

# Pennsylvania's

# BIGGEST BUCKETMOUTHS:

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## When, Where and How Anglers Caught Them

The Fish & Boat Commission recorded 24 Senior Angler Awards and 20 Catch & Release Awards for largemouth bass caught in 2006. The biggest of these bass was a 10-pound, 4-ouncer caught in July on a scented bait in Pymatuning Lake.

Anglers made nearly year-round qualifying largemouth bass catches: In March, 4; in April, 6; May, 2; June, 3; July, 8; August, 8; September, 7; October, 4; and November, 2. The Commission received no Senior Angler or Catch & Release award applications for largemouths caught in January, February or December.

Four catches were made in Lake Arthur; 3 catches each

### Bass Resources

For a wealth of largemouth bass information, visit the Commission web site's "PA Bruise Brothers" pages on black bass, including largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass. Go to [www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us) and in the search area enter "bruise." Or type this direct link into your browser: [http://sites.state.pa.us/PA\\_Exec/Fish\\_Boat/bass.htm](http://sites.state.pa.us/PA_Exec/Fish_Boat/bass.htm).

were made in Lake Wilhelm and Cross Creek Lake; 2 catches each, Minsi Lake, Beltzville Lake and Shohola Lake; and one catch each in Buzzard Swamp, Canoe Lake, Cedar Lake, Chapman Lake, Cranberry Glade Lake, Dunlap Lake, Fay-

### Angler Awards

This award information includes only Senior Angler Awards and Catch & Release Awards for fish caught in 2006. The Commission Angler Award Program also includes First Fish, Junior Angler and Husky Musky awards.

Senior and Junior Angler awards have minimum qualifying weights. Catch & Release awards have minimum qualifying lengths. For Angler Award Program details, and to view, download or print Angler Award rules and applications, visit the Commission's web site, [www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us). On the main page's left side, hold your cursor over "Fish," and click on "Pennsylvania Fishes." Then navigate to "Angler Award Program." The Commission processes more than 1,200 Angler Awards annually.

On the "Pennsylvania Fishes" page you'll also see a link to "State Record Fish," which includes details on state-record fish catches and rules, instructions for anglers and applications for state-record fish designation.

Also on the "Pennsylvania Fishes" page check Part III of the "Weight-Length Estimators." You can use this handy chart to estimate the weight of bass and other fish you catch after determining the fish's length.



lor Lake, Hills Creek Lake, Dunlap Creek Lake, Green Lane Reservoir, Kahle Lake, Lackawanna State Park Lake, Lake Erie, Lake Meade, Leaser Lake, Little Chartiers Creek, Memorial Lake, Muddy Run Recreation Lake, Northmoreland Park Lake, Lake Ontelaunee, and Pymatuning Lake. Several other locations weren't identified.

Three bass were in the 4-pound range, 15 bass were in the 5-pound range, 4 bass were in the 6-pound range, and 5 bass were in the 7-pound range. All of the fish were between 20 inches and 23.75 inches long.

Five fish took minnows, 15 fish went for crankbaits, 6 bass hit plastic worms, 7 bass hit jigs, and 2 bass took spinnerbaits. The other lures or baits weren't identified. ☐