




2008 Seasons, Sizes, and Creel Limits

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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
 ALL SPECIES OF TROUT AND SALMON <small>Additional regulations may apply - see Trout Regulations</small>	Regional Opening Day of Trout Season* - March 29 at 8 a.m. through Sept. 1 (only 18 southeastern PA counties)	7 inches	5-streams, lakes, and ponds (combined species)
	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. Jan. 1 through Feb. 29 and Sept. 2 through Dec. 31	7 inches	3 (combined species)
BASS-LAKES Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted <small>Additional regulations may apply - see Big Bass Regulations</small>	Jan. 1 through April 11 and Nov. 1 through Dec. 31	15 inches	4 (combined species)
	April 12 through June 13	NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted)	
BASS-RIVERS AND STREAMS Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted <small>Additional regulations may apply - see Big Bass Regulations</small>	Jan. 1 through April 11 and Oct. 1 through Dec. 31	15 inches	4 (combined species)
	April 12 through June 13	NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted)	
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge**	Open year-round	40 inches	1 (combined species)
Pickereel**		18 inches	4
Northern Pike**		24 inches	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		CLOSED YEAR-ROUND Susquehanna River and tributaries	
Hickory Shad ***		CLOSED YEAR-ROUND	
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 - see Panfish Enhancement Special Regulations</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		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 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."

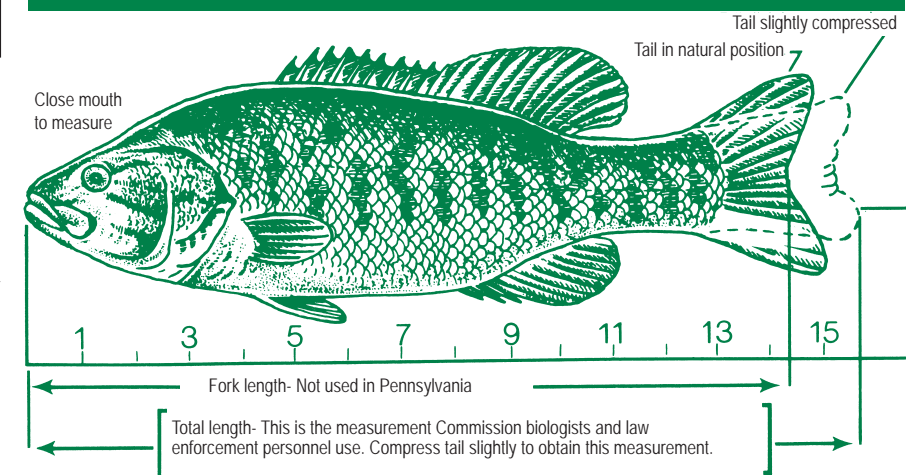
NOTE: Approved trout waters are closed to fishing from March 1 to the opening day of the regular trout season in April, unless included in the Early Season Trout-Stocked Waters Program or Regional Opening Day of Trout Season Program.

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	NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted)	
June 14 through Sept. 30	15 inches	4 (combined species)

Smallmouth Bass

Spotted Bass

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	NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted)	

Largemouth Bass

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