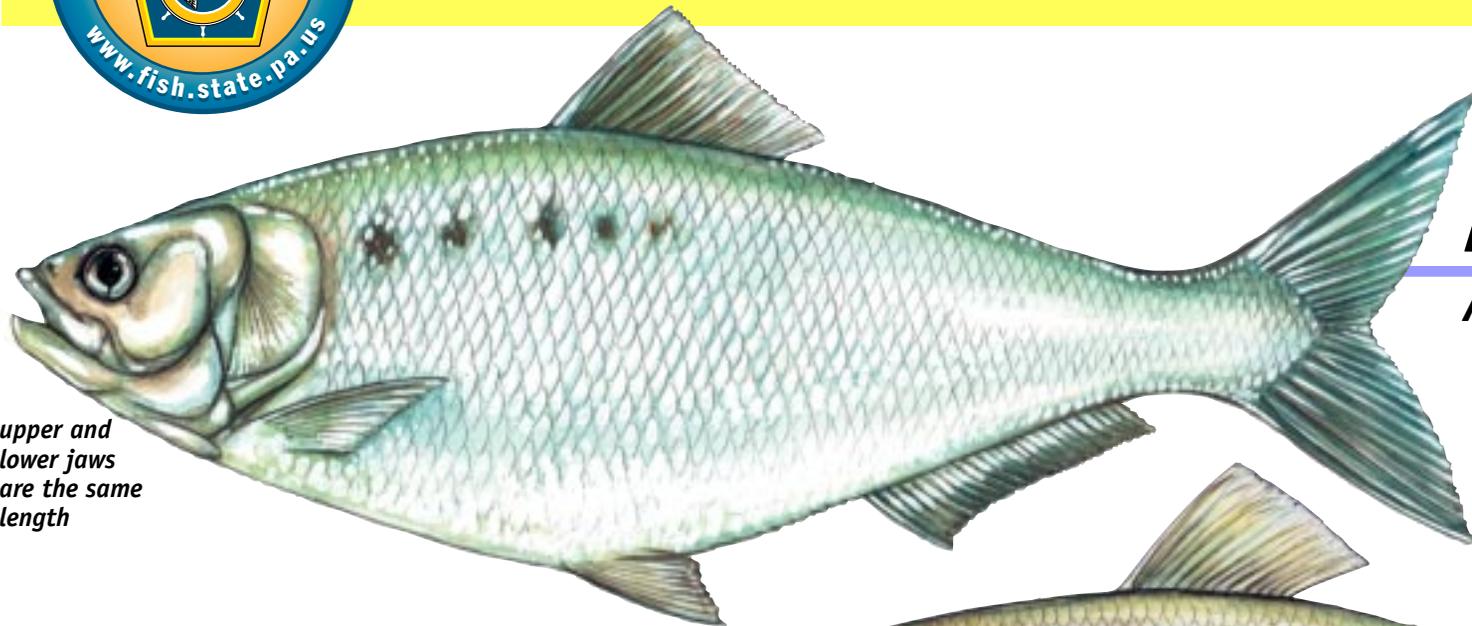


SHAD AND HERRING



NO KILL (CLOSED SEASON)



American Shad

Alosa sapidissima

adult length: 18-30 inches

upper and lower jaws are the same length

ENDANGERED SPECIES Hickory Shad

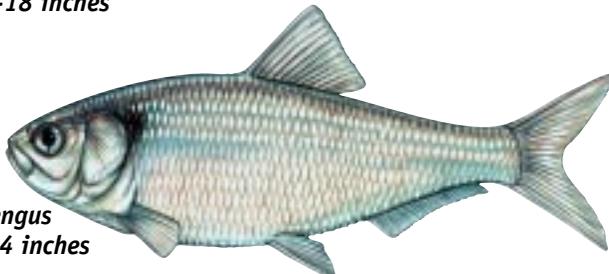
Alosa mediocris

adult length: 14-18 inches

lower jaw longer than upper jaw



Alewife
Alosa pseudoharengus
adult length: 6-14 inches



Blueback Herring
Alosa aestivalis
adult length: 10-15 inches



Regulations

**SUSQUEHANNA RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES,
INCLUDING CONOWINGO RESERVOIR (UP TO HOLTWOOD DAM):**

NO KILL (CLOSED SEASON)

It is unlawful to take, possess, catch or kill American shad, hickory shad, alewife and blueback herring (collectively known as river herring) in these areas. Any of these fish that are caught must be released immediately, unharmed, to the water from which they were taken.

See PA Summary of Fishing Regulations and Laws for seasons, sizes and creel limits for these species that apply to the Delaware River and estuary.

Catch and Release

**Do your part in restoring American shad!
Shad are fragile; if you catch a shad, release it gently.**

1. Reel shad in quickly. Do not fight shad to exhaustion.
2. Use a net to land shad. Do not drag shad onto shore or boat.
3. Keep shad in the net and, if possible, in the water while removing the hook. Do not put your fingers in the gills to lift shad. Do not let shad flop or drop on shore or deck.
4. Use pliers to unhook shad. Do not grab shad by the head or gill covers while removing the hook.
5. Release shad by sliding them into the water from the net. Do not drop, throw or kick shad to return them to the water.

**Penalty for Violation as Provided by Law
Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission**