

CHAPTER 61. SEASONS, SIZES AND CREEL LIMITS

§ 61.1. Commonwealth inland waters.

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(d) Except as otherwise provided in this subpart, the following seasons, sizes and creel limits apply to inland waters of this Commonwealth and the Youghiogheny Reservoir:

<i>SPECIES</i>	<i>SEASONS</i>	<i>MINIMUM SIZE</i>	<i>DAILY LIMIT</i>
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MUSKELLUNGE and MUSKELLUNGE HYBRIDS	[January 1 – March 14; and 12:01 a.m. first Saturday in May to midnight, December 31] <u>January 1 to midnight</u> <u>March 31 and 12:01 a.m.</u> <u>June 1 to midnight</u> <u>December 31</u>	[30 inches] <u>40 inches</u>	2 (combined species) <u>1</u>
	<u>12:01 a.m. April 1 to midnight May 31</u>	<u>NO HARVEST – Catch and immediate release only</u>	
PICKEREL[***]	[January 1 – March 14; and 12:01 a.m. first Saturday in May to midnight, December 31] <u>January 1 to midnight</u> <u>March 31 and 12:01 a.m.</u> <u>June 1 to midnight</u> <u>December 31</u>	[15 inches] <u>18 inches</u>	[6] <u>4</u>
	<u>12:01 a.m. April 1 to midnight May 31</u>	<u>NO HARVEST – Catch and immediate release only</u>	
[PIKE Northern Amur] <u>NORTHERN PIKE</u>	[January 1 – March 14; and 12:01 a.m. first Saturday in May to midnight, December 31] <u>January 1 to midnight</u> <u>March 31 and 12:01 a.m.</u> <u>June 1 to midnight</u> <u>December 31</u>	24 inches	2 [(combined species)]

	<u>12:01 a.m. April 1 to midnight May 31</u>	<u>NO HARVEST – Catch and immediate release only</u>	
WALLEYE and hybrids (Saugeye)	<u>January 1 – March 14; and 12:01 a.m. first Saturday in May to midnight, December 31</u>	15 inches	6
SAUGER		12 inches	6
AMERICAN SHAD [****] ***	* * *	* * *	* * *
HICKORY SHAD [****] ***	* * *	* * *	* * *
GIZZARD SHAD [****] ***	* * *	* * *	* * *
HERRING [****] ***	* * *	* * *	* * *
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*** [Note: During the period from 12:01 a.m. January 1 to midnight March 14 and 12:01 a.m. December 1 to midnight December 31, the daily limit of Pickerel is three.]

****] Note: Unlawful to take, catch or kill American shad, hickory shad and alewife and blueback herring (collectively known as river herring) in Susquehanna River and its tributaries. See §§61.4 and 61.7.

CHAPTER 65. SPECIAL FISHING REGULATIONS

§ 65.16. Musky Enhancement Program.

(a) The Executive Director, with the approval of the Commission, may designate waters as part of the Musky Enhancement Program. The designation of waters as part of the Musky Enhancement Program shall be effective when the waters are so posted after publication of a notice of designation in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

(b) It is unlawful to take, catch, kill or possess muskellunge or muskellunge hybrids on or in waters designated as part of the Musky Enhancement Program except in compliance with the following seasons and size and creel limits It is not a violation of this section if the muskellunge or muskellunge hybrid is immediately returned unharmed to the waters from which it is taken.

<i>Seasons</i>	<i>Size (in)</i>	<i>Creel Limit</i>
<u>January 1 to midnight March 31 and 12:01 a.m. June 1 to midnight December 31</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>12:01 a.m. April 1 to midnight May 31</u>	<u>NO HARVEST – Catch and immediate release only</u>	