

VOLUNTARY PERMITS



Four Voluntary Permits were created in 2019. These optional permits provide anglers with an opportunity to provide financial support to specific programs and projects. Each is available as an annual, 3-year, 5-year, or 10-year permit.

Revenue from the sales of each permit are placed in a restricted account and will be used to support new efforts or expand

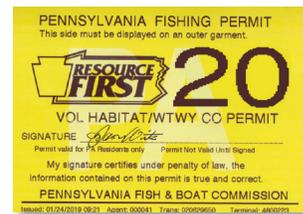
existing endeavors. Voluntary Permit funds collected in 2019 are being used in 2020 to fund the projects listed below. The willingness of every Voluntary Permit purchaser to contribute to furthering fishing and habitat conservation in Pennsylvania is greatly appreciated.

Voluntary Habitat/Waterways Conservation Permit

Annual Permit Cost: \$10 plus \$1.90 vendor fee

Revenue from this permit will be used to make improvements to stream, river, lake, and wetland habitats.

- **Buffalo Creek, Mifflinburg Borough, Union County, Childrens/Disabled Fishing Area instream habitat improvement (\$11,000)**
 - This project will complete the entire 2,200-foot section of the Childrens/Disabled Fishing Area. Total project cost is \$35,000. Voluntary Permit funds will contribute significantly to this project. Partners include the Union County Conservation District, Mifflinburg Borough, and private landowners.
- **First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek, Potter County, in Sinnemahoning State Park's Keystone Select Stocked Trout Waters section (\$10,000)**
 - The project will place 80 boulders ranging from 4 to 6 feet in diameter in groups of 3 or 4 to create approximately 20 to 24 boulder clusters and improve two parking areas to minimize run-off into the First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek.



Voluntary Musky Permit

Annual Permit Cost: \$10 plus \$1.90 vendor fee

Revenue from this permit will be used to provide additional support to the Commission's efforts to expand musky fishing.

- **Purchase minnows to feed the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission's (PFBC's) hatchery produced Musky fingerlings (\$5,000)**
 - Hatchery-reared Musky fingerlings are initially fed pelleted-food then shifted to a combination of pellets and minnows. Feeding of minnows increases growth rates and reinforces predatory behavior. Approximately 1,000 pounds of minnows will be purchased to improve feeding for approximately 30,000 Musky fingerlings.
- **Purchase an inline, water heating system for Linesville State Fish Hatchery (SFH) Musky production (\$11,000)**
 - Heated well water maximizes musky survival and growth but is limited at the Linesville State Fish Hatchery. One heater, costing \$11,000, will provide 20% more heated water for Musky culture at Linesville SFH, the PFBC's primary Musky producing hatchery.



Voluntary Bass Permit

Annual Permit Cost: \$10 plus \$1.90 vendor fee

Permit funds will be used to support the Commission's efforts related to the management of black bass fisheries.

- **Lake Arthur, Butler County, fish habitat improvement project (\$10,000)**
 - Lake Arthur is a 3,225-acre, high-profile bass tournament destination in Moraine State Park. This is a volunteer-scale habitat project involving state park staff, local middle school students, and local anglers overseen by the PFBC. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR) is contributing \$30,000 and will place 100 fish habitat structures in 2020.
- **Lake Marburg, York County, fish habitat improvement project (\$10,000)**
 - Lake Marburg is a 1,275-acre PA DCNR lake in Codorus State Park. A large-scale habitat project will add fish habitat, angler access, and stabilize an eroding lake shore. In addition, 20 shoreline trees will be cut and cabled. Funding of \$10,000 will allow staff to complete two projects in 2020.
- **Blue Marsh Lake, Berks County, fish habitat improvement project (\$5,000)**
 - Blue Marsh Lake is a 1,148-acre United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) impoundment in southeastern Pennsylvania. This is a new, volunteer-scale project including the USACE and local anglers with oversight by the PFBC. Approximately 50 structures will be placed in July or August 2020.
- **Woodcock Creek Lake, Crawford County, fish habitat improvement project (\$5,000)**
 - Woodcock Creek Lake is a 333-acre USACE impoundment in northwestern Pennsylvania. This volunteer-scale habitat project will include USACE, Crawford County Conservation District, and local anglers. Approximately 50 artificial fish habitat structures will be placed in 2020.
- **Bass Tournament Angler Human Dimensions Survey (\$5,000)**
 - A survey will be implemented in 2020 to obtain opinions and preferences of Pennsylvania's tournament bass anglers. This information will be used to assist Commission fisheries managers in better understanding and addressing the needs of tournament anglers.



Voluntary Wild Trout & Enhanced Waters Permit

Annual Permit Cost: \$25 plus \$1.90 vendor fee

This permit will be used to benefit wild trout and will not be used on stocked trout programs or projects.



- **Spruce Creek, Huntingdon County, habitat improvement for wild Brown Trout (\$20,000)**
 - Improve 800 feet of stream by installing 30 habitat structures and restore the riparian buffer. Project partners include the Huntingdon County Conservation District and Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.
- **Unassessed Wild Trout waters electrofishing surveys for wild Brook Trout in the Delaware River Basin and lower Susquehanna River Basin (\$12,000)**
 - Add groups of streams to the Unassessed Waters Initiative (UWI). Surveys will focus on wild Brook Trout. Funds will be granted to a UWI cooperator to survey 40 waters in 2020.
- **Upper Delaware River tributaries Passive Integrated Transponder tags and arrays to assess wild Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout Movements (\$10,000)**
 - Passive Integrated Transponder arrays will be placed into several streams to register movements of wild Brown Trout and wild Rainbow Trout, which possess tags implanted by the PFBC and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.
- **Culvert Removal on Ott Fork, Tiadaghton State Forest, Lycoming County (\$10,000)**
 - Five metal culverts will be removed at three locations. Connectivity will be restored to 4.3 stream miles in the Ott Fork drainage. Ott Fork is a mixed wild Brook Trout and wild Brown Trout stream linked to several Class A streams. Partners are PA DCNR and Trout Unlimited.
- **Portable power winches used in the placement of Large Woody Debris (LWD) (\$3,600)**
 - Portable power winches will allow staff to more effectively and safely position LWD in a stream channel, resulting in increased benefits to the streambank and aquatic organisms. Two portable winches costing \$1,800 each will be purchased and deployed to stream habitat section crews working on wild trout streams throughout Pennsylvania.



Buffalo Creek, Union County



Linesville State Fish Hatchery, Crawford County

2020 VOLUNTARY PERMITS

LICENSE YEAR

Voluntary Permits are designed to help maintain funding levels for several key fishing- related programs. Revenues generated from the sale of these permits will be reinvested into their respective program.

Type of Voluntary Permits	Cost*: 1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
Voluntary Bass Permit	\$11.90	\$31.90	\$51.90	\$101.90
Voluntary Musky Permit	\$11.90	\$31.90	\$51.90	\$101.90
Voluntary Habitat/Waterways Conservation Permit	\$11.90	\$31.90	\$51.90	\$101.90
Voluntary Wild Trout & Enhanced Waters Permit	\$26.90	\$76.90	\$126.90	\$251.90

* Includes issuing agent fee of \$1.00 and \$0.90 PALS transaction fee.

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