



# Pennsylvania's Biggest Fish of 2017

*Angler Award Program Summary  
Top Five Fish Submitted for each category*

<b>Bass, Largemouth</b>							
<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Joel Scekeres	Mount Pleasant	Mammoth Park Lake	8/16	Chatterbait	9 lb. 10 oz.	25	18
Michael Robinson	Aston	Marsh Creek Lake	6/20	Berkley Worm	8 lb. 6 oz.	22	17.5
Dave Stellfox	Prospect	Lake Arthur	8/2	Senko	7 lb. 10 oz.	24.5	-
Jason Flook	Mont Alto	Letterkenny Reservoir	7/2	Fluke Stick	7 lb.	23	16
Christopher Wiley	Lancaster	Muddy Run Reservoir	4/2	Chatterbait	6 lb. 15 oz.	22.25	16

<b>Bass, Rock</b>							
<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Kevin R. Reilly	Zelienople	Connoquenessing Creek	4/26	Worm	1 lb. 4 oz.	12.75	-
K. Zach Stoner	Felton	Lake Marburg	5/21	Rigged Worm	15 oz.	10	-
James William Hoffman	Industry	Ohio River	5/17	Curly Tail Grub	15 oz.	10	-
Robert Wasileski	Richmond, TX	Presque Isle Bay	6/15	Dream Shot	-	10	-
Chris Bogoly	Easton	Lehigh River	6/18	Bluefox Virbrax	-	9.25	-

<b>Bass, Smallmouth</b>							
<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Steven Saul Barnett	East Hickory	Allegheny River	6/11	Creek Chub	6 lb. 2 oz.	24.5	-
Jenalee Kostella	Home	Keystone Lake	7/29	Sprankles Bait	6 lb. 1 oz.	22.5	16.75
Anthony Fisher	Chambersburg	Lake Erie	4/24	Stick Bait	5 lb. 8 oz.	21.5	-
Brian Mathie	Pittsburgh	Susquehanna River	10/7	Whopper Plopper	5 lb. 4 oz.	21.25	-
Franklin P. Gambler	Columbia	Susquehanna River	9/30	Minnow	5 lb. 4 oz.	20.5	15.5

<b>Bass, Striped-Lake</b>							
<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Mary Schreiber	Ephrata	Blue Marsh Lake	4/2	Crappie Jig	20 lb. 5 oz.	36	-
Chad Umbaugh	New Kensington	Raystown Lake	7/1	Minnow	16 lb. 8 oz.	34	-
Christopher Miller	Palmyra	Lake Wallenpaupack	9/2	Worm	13 lb.	33	-
James William Hoffman	Industry	Ohio River	2/12	Bomber Long A	10 lb. 7 oz.	27	-
Julie Umbaugh	New Kensington	Raystown Lake	7/1	Minnow	10 lb. 6 oz.	25	-

<b>Bass White</b>							
<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
John Knepper	Sidman	Raystown Lake	8/20	Alewife	3 lb. 7 oz.	18.75	14
Chris Hey	Waynesboro	Lake Erie	9/25	Bay Rat Lure	2 lb. 2 oz.	15.5	11.75
Kaylin Sveda	Warren	Lake Erie	7/14	Worm	1 lb. 10 oz.	11	14

**Bluegill**

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Joseph J. Zajko	Philadelphia	Robin Hood Lakes	8/7	Minnow	2 lb. 5 oz.	12	12.25
John Rotto Sr.	North Apollo	Loyalhanna Lake	6/24	Worm	1 lb. 14 oz.	11.5	16
Chad Umbaugh	New Kensington	Loyalhanna Lake	6/24	Nightcrawler	1 lb. 10 oz.	12	-
John Rotto Sr.	North Apollo	Loyalhanna Lake	6/24	Worm	1 lb. 7 oz.	11	15
Chad Umbaugh	New Kensington	Loyalhanna Lake	6/24	Nightcrawler	1 lb. 6 oz.	12	-

**Carp**

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
James F. Kremer	Benton	Susquehanna River	6/15	Jig	40 lb.	40	-
Bryant Dean li	Marianna	Browns Run	7/31	Boilie	24 lb. 8 oz.	34	-
David A. Truhan	Pittsburgh	Lake Wilhelm	7/28	Nightcrawler	17 lb. 8 oz.	30.5	20.5
Chad Umbaugh	New Kensington	Crooked Creek Spillway	5/18	Bowfishing	16 lb. 14 oz.	33	-
Aidan Conrad	Dallas	Susquehanna River	9/1	Senko Worm Wacky Rig	16 lb.	33	-

**Catfish, Bullhead**

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Timothy Ahlschlager	North East	Lake Erie	5/31	Nightcrawler	3 lb.	14.5	11.5

**Catfish, Channel**

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
David Planinsek	Latrobe	Youghiogheny River	6/21	Chicken Liver	29 lb. 4 oz.	23.5	21
Steven Katrencik	Aliquippa	Canonsburg Lake	8/16	Sunfish	21 lb.	33	20
Michael Miller	Cochranon	Shenango River Lake	8/11	Live Shad	20 lb. 14 oz.	38	-
Cole Kastronis	Irwin	Lauders Pond	8/12	Cut Up Trout	20 lb.	36	25
Anthony Fisher	Chambersburg	Lake Erie	4/21	Jerk Bait	19 lb. 8 oz.	34.5	-

**Catfish, Flathead**

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Carter Reeder	Kirkwood	Muddy Run Reservoir	6/4	Live Perch	42 lb. 12 oz.	44	27
Marlin Ensor	Gardners	Susquehanna River	7/21	Bluegill	41 lb. 4 oz.	44.5	28
J. Bryce Guthrie	Breinigsville	Susquehanna River	6/30	Bluegill	40 lb.	43	-
Joe Smith	Williamsburg	Susquehanna River	9/24	Live Bait	39 lb. 5 oz.	41	26
Mitchell Mccall	Columbia	Susquehanna River	6/28	Sunfish	36 lb.	42	-

**Crappie**

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Thomas Rowlands	Levittown	Silver Lake	12/3	Sexeee Shad	3 lb. 2 oz.	16	12.75
Kevin E. Green	Mount Pleasant	Mammoth Park Lake	4/24	Power Worm	3 lb.	15.5	11.5
Joseph J. Zajko	Philadelphia	Francis E. Walter Dam	6/24	Minnow	2 lb. 6 oz.	15.75	13
Dustin T. Doksa	Clarion	Lake Wilhelm	5/26	Jig Head	2 lb.	16.5	12.5
Pam Caldwell	Peach Bottom	Octoraro Reservoir	5/24	Minnow	1 lb. 15 oz.	15.25	12.25

**Drum, Freshwater (Sheepshead)**

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Ramon H. White	Altoona	Lake Erie	7/3	Double Tail Jig Head	11 lb. 12 oz.	28.5	18
James William Hoffman	Industry	Ohio River	10/19	Flicker Shad	10 lb. 15 oz.	28	-
James Robinson	Erie	South Pier	6/9	Minnows	10 lb. 10 oz.	29	19.25
Dick Newman	Mount Union	Lake Erie	7/17	Worm	9 lb. 8 oz.	29	18
Kenneth Minor	Johnstown	Lake Erie	7/27	Worm	8 lb. 13 oz.	28	17.5

### Muskellunge

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Jacob Shrader	Springdale	Tionesta	4/18	X-Rap	40 lb. 8 oz.	52	26
Lauren Brauer	Downingtown	Marsh Creek	7/9	Stick Bait	38 lb.	50	24
Daniel Dibartola	Greensburg	Loyalhanna Lake	6/9	Bucktail	34 lb. 3 oz.	42	24
Steve Mellinger	Mount Joy	Susquehanna River	6/29	L.G. Muskie Minnow	23 lb. 8 oz.	45	22
James William Hoffman	Industry	Ohio River	2/6	Bomber Long A	18 lb. 5 oz.	41.5	-

### Perch, White

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Timothy Ahlschlager	North East	Lake Erie	4/30	Nightcrawler	2 lb.	11	9.5
Elias Rivello	Huntingdon	Raystown Lake	7/10	Minnow	1 lb. 12 oz.	14	11.5
Tyler Slapinski	Huntingdon	Lake Erie	9/24	Worm Harness	1 lb. 9 oz.	14	11
Joseph Clevestine	Atglen	Octoraro Reservoir	4/29	Fathead Minnow	1 lb. 6 oz.	13	10
Roger L. Krantz	Lancaster	Octoraro Reservoir	5/31	Fathead Minnow	1 lb. 4 oz.	13.75	10.5

### Perch, Yellow

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Rich Brosky	South Heights	Lake Erie	9/27	Emerald Shiner	1 lb. 12 oz.	15.5	10.5
Timothy Ahlschlager	North East	Lake Erie	4/27	Nightcrawler	1 lb. 12 oz.	14.5	9.75
Stevie Kinnear	Union City	Presque Isle Bay	4/15	Minnow	1 lb. 11 oz.	16	9.5
Matthew J. Duckett	Erie	Lake Erie	9/17	Emerald Shiner	1 lb. 10 oz.	14.75	10
John Rotto Sr	North Apollo	Presque Isle Bay	4/1	Emerald Shiner	1 lb. 10 oz.	14.25	-

### Pickereel, Chain

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Joseph J. Zajko	Philadelphia	Robin Hood Lake	9/9	Minnow	1 lb. 4 oz.	21	-
Chris Bogoly	Easton	Lehigh River	6/15	Vibrax Spinner	-	26.25	-
Chris Bogoly	Easton	Lehigh River	6/16	Musky Killer	-	25.25	-
Chris Bogoly	Easton	Lehigh River	5/20	Vibrax Spinner	-	25	-

### Pike, Northern

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Keith J. Paranich	Jefferson Township	Lake Wallenpaupack	1/14	Shiner	19 lb.	41	20
Walt Paulson	Gurnee, IL	Conneaut Lake	6/21	Mepps Musky Killer	12 lb.	36	-
Samantha Lindow	Pittsburgh	French Creek	9/2	Mepps Spinner	11 lb.	32	-
Rick Becker	Renfrew	Allegheny Reservoir	8/27	Rapala Shad Rap	-	42	-
Billy Hines	Indiana	Conneaut Lake	7/28	Spirit Shad	-	29	-

### Suckers

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
John Rotto Sr.	North Apollo	Allegheny River	5/14	Nightcrawler	4 lb. 12 oz.	22	-
Zachary Pacana	Stockbridge, MI	Spring Creek	1/26	Nightcrawler	-	23	-
James William Hoffman	Industry	Beaver River	4/19	Curly Tail Grub	-	19	-
Megan McIntyre	Kittanning	Allegheny River Lock 7	6/17	Nightcrawler	-	18	7.5

**Trout, Brook**

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
John Jackson	Milesburg	Blue Jay Creek	4/26	Minnow	4 lb. 8 oz.	19	13
Bart Towell	Erie	Farnsworth Creek	4/21	Waxworm	4 lb. 2 oz.	19	13
Joseph J. Zajko	Philadelphia	Robin Hood Lake	10/22	Minnow	4 lb. 1 oz.	20	13
Andrea Smith	Leola	Kettle Creek	4/15	Rooster Tail	4 lb.	20	12.75
William J. Kilmartin V	Falconer, NY	Kinzu Creek	4/29	Waxworm	3 lb. 1 oz.	18	12.5

**Trout, Brown**

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Fred Williams	Greentown	Lake Wallenpaupack	5/27	Thunderstick	9 lb. 4 oz.	27	16
Nathan Ackerman	Harmony	Elk Creek	1/20	Live Minnow	8 lb. 8 oz.	29	13.25
Ryder Armstrong	Milroy	Walnut Creek	11/11	Rooster Tail	7 lb. 5 oz.	27.5	14
Nicholas Gaudette	Winsted, CT	Walnut Creek	10/16	Wooly Bug	6 lb. 4 oz.	24.25	14
Rodney Gerber	Morgantown, WV	Youghiogheny River	7/27	Rapala	6 lb. 2 oz.	21	16

**Trout, Lake**

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Randy Ellenberger	Enon Valley	Lake Erie	4/25	Spoon	26 lb.	37.5	23.25
Andrew Dunbar	Kittanning	Lake Erie	7/4	Stinger Spoon	23 lb.	37	21.5
Ivy Rath	Vienna, OH	Lake Erie	4/23	Minnow	20 lb.	34.25	-
Martin Cribb li	Mount Wolf	Raystown Lake	6/1	Alewife	15 lb. 3 oz.	34	20.5
Sam Rath	Vienna, OH	Lake Erie	4/23	Spin Glo	15 lb.	32	-

**Trout, Golden Rainbow**

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Mychael Althouse Sr.	Quakertown	Little Lehigh	4/9	Bread	13 lb. 11 oz.	31	19.25
Wes Powell	Cumberland, MD	Evitts Creek	4/17	Spinner	9 lb. 8 oz.	26.5	17
Victor Colon	Bernville	Northkill Creek	3/25	Corn	5 lb. 4 oz.	22	13
Mike Konetski	Hanover Township	Lehigh River	4/15	Spoon	5 lb. 2 oz.	22	13
Ken Mack	Meadville	Big Sugar Creek	4/15	Egg Sack	5 lb.	22	13

**Trout, Rainbow**

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Lance Umholtz	Newport	Holman Lake	6/14	Glow Trout Magnet	17 lb. 7 oz.	31	21.75
Edward Korinko	Manor	Big Meadow Run	6/4	Red Worm	9 lb. 8 oz.	25	17.75
Mark Portner	Hanover	Lake Kaiser	4/3	Cast Master	9 lb.	25.5	17
Adrienne Jackson	Milesburg	Powell Creek	3/25	Minnows	8 lb. 5 oz.	25	16.75
Ryan Krause	Myerstown	Tulpehocken Creek	5/28		8 lb. 3 oz.	23.5	15.5

**Trout, Steelhead**

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Gibson French	Mifflin	Crooked Creek	11/21	Skain	11 lb. 5 oz.	30	17
Earl Stahl	Somerset	Trout Run	10/19	Fly	10 lb. 8 oz.	29.25	15.25
Nicholas Pugne	Erie	Lake Erie	10/22	Little Cleo	10 lb. 4 oz.	31	16
Mark Feick	Greenock	Walnut Creek	9/7	Little Cleo	10 lb. 4 oz.	30	12
John R. Russo	Pittsburgh	Walnut Creek	10/19	Cleo	10 lb.	31	14

## Walleye

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Greg Paul	Leechburg	Allegheny River	11/18	Rapala	11 lb. 14 oz.	30	19
Louis Kukan	Champion	Lake Erie	8/2	Worm Harness	11 lb. 11 oz.	30.25	17.75
Rocco Tarantelli	Industry	Lake Erie	9/23	Rainbow Ronosky	11 lb. 11 oz.	30	19.25
Benjamin Moritz	Monaca	Lake Erie	12/2	Emerald Shiner	11 lb. 4 oz.	30	18
Matt Zeigler	Loysville	Monongahela River	2/20	Jerk Bait	11 lb.	32.25	17