

Notice
Temporary Changes to Fishing Regulations
Special Regulations Applicable to Lake Erie Tributary Streams

Currently, from the day after Labor Day until the opening day of trout season in April, all Lake Erie tributary streams are closed to fishing from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., except for Walnut Creek and Elk Creek north of Route 5. The Executive Director of the Fish and Boat Commission (Commission), acting under the authority of 58 Pa. Code §65.25 (relating to temporary changes to fishing regulations), has taken immediate action to amend the Commission's regulations at 58 Pa. Code §69.12a to prohibit fishing in Walnut Creek from Route 5 north to Manchester Road Bridge between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. As modified, the regulation states that "from 12:01 a.m. on the day after Labor Day, until the first Saturday after April 11 of the following year, all Lake Erie tributary streams are closed to fishing from 10:00 p.m. until 5 a.m. on the following day except for Walnut Creek north of Manchester Road Bridge and Elk Creek north of Route 5."

The Executive Director has found that this action is necessary and appropriate to conserve and preserve fishing opportunities, and the Executive Director will cause this temporary modification to be posted in the vicinity of the area affected. When so posted, the modified regulation will be fully effective and enforceable. This temporary modification will remain in effect until January 1, 2009, unless the Commission, by appropriate action, adopts the amendment. The Commission, under a separate notice of proposed rulemaking, will seek public comments on a permanent change to the Commission's fishing regulations.

FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION:

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