

# Mentored Youth Fishing Days



2015

**PFBC Mission:** To protect, conserve, and enhance the Commonwealth's aquatic resources and provide fishing and boating opportunities



# Review

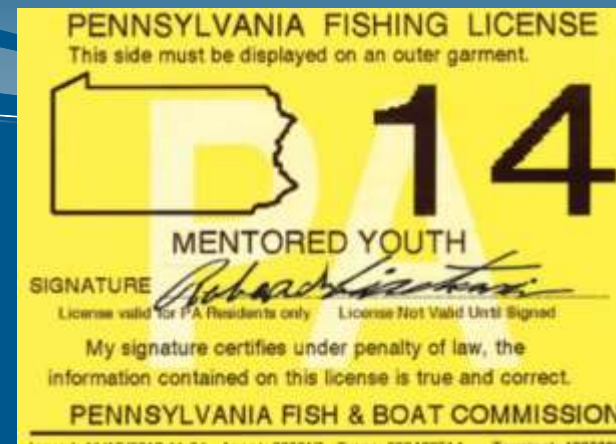


- 2013 Regional Pilot:
  - §65.25 Temporary Changes to Fishing Regulations
  - 12 waters, early opening day zone
  - March 23, 2013
  - Youth “registered” via Commission’s website
  - Licensed adult companion
  - 2 trout creel limit/angler



- 2013 Regional Pilot Evaluation
  - Qualitative & Quantitative assessments
    - 3,700 mentors and 5,110 youth registered
    - Youth fished; don't typically get out opening day
    - Mentors were satisfied, despite weather
    - **Exclusive opportunity** for mentor and youth important
    - Mentors aren't taking youth fishing on opening day
    - Mentors are looking for exclusive opportunity





- 2014 Statewide Pilot
  - §65.25 Temporary Changes to Fishing Regulations
  - 42 select waters statewide
  - March 22 and April 5
  - Youth must have permit (free) or voluntary license (\$1)
  - Licensed adult companion
  - 2 trout creel limit/angler
- Due to ice, both dates rescheduled to one statewide, in-season date (May 10).



- 2014 Statewide Pilot Feedback
  - 2,500 permits (free) and 1,700 voluntary licenses (\$1)
  - Good support for statewide expansion
  - Date change caused issues/conflicts for site owners, participants & other anglers
  - In-season date not perceived as exclusive opportunity
- Addition of §65.20 (Mentored Youth Fishing Day Program)
  - Details announced by Executive Director, published in *Pennsylvania Bulletin*



# 2015 Mentored Youth Trout Fishing Days

- Approved Trout Waters
- March 28 (regional) and April 11 (statewide)
- Pre-season, **exclusive opportunity**
- Youth must have permit (free) or voluntary license (\$1)
- Licensed adult companion (w/ trout/salmon permit)
- 2 trout creel limit/angler (7 in. minimum size)
- Dates will not change due to weather/water conditions
- Most waters stocked; consult stocking schedule to confirm (after Feb 1<sup>st</sup>)
- More info and FAQs on Commission website





