

## Permits for Private Markers, Aids to Navigation

The number of floats, ski ramps, slalom courses, aids, markers and other floating objects on Pennsylvania waters is increasing, but it is illegal to place these devices unless the Fish & Boat Commission authorizes their use and placement.

In accordance with current boating regulations, requests to establish private markers or aids to navigation on Commonwealth waterways by clubs, individuals, state agencies, municipalities and other groups must be made in writing on Form PFBC-277. Written requests must be made to the Commission.

Float permits (Form PFBC-277) may be obtained by writing to: Aids-to-Navigation Coordinator, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000; or call 717-705-7833. Form PFBC-277 can also be downloaded for printing from the Commission's web site, [www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us). On the main page's left side, click "Forms," and under the heading "Other Boating" click "Aids to Navigation Permits."

## High-Priority Habitat Conservation Projects

Fish & Boat Commission Executive Director Dr. Douglas Austen and Pennsylvania Game Commission Executive Director Carl G. Roe recently announced that conservation partners have until noon on Wednesday, May 31, 2006, to submit applications to receive federally funded grants for high-priority habitat conservation projects for endangered, threatened and at-risk species across Pennsylvania.

Prospective conservation partners can obtain more information and an application packet by visiting the Fish & Boat Commission's Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) web page. This web page can be reached by going to the Commission web site, [www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us), clicking on "About the PFBC" in the left-hand column, choosing "Grants Programs," and selecting Landowner Incentive Program. The agencies anticipate that project selections will be made by mid-June and that contracts will be finalized by late summer 2006.

These federal dollars are made available to the two agencies through LIP, which is administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. LIP is designed to protect critical habitats, such as wetlands, stream buffers, grasslands, and old-growth and mature forests.

"We must continue to work closely with our conservation partners across the Commonwealth to come up with the best projects to provide long-term conservation benefits to natural resources," Austen said. "This program provides us with an important opportunity to address critical habitat needs."

Roe noted that both independent agencies are funded primarily by sportsmen's dollars, but that they are responsible for management of all species, both game and nongame.

"Our agencies were created more than one hundred years ago because sportsmen—those who hunt, trap and fish—recognized the need for conservation of our natural resources," Roe said. "Over the years, those same sportsmen have stepped up to the plate to fully fund all wildlife conservation programs for both game and nongame species. Due to our limited streams of funding, programs for nongame species have not risen to the top of the list."

"However, federal programs such as LIP help our agencies direct monies to conservation programs for those species that face the greatest challenges due to habitat loss."

## Fishin' from the Kitchen

### Caesar Salad with Lemony Smallmouth Bass

by Wayne Phillips

Crunchy Romaine lettuce, zingy Caesar dressing and lemony smallmouth bass are a terrific combination of flavors and textures.

#### Ingredients for four servings

- ✓ Enough boneless smallmouth bass fillets, cut into strips, for four
- ✓ 1 large head Romaine lettuce, washed and carefully dried
- ✓ 1 lemon, zest and juice
- ✓ Flour, seasoned with salt and black pepper
- ✓ 1 cup croutons

#### Caesar dressing:

- ✓ 1 egg, yolk only or whole egg
- ✓ 1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
- ✓ 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- ✓ 3-4 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- ✓ 1 small clove garlic crushed to a paste
- ✓ 3 anchovy fillets
- ✓ Few drops of your favorite hot sauce
- ✓ One-half cup freshly ground parmesan cheese
- ✓ One-half cup extra virgin olive oil

#### Procedure

Tear romaine lettuce into bite-size pieces. Add all ingredients of dressing, except olive oil, to a blender or food processor. Pulse until well-blended. Slowly drizzle in olive oil while machine is running. Toss romaine lettuce in dressing. Coat fish strips with seasoned flour. Sauté in vegetable oil until golden and crisp.

#### Serve

Serve dressed salad in large shallow bowls. Sprinkle on the croutons and remaining one-quarter cup parmesan cheese. Scatter pieces of smallmouth bass on top. Garnish with strips of lemon zest.

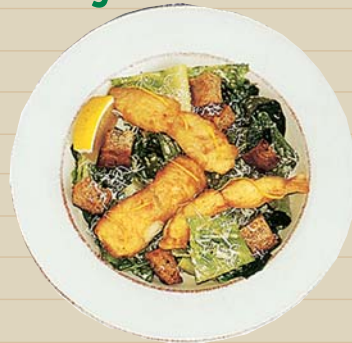


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