog droppings on Commission property.

- The leash requirements do not apply when an owner is training a dog for water retrieval purposes and when the following apply:

1. The dog is actually performing customary water retrieval functions.

2. The dog remains within 10 feet of the owner or handler while on land.

3. The dog is under the immediate control of the owner or handler at all times.

4. The dog does not interfere with anglers or boaters engaged in fishing, boating, or other lawful activities.

- An owner or handler of a hunting dog is exempt from the leash requirements and removal of dog droppings requirements when he or she keeps the dog off lawn areas, trails, and parking lots and when he or she is engaged in legal hunting or training during the seasons established by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

## COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY 2008 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. Preliminary evidence suggests that early exposure to omega-3 fats may enhance brain development as well. 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.

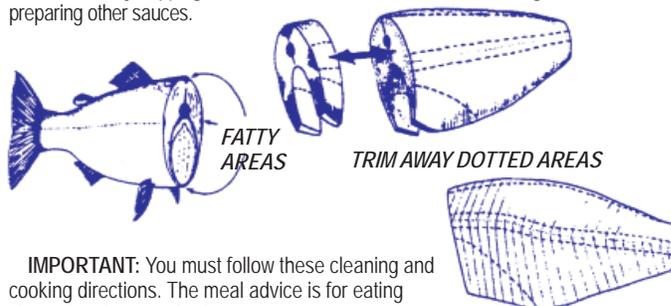
Women beyond their childbearing years and men generally face fewer health risks from these contaminants. However, it is recommended that you also follow the advisory to reduce your total exposure to contaminants. For these groups, it is the total number of meals that you eat during the year that becomes 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 2008, they will be announced in February or March 2008.**

### 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, web site: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us).** For questions concerning current advisory listings, waters sampled, sampling methods.

**Dept. of Health: 717-787-1708, web site: [www.health.state.pa.us](http://www.health.state.pa.us).** For questions about effects of chemicals on human health.

**Fish & Boat Commission: 814-359-5147, web site: [www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us).** For questions about effects of chemicals on fisheries, current advisory listings.

# 2007 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES

## NO-KILL ZONE

| <i>Water Body</i>                                   | <i>No-Kill Zone</i> | <i>Species</i> | <i>Meal Frequency</i>                | <i>Contaminant</i> |
|---|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Valley Creek at Valley Forge ( <i>Chester Co.</i> ) | Entire basin        | All            | Unlawful to kill or possess any fish | PCB                |

## DELAWARE RIVER BASIN

| <i>Water Body</i>  | <i>Area Under Advisory</i>  | <i>Species</i>   | <i>Meal Frequency</i>         | <i>Contaminant</i> |
|--|---|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Brandywine Creek ( <i>Chester Co.</i> )  | From U.S. 1 at Chadds Ford to PA/DE border                                      | American eel   | Do Not Eat                    | Chlordane          |
| Beltzville Lake ( <i>Beltzville State Park</i> ) ( <i>Carbon Co.</i> )   | Entire lake   | Walleye  | 2 meals/month                 | Mercury            |
| Bush Kill ( <i>Monroe and Pike Co.</i> )   | Confluence of Saw Creek to mouth  | American eel   | 2 meals/month                 | Mercury            |
| Delaware River   | Source to Trenton, NJ-Morrisville, PA bridge                                    | American eel   | 2 meals/month                 | Mercury            |
| Delaware Estuary, including the tidal portion of all PA tributaries and the Schuylkill River to the Fairmount Dam ( <i>Bucks, Philadelphia, &amp; Delaware Co.</i> ) | Trenton, NJ-Morrisville, PA Bridge to PA/DE border                              | White perch, Channel catfish<br>Flathead catfish, Striped bass<br>American eel, Carp | 1 meal/month                  | PCB                |
| Lake Wallenpaupack ( <i>Pike &amp; Wayne Co.</i> )   | Entire lake   | Walleye  | 1 meal/month                  | Mercury            |
| Lehigh River ( <i>Northampton Co.</i> )  | Confluence of Saucon Creek to mouth   | Carp, American eel   | 1 meal/month                  | PCB                |
| Levittown Lake ( <i>Bucks Co.</i> )  | Entire lake   | White perch  | 1 meal/month                  | PCB                |
| Little Neshaminy Creek ( <i>Bucks Co.</i> )  | Entire basin  | Carp   | 1 meal/month                  | PCB                |
| Promised Land Lake ( <i>Promised Land State Park</i> ) ( <i>Pike Co.</i> )   | Entire lake   | Largemouth bass  | 1 meal/month                  | Mercury            |
| Prompton Reservoir ( <i>W. Br. Lackawaxen River</i> ) ( <i>Wayne Co.</i> )   | Entire lake   | Largemouth bass<br>Walleye   | 1 meal/month<br>2 meals/month | Mercury            |
| Red Clay Creek ( <i>Chester Co.</i> )  | Entire basin (includes all tributaries)   | American eel   | 1 meal/month                  | PCB                |
| Schuylkill River ( <i>Schuylkill Co.</i> )   | Confluence of Mill Cr. at Port Carbon to Auburn Dam                             | Brook trout<br>Brown trout, Rainbow trout  | Do Not Eat<br>6 meals/year    | PCB                |
| Schuylkill River ( <i>Schuylkill &amp; Berks Co.</i> )   | Confluence of Mahannon Cr. at Landingville to Kernsville Dam                    | Bluegill, Brown bullhead   | 1 meal/month                  | PCB                |
| Schuylkill River ( <i>Berks, Chester, &amp; Montgomery Co.</i> )   | Felix Dam above Reading to Black Rock Dam above Phoenixville                    | Carp, Channel catfish  | 6 meals/year                  | PCB                |
| Schuylkill River ( <i>Chester, Montgomery, &amp; Phila. Co.</i> )  | Black Rock Dam to Fairmount Dam in Philadelphia                                 | Carp<br>Channel catfish, Flathead catfish  | Do Not Eat<br>1 meal/month    | PCB                |
| Schuylkill River ( <i>Berks, Chester, Montgomery &amp; Philadelphia Co.</i> )  | Felix Dam above Reading to Fairmount Dam  | American eel<br>White sucker   | Do Not Eat<br>1 meal/month    | PCB                |
| Tobyhanna Creek ( <i>Carbon and Monroe Co.</i> )   | Pocono Lake dam to mouth  | Smallmouth bass  | 2 meals/month                 | Mercury            |
| Tulpehocken Creek ( <i>Berks Co.</i> )   | Blue Marsh Dam to mouth   | Brown trout, Rainbow trout   | 1 meal/month                  | PCB                |
| West Branch Brandywine Creek ( <i>Chester Co.</i> )  | From business Rt. 30 (Lincoln Highway) in Coatesville to confluence of Buck Run | American eel   | 6 meals/year                  | PCB                |
| West Branch Delaware River ( <i>Wayne Co.</i> )  | Entire section in PA  | Brown trout  | 2 meals/month                 | Mercury            |
| West Branch Schuylkill River ( <i>Schuylkill Co.</i> )   | Entire basin  | Brook trout  | 1 meal/month                  | PCB                |

## SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN

| <i>Water Body</i>  | <i>Area Under Advisory</i>                                  | <i>Species</i>   | <i>Meal Frequency</i>         | <i>Contaminant</i> |
|--|---|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Big Elk Creek ( <i>Chester Co.</i> )   | Confluence of East and West Branches to PA/MD border        | American eel   | 2 meals/month                 | Mercury            |
| Black Moshannon State Park Lake ( <i>Centre Co.</i> )  | Entire lake   | Chain pickerel   | 1 meal/month                  | Mercury            |
| Chemung River ( <i>Bradford Co.</i> )  | NY/PA border to mouth                                       | Channel catfish<br>Smallmouth bass                       | 2 meals/month<br>1 meal/month | Mercury            |
| Conestoga River ( <i>Lancaster Co.</i> )   | Slackwater to mouth   | Rock bass  | 2 meals/month                 | Mercury            |
| Cowanesque Reservoir ( <i>Tioga Co.</i> )  | Entire lake   | Largemouth bass  | 1 meal/month                  | Mercury            |
| Cowanesque River ( <i>Tioga Co.</i> )  | Cowanesque Reservoir dam to PA/NY border                    | Black crappie  | 2 meals/month                 | Mercury            |
| First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek-George B. Stevenson Dam ( <i>Sinnemahoning State Park</i> ) ( <i>Cameron &amp; Potter Co.</i> ) | Entire lake   | Largemouth bass  | 2 meals/month                 | Mercury            |
| First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek ( <i>Cameron Co.</i> )  | George B. Stevenson Dam to mouth                            | Smallmouth bass  | 2 meals/month                 | Mercury            |
| Fishing Creek ( <i>Columbia Co.</i> )  | SR 4008 bridge near Light Street to mouth                   | Smallmouth bass  | 2 meals/month                 | Mercury            |
| Hammond Reservoir ( <i>Tioga Co.</i> )   | Entire lake   | Largemouth bass  | 1 meal/month                  | Mercury            |
| Hunters Lake ( <i>Sullivan Co.</i> )   | Entire lake   | Largemouth bass  | 2 meals/month                 | Mercury            |
| Jacks Creek ( <i>Mifflin Co.</i> )   | Paintersville Bridge to mouth                               | Brown trout, Bluegill, Rock bass, Fallfish, White sucker | 1 meal/month                  | PCB                |
| Kettle Creek Lake ( <i>Kettle Creek State Park</i> ) ( <i>Clinton Co.</i> )  | Entire lake   | Largemouth bass  | 2 meals/month                 | Mercury            |
| Kettle Creek ( <i>Clinton Co.</i> )  | Alvin R. Bush Dam to mouth                                  | Smallmouth bass  | 2 meals/month                 | Mercury            |
| Lackawanna Lake ( <i>Lackawanna State Park</i> ) ( <i>Lackawanna Co.</i> )   | Entire lake   | Bluegill   | 2 meals/month                 | Mercury            |
| Lake Jean ( <i>Ricketts Glen State Park</i> ) ( <i>Sullivan and Luzerne Co.</i> )  | Entire lake   | Chain pickerel<br>Yellow perch                           | 1 meal/month<br>2 meals/month | Mercury            |
| Lake Winola ( <i>Wyoming Co.</i> )   | Entire lake   | Largemouth bass  | 2 meals/month                 | Mercury            |
| Laurel Lake ( <i>Cumberland Co.</i> )  | Entire lake   | Largemouth bass  | 2 meals/month                 | Mercury            |
| Lily Lake ( <i>Luzerne Co.</i> )   | Entire lake   | Largemouth bass  | 2 meals/month                 | Mercury            |
| Logan Branch ( <i>Centre Co.</i> )   | Axemann to mouth  | Brown trout  | 1 meal/month                  | PCB                |
| Loyalsock Creek ( <i>Sullivan and Lycoming Co.</i> )   | Confluence of Little Loyalsock Creek at Forksville to mouth | Smallmouth bass  | 2 meals/month                 | Mercury            |

| <i>Water Body</i>  | <i>Area Under Advisory</i>  | <i>Species</i>  | <i>Meal Frequency</i>                       | <i>Contaminant</i>    |
|--|---|---|---|-----------------------|
| Middle Creek ( <i>Snyder Co.</i> )   | SR 0035 bridge to mouth   | Rock bass   | 2 meals/month                               | Mercury               |
| Penns Creek ( <i>Snyder and Union Co.</i> )  | Confluence of Laurel Run to SR 0204 at New Berlin   | Rock bass   | 2 meals/month                               | Mercury               |
| Pine Creek ( <i>Tioga Co.</i> )  | Confluence of Painter Run to confluence of Fourmile Run near Colton Point State Park            | Smallmouth bass   | 2 meals/month                               | Mercury               |
| Sinnemahoning Creek ( <i>Clinton and Cameron Co.</i> )   | Confluence of Lower Jerry Run to mouth  | Smallmouth bass   | 2 meals/month                               | Mercury               |
| Sugar Creek ( <i>Bradford Co.</i> )  | Confluence of Bailey Run to mouth   | Smallmouth bass   | 2 meals/month                               | Mercury               |
| Sunfish Pond ( <i>Bradford Co.</i> )   | Entire pond   | Largemouth bass, Yellow perch   | 2 meals/month                               | Mercury               |
| Susquehanna River ( <i>Susquehanna Co.</i> )   | 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 ( <i>Bradford and Wyoming Co.</i> )  | NY border above Sayre to PA Route 92 bridge at Falls  | Walleye<br>Channel catfish  | 1 meal/month<br>1 meal/month                | Mercury<br>PCB        |
| Susquehanna River ( <i>Wyoming, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Columbia, Northumberland, and Montour Co.</i> ) | PA Route 92 bridge at Falls to confluence with West Br.   | Smallmouth bass<br>All suckers<br>Channel catfish, Quillback, Carp, and Walleye | 2 meals/month<br>Do Not Eat<br>1 meal/month | Mercury<br>PCB<br>PCB |
| Tioga River ( <i>Tioga Co.</i> )   | Confluence of Crooked Creek to PA/NY border   | Smallmouth bass   | 2 meals/month                               | Mercury               |
| Towanda Creek ( <i>Bradford Co.</i> )  | Confluence of Schrader Creek to mouth   | Smallmouth bass   | 2 meals/month                               | Mercury               |
| Trindle Spring Run ( <i>locally Silver Spring Run</i> ) ( <i>Cumberland Co.</i> )                    | Silver Spring Meeting House to mouth (approx. 1 mile)   | Rainbow trout   | 1 meal/month                                | PCB                   |
| Tunkhannock Creek ( <i>Wyoming Co.</i> )   | Confluence of South Branch to mouth   | Smallmouth bass   | 2 meals/month                               | Mercury               |
| Tuscarora Creek ( <i>Juniata Co.</i> )   | SR 3008 bridge above Port Royal to mouth  | Smallmouth bass   | 2 meals/month                               | Mercury               |
| West Branch Susquehanna River ( <i>Clinton, Lycoming, Union, and Northumberland Co.</i> )            | Bald Eagle Creek to I-80 bridge   | Channel catfish   | 1 meal/month                                | PCB                   |
| West Conewago Creek ( <i>York Co.</i> )  | SR 0295 bridge to mouth   | Smallmouth bass   | 2 meals/month                               | Mercury               |
| White Deer Creek ( <i>Union Co.</i> )  | I-80 bridge to mouth  | Brown trout   | 2 meals/month                               | Mercury               |
| Wyalusing Creek ( <i>Bradford Co.</i> )  | SR 0706 bridge at Campdown to mouth   | Smallmouth bass   | 2 meals/month                               | Mercury               |
| Yellow Breeches Creek ( <i>Cumberland Co.</i> )  | SR 3017 bridge at Huntsdale to confluence of Spruce Run   | White sucker, Brown trout   | 1 meal/month                                | PCB                   |

## OHIO RIVER BASIN

| <i>Water Body</i>   | <i>Area Under Advisory</i>                                      | <i>Species</i>                             | <i>Meal Frequency</i>                      | <i>Contaminant</i>    |
|---|---|--|--|-----------------------|
| Allegheny River ( <i>McKean Co.</i> )                                     | Confluence of Potato Creek to PA/NY border                      | Smallmouth bass                            | 1 meal/month                               | Mercury               |
| Allegheny Res. ( <i>Warren and McKean Co.</i> )                           | Entire lake   | Smallmouth bass                            | 2 meals/month                              | Mercury               |
| Allegheny River ( <i>Warren Co.</i> )                                     | Kinzua Dam to confluence of Morse Run                           | Walleye                                    | 2 meals/month                              | Mercury               |
| Allegheny River ( <i>Forest Co.</i> )                                     | Warren/Forest County line to confluence of Tubbs Run            | Walleye                                    | 2 meals/month                              | Mercury               |
| Allegheny River ( <i>Venango Co.</i> )                                    | Confl. of Sandy Ck to confluence of Witherup Rn at St. George   | Walleye                                    | 2 meals/month                              | Mercury               |
| Allegheny River ( <i>Armstrong Co.</i> )                                  | Pool 6 - Lock & Dam 7 to Lock & Dam 6                           | Carp                                       | 1 meal/month                               | PCB                   |
| Allegheny River ( <i>Allegheny Co.</i> )                                  | From Lock & Dam 3 to the Point in Pittsburgh                    | Carp, Channel catfish                      | 1 meal/month                               | PCB                   |
| Beaver River ( <i>Lawrence &amp; Beaver Co.</i> )                         | Confl. of Mahoning and Shenango Rivers to New Brighton Dam      | Carp, Channel catfish<br>Smallmouth Bass   | 6 meals/year<br>1 meal/month               | PCB                   |
| Beaver River ( <i>Beaver Co.</i> )  | New Brighton Dam to mouth                                       | Carp, Channel catfish                      | Do Not Eat                                 | PCB                   |
| Beaver Run Reservoir ( <i>Westmoreland Co.</i> )                          | Entire lake   | Largemouth bass                            | 2 meals/month                              | Mercury               |
| Brokenstraw Creek ( <i>Warren Co.</i> )                                   | Confluence of Little Brokenstraw Creek to mouth                 | Golden rehorse                             | 2 meals/month                              | Mercury               |
| Chartiers Creek ( <i>Allegheny &amp; Washington Co.</i> )                 | Canonsburg to mouth   | Largemouth bass<br>Carp<br>Smallmouth bass | 1 meal/month<br>Do Not Eat<br>6 meals/year | PCB, Chlordane<br>PCB |
| Clarion River ( <i>Clarion Co.</i> )                                      | Confl. of Canoe Creek above Callensburg to confl. of Turkey Run | Walleye                                    | 2 meals/month                              | Mercury               |
| Conemaugh R. ( <i>Indiana &amp; Westmoreland Co.</i> )                    | Conemaugh Lake dam to mouth                                     | Carp                                       | 1 meal/month                               | PCB                   |
| Conewago Creek ( <i>Warren Co.</i> )                                      | NY/PA border to mouth   | Smallmouth bass                            | 2 meals/month                              | Mercury               |
| Conneaut Lake ( <i>Crawford Co.</i> )                                     | Entire lake   | Largemouth bass                            | 2 meals/month                              | Mercury               |
| Dunkard Creek ( <i>Greene Co.</i> )                                       | Confluence of Toms Run to confluence of Roberts Run             | Largemouth bass                            | 2 meals/month                              | Mercury               |
| Dunkard Creek ( <i>Greene Co.</i> )                                       | SR 2021 bridge to mouth   | Smallmouth bass                            | 2 meals/month                              | Mercury               |
| East Branch Lake ( <i>E. Br. Clarion R.</i> ) ( <i>Elk Co.</i> )          | Entire lake   | Smallmouth bass                            | 2 meals/month                              | Mercury               |
| Eaton Reservoir ( <i>Erie Co.</i> )                                       | Entire lake   | Largemouth bass<br>Walleye                 | 2 meals/month                              | Mercury               |
| Edinboro Lake ( <i>Erie Co.</i> )   | Entire lake   | Largemouth bass                            | 2 meals/month                              | Mercury               |
| French Creek ( <i>Erie, Crawford, Mercer, &amp; Venango Co.</i> )         | Entire basin  | Smallmouth bass                            | 2 meals/month                              | Mercury               |
| Lake LeBoeuf ( <i>Erie Co.</i> )  | Entire lake   | Largemouth bass<br>Muskellunge, Carp       | 1 meal/month                               | Mercury               |
| Lake Pleasant ( <i>Erie Co.</i> )   | Entire lake   | Largemouth bass                            | 1 meal/month                               | Mercury               |
| Mahoning River ( <i>Lawrence Co.</i> )                                    | Entire portion in PA  | Carp                                       | 6 meals/year                               | PCB                   |
| Monongahela River ( <i>Fayette &amp; Greene Co.</i> )                     | Point Marion Lock & Dam to Grays Landing Lock & Dam             | Carp                                       | 1 meal/month                               | PCB                   |
| Monongahela River ( <i>Fayette &amp; Washington Co.</i> )                 | Pool 4 - Maxwell Lock & Dam to Lock & Dam 4                     | Channel catfish<br>Carp                    | Do Not Eat<br>1 meal/month                 | Chlordane<br>PCB      |
| Monongahela River ( <i>Allegheny, Washington &amp; Westmoreland Co.</i> ) | Pool 3 - Lock & Dam 4 to Lock & Dam 3                           | Carp                                       | 1 meal/month                               | PCB                   |
| Monongahela River ( <i>Allegheny Co.</i> )                                | Pool 2 - Lock & Dam 3 to Lock & Dam 2                           | Carp                                       | 1 meal/month                               | PCB                   |
| Monongahela River ( <i>Allegheny Co.</i> )                                | From Lock & Dam 2 to the Point in Pittsburgh                    | Freshwater drum<br>Carp<br>Channel catfish | 6 meals/year<br>Do Not Eat<br>1 meal/month | PCB                   |

# FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY

| Water Body   | Area Under Advisory  | Species  | Meal Frequency | Contaminant |
|--|--|--|----------------|-------------|
| Ohio River ( <i>Allegheny and Beaver Co.</i> )         | From the Point in Pittsburgh to the Montgomery Lock and Dam  | Walleye, Sauger, White Bass, & Freshwater drum   | 1 meal/month   | PCB         |
| Ohio River   | From Montgomery Lock and Dam to the state border. Based on advisory issued by Ohio and West Virginia | Carp, Channel catfish  | Do Not Eat     |             |
|  |  | White bass, Hybrid-striped bass, Freshwater drum, & Walleye 17" and over                             | 1 meal/month   | PCB         |
|  |  | Flathead catfish   | 6 meals/year   |             |
|  |  | Channel catfish under 17"  | Do Not Eat     |             |
|  |  | Channel catfish over 17"   | Do Not Eat     |             |
|  |  | Carp   | Do Not Eat     |             |
| Oil Creek ( <i>Venango Co.</i> )                       | SR 1004 bridge at Petroleum Center to mouth  | Smallmouth bass  | 1 meal/month   | Mercury     |
| Shenango River ( <i>Mercer &amp; Lawrence Co.</i> )    | Shenango Lake dam to mouth   | Muskellunge, Carp  | Do Not Eat     | PCB         |
|  |  | Largemouth bass, Smallmouth bass, Walleye, Bluegill, Crappie, Sunfish, Channel catfish, White sucker | 1 meal/month   |             |
| Sugar Lake ( <i>Crawford Co.</i> )                     | Entire lake  | Largemouth bass  | 2 meals/month  | Mercury     |
| Tamarack Lake ( <i>Crawford Co.</i> )                  | Entire lake  | Muskellunge  | 1 meal/month   | Mercury     |
|  |  | Walleye  | 2 meals/month  |             |
| Thorn Creek ( <i>Butler Co.</i> )                      | Source to SR 2012 bridge at Frazier Mill   | Trout  | 2 meals/month  | Mercury     |
| Tionesta Creek ( <i>Warren and Forest Co.</i> )        | SR 0666 bridge at Henrys Mills to Tionesta Res. dam  | Smallmouth bass, Golden redhorse   | 2 meals/month  | Mercury     |
| Traverse Creek ( <i>Beaver Co.</i> )                   | Source to dam in Raccoon State Park  | Largemouth bass  | 2 meals/month  | Mercury     |
| Tunungwant Creek ( <i>McKean Co.</i> )                 | Confluence of East and West Branches to PA/NY border   | Carp   | 2 meals/month  | Mercury     |
| West Branch Caldwell Creek ( <i>Warren Co.</i> )       | Entire basin   | Brown trout  | 2 meals/month  | Mercury     |
| Youghiogheny R. Lake ( <i>Fayette/Somerset Co.</i> )   | Entire lake  | Smallmouth bass, Walleye   | 2 meals/month  | Mercury     |
| Youghiogheny River ( <i>Fayette and Somerset Co.</i> ) | 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 ( <i>Erie Co.</i> )      | Open waters                    | Walleye under 23"  | 2 meals/month  | Mercury     |
|                                    |                                | Walleye over 23", Coho salmon*, Steelhead* (Rainbow trout), Smallmouth bass, White perch, White bass, Lake whitefish, Carp under 20", Freshwater drum, Lake trout, & Channel catfish | 1 meal/month   | PCB         |
|                                    |                                | Carp over 20"  | Do Not Eat     |             |
| Lake Erie ( <i>Erie Co.</i> )      | Presque Isle Bay               | Smallmouth bass, Northern pike, White perch, Freshwater drum, Bowfin, Carp, Coho salmon*, & Steelhead* (Rainbow Trout)   | 1 meal/month   | PCB         |
| Conneaut Creek ( <i>Erie Co.</i> ) | 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 elsewhere, should be treated as Lake Erie fish.

## POTOMAC RIVER BASIN

| Water Body   | Area Under Advisory                          | Species         | Meal Frequency | Contaminant |
|--|--|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Licking Creek ( <i>Fulton &amp; Franklin Co.</i> ) | Confluence of Big Cove Creek to PA/MD border | Smallmouth bass | 2 meals/month  | Mercury     |
| Meadow Grounds Lake ( <i>Fulton Co.</i> )          | Entire lake                                  | Walleye         | 2 meals/month  | Mercury     |

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**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.

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## STOP AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

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, rusty crayfish, ruffe, round goby, and tubenose goby.**

Aquatic nuisance species (ANS) are aquatic animals and plants that have been introduced into waterways in which they do not live naturally. They have harmful effects on the natural resources in these ecosystems and the human uses of these resources. **Some other least-wanted ANS in Pennsylvania are European ruffe, sea lamprey, hydrilla, spiny water flea, purple loosestrife, Eurasian watermilfoil, Asian clam, and red-eared slider (turtle).**

Help prevent the spread of ANS by doing the following:

- When retrieving your boat for the day, check your boat, motor, and trailer for weeds and other items "tagging along."
- Wash your boat's hull with hot water or with a high-pressure spray.
- Drain livewells, bilges, other compartments, and all standing water from the boat.
- Don't dump leftover bait into the water you're fishing, unless you collected the bait there.

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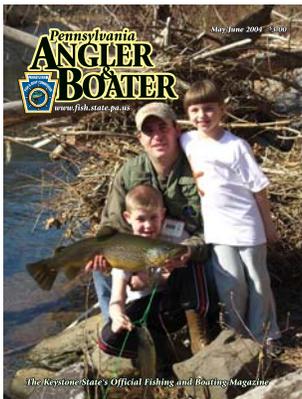
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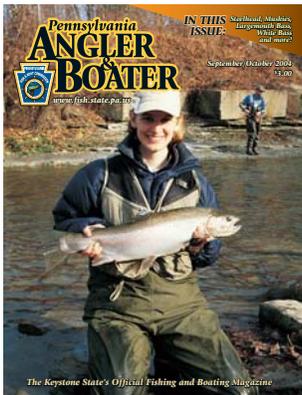


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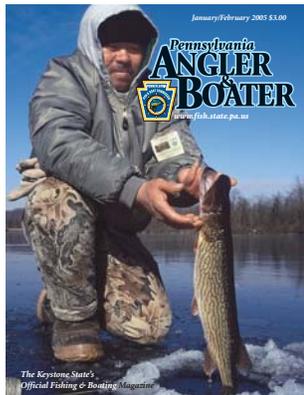
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