

COMMONWEALTH INLAND WATERS-2017

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

Species	Seasons	Daily Limit	Minimum Size
ALL SPECIES OF TROUT AND SALMON Additional regulations may apply - see Trout Regulations for stream sections that are both Stocked Waters and Class A Wild Trout Waters.	Regional Opening Day of Trout Season* April 1 at 8 a.m. - Sept. 4 (only 18 southeastern PA counties)	5 (combined species) streams, lakes and ponds	7 inches
	Regular Season - April 15 at 8 a.m. - Sept. 4		
	Extended Season: Stocked trout waters and all waters downstream of stocked trout waters. Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 and Sept. 5 - Dec. 31	3 (combined species)	7 inches
	Extended Season: Class A wild trout stream sections. Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 and Sept. 5 - Dec. 31	NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only Class A stream listing: http://www.fishandboat.com/classa.pdf	
BASS-LAKES Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Additional regulations may apply.	Jan. 1 - April 14 and Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	4 (combined species)	15 inches
	April 15 - June 16	NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted)	
	June 17 - Oct. 31	6 (combined species)	12 inches
BASS-RIVERS AND STREAMS Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Additional regulations may apply.	Jan. 1 - April 14 and Oct. 1 - Dec. 31	4 (combined species)	15 inches
	April 15 - June 16	NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted)	
	June 17 - Sept. 30	6 (combined species)	12 inches
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge**	Open year-round	1 (combined species)	40 inches
Pickereel**	Open year-round	4	18 inches
Northern Pike**	Open year-round	2	24 inches
Walleye and Saugeye (Hybrid)	Jan. 1 - March 14 and May 6 - Dec. 31	6	15 inches
Sauger	Jan. 1 - March 14 and May 6 - Dec. 31	6	12 inches
American Shad***	Open year-round	3	No minimum
American Shad	Open year-round - Lehigh River, Schuylkill River***and tributaries	NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only	
American Shad and River Herring***		CLOSED YEAR-ROUND - Susquehanna River and tributaries	
Hickory Shad***		CLOSED YEAR-ROUND	
Herring and Gizzard Shad	Open year-round	50 (combined species)	No minimum
American Eel	Open year-round	25	9 inches
Striped Bass and Striped Bass/White Bass Hybrids	Open year-round	2 (combined species)	20 inches
Sunfish, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Crappies, Catfish, Rock Bass, Suckers, Carp, White Bass, Bowfin and other gamefish not otherwise listed. Additional regulations may apply - see Panfish Enhancements Special Regulations.	Open year-round	50 (combined species)	No minimum
Baitfish/Fishbait****(except Mudbugs/Includes Crayfish)	Open year-round	50 (combined species)	No minimum
Mudbugs (Dragonfly Nymphs)	Open year-round	Unlimited if taken from lake, ponds, swamps and adjacent areas. 50 per day if taken from moving waters. (rivers and streams)	No minimum
Mussels/Clams and Paddlefish, Spotted Gar and other threatened and endangered species.		CLOSED YEAR-ROUND	

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

* Includes only those waters in 18 southeastern PA counties and four waters crossing from those counties listed in the Regional Opening Day of Trout Season Program.

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

*** Unlawful to take, catch or kill American Shad, in the Susquehanna River and all its tributaries. River Herring (Alewife and Blueback Herring) has a closed year-round season with zero daily limit applied to Susquehanna River and tributaries, Lehigh River and tributaries, Schuylkill River and tributaries, West Branch Delaware River, Delaware River, Delaware estuary, Delaware River tributaries upstream to the limit of the tidal influence, and Conowingo Reservoir. **** Lehigh River upstream of the first dam in Easton, Pennsylvania and its tributaries and the Schuylkill River upstream of the I-95 Bridge and its tributaries.

NOTES: 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.

For bass regulations, power dam pools and recreational dam pools on the Susquehanna River and navigational dam pools on the Ohio River drainage are "rivers." It is unlawful to conduct a fishing tournament on the North Branch, West Branch or main stem of the Susquehanna River that allows a tournament angler to harvest bass. Stocked trout waters are closed to fishing from March 1 to the opening day of the regular trout season in April, unless included in the Regional Opening Day of Trout Season Program or Stocked Trout Waters open to Year-Round Fishing Program.

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.

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

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

2017 Mentored Youth Trout Days: March 25 (regional) and April 8 (statewide)

Take part in the Commission's Mentored Youth Trout Days. With a free Mentored Youth Permit or the purchase of a Voluntary Youth Fishing License, youth under the age of 16 can join a mentor (adult) angler who has a current fishing license and trout permit to fish on Saturday, March 25 on stocked trout waters within the 18 southeastern county region. Youth and mentors can also fish on stocked trout waters statewide on Saturday, April 8.

Pennsylvania's Best Fishing Waters is a program established by the Commission, using the expertise and knowledge of its fisheries biologists, to highlight statewide locations for different categories of fish to assist anglers in knowing the prime fishing hotspots.

www.PaBestFishing.com

CONVENIENT MULTI-YEAR FISHING

Anglers can purchase a license for three years, five years or ten years with just one purchase. That's right, no more remembering at the last minute to buy a license before opening day or that weekend fishing opportunity with friends and family. To order and for more information on licenses, including receiving a free subscription to the digital version of Pennsylvania Angler & Boater magazine:

www.GoneFishingPa.com



In addition to information provided in this guide, check your Pennsylvania Fishing Summary for more information.



2017 Seasons, Sizes and Creel Limits

Reel in the Memories!



Purchase your fishing license at one of more than 900 issuing agents or online and be ready for the state's two trout openers on April 1 (18 southeastern counties) and April 15 (regular opening day for trout statewide).

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www.GoneFishingPa.com

BIG BASS WATERS

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

Waters Governed by These Regulations

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

Carbon	Mauch Chunk Lake
Chester	Chambers Lake
Chester	Marsh Creek Lake (State Park)
Clarion	Kahle Lake
Crawford	Sugar Lake
ayette	Indian Creek Reservoir (Mill Run Reservoir)
ayette	Bridgeport Reservoir
ndiana	elow Creek Lake (State Park)
efferson	Kyle Lake
Lackawanna	Lackawanna Lake (State Park)
Luerne	rances Slocum Lake (State Park)
Luerne	Harris Pond
Luerne	Lily Lake
Lycoming	Rose alley Lake
Mercer	Shenango River Lake
Monroe	Bradys Lake
Monroe Wayne	ouldsboro Lake
Montour	Lake Chillis ua ue
Northampton	Minsi Lake

Perry	Little Buffalo Lake (Holman Lake)
Somerset	Lake Somerset
Somerset	uemahoning Reservoir
e nango	Two Mile Run Reservoir (ustus Lake)
Washington	Cross Creek Lake
Washington	Peters Twp Lake (Res)
Wayne	Lower Woods Pond (partial drawdown)
Westmoreland	Bridgeport Reservoir
Westmoreland	ndian Lake
Westmoreland	Keystone Lake (State Park)
Westmoreland	Twin Lakes Number n e Reservoir (lower)
Westmoreland	Mammoth Dam
Westmoreland	Northmoreland Lake
Westmoreland	Twin Lake Number Two Reservoir (upper)
Wyoming	Stevens Lake
o rk	Lake Marburg (Codorus State Park)
o rk	Lake Redman
o rk	Lake Williams
o rk	Pinchot Lake (State Park)

SMALLMOUTH AND LARGEMOUTH BASS CATCH AND RELEASE

Counties	Waters	Season/Special Regulations
Cumberland, Dauphin, Juniata, Lancaster, Northumberland, Perry, Snyder, York	Susquehanna River (98.0 miles) from the inflatable dam near Sunbury downstream to Holtwood Dam, including all tributaries to a point 1/2 mile upstream from the confluence.	From 12:01 a.m. on May 1 through June 16: CLOSED SEASON, NO TOURNAMENTS. During the closed season, it is unlawful to target or attempt to catch bass. A bass that is accidentally caught during the closed season must be immediately released unharmed without being removed from the water. It is unlawful to possess bass in, on or along these waters.
Dauphin, Juniata, Perry	Juniata River (31.7 miles) from SR0075 bridge at Port Royal downstream to the mouth, including all tributaries to a point 1/2 mile upstream from the confluence.	Remainder of the year: NO HARVEST CATCH AND IMMEDIATE RELEASE ONLY; catch-measure-immediate release tournaments only.

See **WATER POLLUTION** or **POACHING? REPORT IT!**
PFBC TOLL-FREE HOTLINE 855-FISH-KIL

WHO MUST WEAR A LIFE JACKET?

- Children 12 years of age and younger on Commonwealth waters when underway on 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 less than 16 feet in length and in all canoes and kayaks.
- All water skiers and anyone towed behind vessels, personal watercraft (PWC) operators and passengers and sailboarders (windsurfers). Inflatable life jackets are not acceptable for these activities.
- From November 1 through April 30**, boaters are required by law to wear life jackets on boats less than 16 feet in length or any canoe or kayak.

www.WearItPennsylvania.com

PENNSYLVANIA FISHING LICENSE BUTTON



These annual buttons are available to all current adult and youth customers who possess a valid Pennsylvania fishing license that enables them to fish for the entire year. Lifetime Senior License and Multi-Year License holders can also purchase the buttons. These buttons are NOT required by law, and they are an optional purchase. **The fee is \$5.00 per button.** Use of a valid Pennsylvania Fishing License Button meets the fishing license display requirement as long as the angler has a license certificate in their possession.

STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are plants and animals that have been introduced into new ecosystems and have environmental, recreational, economic or health impacts. These invaders may damage equipment and compete with native species. Anglers and boaters may unknowingly introduce AIS into new waters. Go to www.fishandboat.com for more information.



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BERKS COUNTY

Tulpehocken Creek
1.84 miles; from the SR 3008 Bridge (Reber's Road Bridge) downstream to the T-921 (covered bridge)

CAMBRIA COUNTY

Chest Creek
1.8 miles; from the northern Patton borough line downstream to the SR 4022 Bridge at Thomas Mills

CHESTER COUNTY

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

DAUPHIN COUNTY

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

FULTON COUNTY

Big Cove Creek
.93 mile; from 200 yards downstream of the SR 0928 Bridge downstream to the lower Buchanan State Forest boundary

LACKAWANNA/WYOMING COUNTIES

South Branch Tunkhannock Creek
.99 mile; from SR 6 downstream through Keystone College campus

LAWRENCE COUNTY

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

LUZERNE COUNTY

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

LYCOMING COUNTY

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

MCKEAN COUNTY,

Kinzua Creek
2.29 miles; from SR 219 at Tallyho downstream to Camp Run

POTTER COUNTY

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

SOMERSET COUNTY

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

VENANGO COUNTY

Oil Creek
1.55 miles; from bridge at Petroleum Center downstream to railroad bridge at Columbia Farm

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

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