











# 2005 Seasons, Sizes and

## COMMONWEALTH INLAND WATERS

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

Species	Seasons	Minimum Size	Daily Limit	
<b>ALL SPECIES OF TROUT AND SALMON</b> 	Regular Season - April 16 at 8 a.m. through Sept. 5	7 inches	5 - Streams, lakes & ponds (combined species)	
	<i>Extended Season:</i> Streams listed as approved trout waters and all waters downstream of streams listed as Approved Trout Waters plus Approved Trout Water lakes and ponds, Jan. 1 through Feb. 28 and Sept. 6 through Dec. 31	7 inches	3 (combined species)	
<b>BASS-LAKES</b> Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted  <small>Additional regulations may apply - see Big Bass Regulations</small>	Jan. 1 through April 15 and Nov. 1 through Dec. 31	15 inches	4 (combined species)	
	April 16 through June 17	<b>NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted)</b>		
	June 18 through Oct. 31	12 inches	6 (combined species)	
<b>BASS-RIVERS AND STREAMS</b> Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted  <small>Additional regulations may apply - see Big Bass Regulations</small>	Jan. 1 through April 15 and Oct. 1 through Dec. 31	15 inches	4 (combined species)	
	April 16 through June 17	<b>NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted)</b>		
	June 18 through Sept. 30	12 inches	6 (combined species)	
<b>Muskellunge and Muskellunge Hybrids</b> <b>Pickereel*</b> <b>Pike-Northern and Amur</b> <b>Walleye and Hybrids (Saugeye)</b> <b>Sauger</b>	 Jan. 1 through March 14 and May 7 through Dec. 31	30 inches	2 (combined species)	
		15 inches	6	
		24 inches	2 (combined species)	
		15 inches	6	
		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 Susquehanna River and tributaries</b>			
Hickory Shad **	<b>CLOSED YEAR-ROUND</b>			
Herring, Gizzard Shad **	Open year-round	No minimum	50 (combined species)	
American Eel	Open year-round	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 <small>Additional regulations may apply</small>	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.

\* During the period from January 1 through March 14 and December 1 through December 31, the daily limit of pickereel is three.

\*\* 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 R. 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. The list of approved trout waters begins on page 27.

**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.

# and Creel Limits

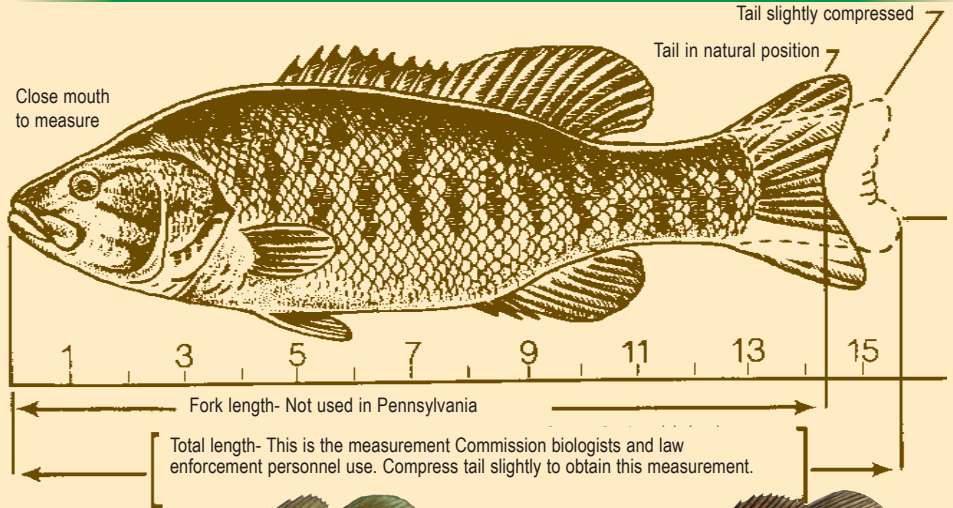
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## BIG BASS PROGRAM- SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Special regulations affecting bass fishing have been established on selected Commonwealth waters. The 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 15 and Oct. 1 through Dec. 31	18 inches	2 (combined species)
April 16 through June 17	NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted)	
June 18 through Sept. 30	15 inches	4 (combined species)



## LAKES

Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Jan. 1 through April 15 and June 18 through Dec. 31	15 inches	4 (combined species)
April 16 through June 17	NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted)	



## Waters Governed by These Regulations

County	Water
Allegheny/ Westmoreland	Allegheny River, Pool 3, from Lock and Dam #4 at Natrona downstream to and including Lock and Dam #3 at Acmetonia
Allegheny	Upper, Middle and Lower Deer Lakes
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 Creek 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
Cumberland	Opossum Lake*
Cumberland	Susquehanna River**
Dauphin	Susquehanna River**
Fayette	Mill Run Reservoir
Greene	Duke Lake*
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 Snyder/Holtwood Dam upstream to the inflatable dam near Sunbury

\*\*\*Juniata River (31.7 miles) from SR 0075 bridge at Port Royal downstream to mouth