



2023 REGULATED FISHING LAKE LICENSE APPLICATION

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the *GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATION OF REGULATED FISHING LAKES* (See page 3) before completing form.
- Print clearly or type form.
- Include applicable license fee with application – make check payable to **PFBC** (*Do not Send Cash*).
- Submit signed and dated form (**Pages 1 and 2 only**) and a check for the appropriate amount to address listed above.

LICENSE TYPE/SELECTION			
WHAT IS THE TOTAL ACREAGE OF FISHING WATERS ON THE PREMISES TO BE LICENSED? (License fee based on your estimate. Acreage will be verified by the Commission at a later date.)			_____ Acres
Lake(s) - Based on total area of fishing water on premises - Check the box of license type requested			
Class A		Class B	
Less than 20 Acres	\$100	Less than 30 Acres	\$50
20 Acres or more/Less than 40 Acres	\$250	30 Acres or more	\$100
40 Acres or more	\$500		
Temporary (Portable) Fishing Ponds - Fee is per pond in operation; indicate number of licenses requested			
Class A		Fee per license >	\$200
Class A Non-profit		Fee per license >	\$25
Class B		Fee per license >	\$50

BUSINESS INFORMATION					
BUSINESS NAME			CURRENT PERMIT #		TELEPHONE NUMBER ()
BUSINESS ADDRESS (PHYSICAL LOCATION)		CITY	STATE	ZIP	EMAIL ADDRESS (Required)
MAILING ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP	

REGULATED LAKE & SPECIES TO BE STOCKED INFORMATION			
LAKE NAME		TOWNSHIP	COUNTY
CIRCLE ONE: IS THE AREA OWNED, LEASED, OR CONTROLLED BY YOU?	IS THE AREA OPERATED SOLELY AS A COMMERCIAL VENUE? YES NO	IS THE AREA OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC? YES NO	
FROM WHOM DO YOU INTEND TO PURCHASE FISH?			
1. NAME, ADDRESS, CONTACT PERSON:			
2. NAME, ADDRESS, CONTACT PERSON:			
3. NAME, ADDRESS, CONTACT PERSON:			

USING THE MAP ON PAGE 4, IDENTIFY THE WATERSHED WHERE THE LAKE IS LOCATED AND CIRCLE THE SPECIES YOU REQUEST TO STOCK ON THE TABLE BELOW					
SPECIES TO BE STOCKED ¹ (REQUIRED INFORMATION)	OHIO River	ERIE or GENESEE	SUSQUEHANNA River	POTOMAC River	DELAWARE River
Brook Trout (<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brown Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rainbow Trout, Steelhead, Kamloops (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Golden Rainbow Trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tiger Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i> x <i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Albino Trout (All species)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Coho Salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i>)	No ²	Yes	No ²	No ²	No ²
Atlantic Salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>)	No ²	No ²	No ²	No ²	No
Common Carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>)	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³
Koi (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>)	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³
Goldfish (<i>Carassius auratus</i>)	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³
Comets (<i>Carassius auratus</i>)	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³
Golden Shiner (<i>Notemigonus chrysoleucas</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fathead Minnow (includes "rosy reds") (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bluntnose Minnow (<i>Pimephales notatus</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Creek Chub (<i>Semotilus atromaculatus</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Emerald Shiner (<i>Notropis atherinoides</i>)	Yes ⁶	Yes	No	No	No
SPECIES TO BE STOCKED ¹	OHIO River	ERIE or GENESEE	SUSQUEHANNA River	POTOMAC River	DELAWARE River
White Sucker (<i>Catostomous commersoni</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yellow Bullhead (<i>Ameiurus natalis</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brown Bullhead (<i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
White Catfish (<i>Ameiurus catus</i>)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Channel Catfish (<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stonecat (<i>Noturus flavus</i>)	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Margined Mactom (<i>Noturus insignis</i>)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
American Eel ⁵ (<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>)	No	No	Yes ⁴	Yes ⁴	Yes ⁴
Banded Killifish (<i>Fundulus diaphanous</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mummichog (<i>Fundulus heteroclitus</i>)	No	No	No	No	Yes
Striped Bass (<i>Morone saxatilis</i>)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Striped Bass hybrid (<i>Morone chrysops</i> x <i>M. saxatilis</i>)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rock Bass (<i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Redbreast Sunfish (<i>Lepomis auritus</i>)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pumpkinseed (<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bluegill (<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sunfish hybrid (<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i> x <i>L. macrochirus</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Smallmouth Bass (<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Largemouth Bass (<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
White Crappie (<i>Pomoxis annularis</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Black Crappie (<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yellow Perch (<i>Perca flavescens</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Walleye (<i>Sander vitreus</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chain Pickerel (<i>Esox niger</i>)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Muskellunge (<i>Esox masquinongy</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Northern Pike (<i>Esox Lucius</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Northern Green Frog (adults & tadpoles) <i>Rana clamitans melanota</i>	No ²	No ²	No ²	No ²	No ²
Bullfrog (adults & tadpoles) (<i>Rana catesbeiana</i>)	No ²	No ²	No ²	No ²	No ²
Hellgrammites (<i>Dobsonfly larvae</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mud bugs (<i>Dragonfly larvae</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- For fish species (except those listed as threatened and endangered) not listed on this table and fish species restricted to certain watersheds, closed system artificial propagation may be permitted with the approval of the Department of Agriculture.
- Open system artificial propagation permitted; however, introduction into Commonwealth waters requires the written authorization of the PFBC's Executive Director.
- Cannot be used or sold as bait.
- Minimum length limit of 6 inches applies for bait introductions.
- Dealers must report purchase and sale of all American eels to PFBC, per Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission reporting requirements. Forms provided by PFBC.
- Emerald shiners may be propagated or introduced into the Ohio River Basin only if certified to be VHS free as described in 58 Pa. Code §69.3. (See Note 1)

Note: There are additional restrictions on the introduction and transportation of VHS susceptible species. Consult Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture regulations for more information. Lists of susceptible fish species can be found at: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_dis_spec/aquaculture/downloads/vhs_regulated_spp.pdf and other information pertaining to federal VHS regulations can be found at: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_dis_spec/aquaculture/

SIGNATURE

I have read and understand the law pertaining to Regulated Fishing Lakes, and I agree to comply with all fishing laws and regulations. My signature below acknowledges that I will comply with these laws and regulations.

I certify that the information contained in the application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. This certification is made subject to the penalty of Section 4904 of Crimes Code (18 Pa. C.S.A. § 4904) (relating to Unsworn Falsification to Authorities) and Section 908 of the Fish and Boat Code (30 Pa. C.S. § 908) (relating to False Identification or False or Fraudulent Statements on Reports).

PRINTED NAME OF OWNER OR OPERATOR

SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR OPERATOR

DATE

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

SIGNATURE OF APPROVING PFBC BLE OFFICER

DATE

GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATION OF REGULATED FISHING LAKES

AUTHORITY: Fish and Boat Code, Act 1980-175 (30 Pa. C.S. Chapter 31)

DEFINITION

A regulated fishing lake is any artificial or man-made pond or lake owned, leased, or controlled in any manner by any person where fishing is permitted for payment of a fee and in which all fish stocked are artificially propagated by commercial hatcheries or purchased from persons licensed to sell fish.

The annual fee for a regulated fishing lake (except temporary fishing ponds operated as regulated fishing lakes) shall be based upon the total area of fishing water on the premise to be licensed, whether the area consists of one body of water or more than one.

CLASSIFICATION OF REGULATED FISHING LAKES

The law provides for two separate and distinct classes of regulated fishing lakes as listed below:

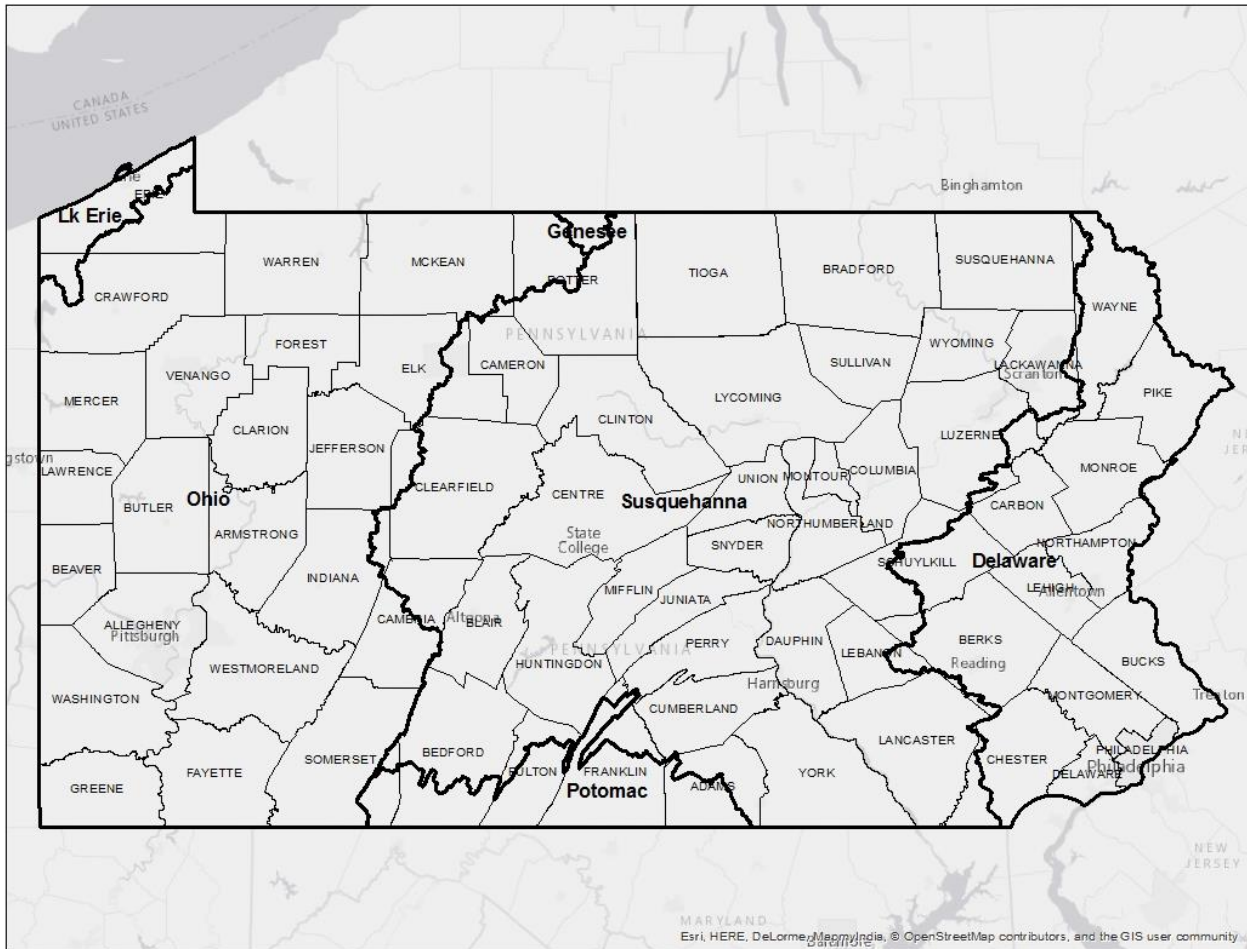
Class A - The Commission may issue Class A regulated fishing lake licenses upon payment of the appropriate fee to lakes in the following categories: (1) Lakes that are wholly opened to the general public for fishing and operated solely as commercial ventures; (2) Lakes situated wholly within the grounds of a privately owned campground provided that the campground is open to the general public and operated as a commercial venture regardless of whether the campground operator sells admission to fish at the lake to members of the public who are not camping at the campground; (3) Lakes with a total water area of less than 20 acres situated wholly within the grounds of a private fishing and boating, rod and gun or sportsmen's club or organization when fishing in the lake is limited to members of the club or organization and the sponsoring club or organization operates a cooperative nursery recognized by the Commission, provided that fish raised by the cooperative nursery shall be stocked in waters of this Commonwealth open for free public fishing and not in the regulated fishing lake licensed hereunder. Persons patronizing a Class A regulated fishing lake may catch, kill, and possess fish without regard to size, season or possession limit and need not possess a Pennsylvania fishing license.

Class B - Lakes that meet all other requirements of the law but are not open to the public or operated as a commercial venture may be issued a Class B regulated fishing lake license. Persons patronizing a Class B Lake may catch, kill, and possess fish taken therefrom without regard to size, season, or possession limitation. A fishing license is required to fish in a Class B Lake.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF LICENSEE

1. A Regulated Fishing Lake license must be secured and present at business location. This license shall be effective until December 31 of the year it is issued.
2. Receipts, consecutively numbered, must be issued to all anglers who catch or transport fish from a regulated fishing lake during the closed season for the species of fish, or in excess of the possession limit, or under the minimum size limit. The receipts shall be made in duplicate and one copy shall be kept on file for the inspection by the Commission. Each angler, while in possession of the fish, shall have in his possession the receipt relative thereto and shall produce it upon demand by the proper authority. All receipts shall contain the following information:
 - Name, location, and license number of the regulated fishing lake
 - Number and species of the fish caught
 - Date of Issue
3. Bills of sale for fish purchased for stocking must be kept on file for a five (5) year time period for inspection by the Commission.
4. Transportation, importation, or introduction of any species of fish, bait fish, or fish bait into this Commonwealth is not authorized if the transportation, importation, or introduction is prohibited by other laws or regulations. See the following web sites for current introduction and transportation regulations:
 - <http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/058/chapter71/chap71toc.html>
 - <http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/058/chapter73/chap73toc.html>
5. The document SPECIES BY WATERSHED APPROVED FOR OPEN SYSTEM (FLOW THROUGH) PROPAGATION AND INTRODUCTIONS is updated annually. It is the responsibility of the licensee to be knowledgeable about the most current version of this document which can be found at: <http://fishandboat.com/speciesapp.pdf>.

PENNSYLVANIA WATERSHED MAP



VIOLATIONS

By owner or operator - Any owner or operator of a regulated fishing lake who operates the lake without a regulated fishing lake license or who knowingly makes a false statement on his application for a license commits a summary offense of the first degree. Any owner or operator who violates any other provision of Chapter 31, regulations promulgated thereunder, or terms and conditions of his permit commits a summary offense of the second degree.

By other persons - No person shall fish, or trespass with intent to fish, in the waters or upon the bed or banks of any licensed regulated fishing lake without having paid the fee fixed by the owner or operator, or without having obtained permission from the owner or operator. No person shall willfully or maliciously destroy or damage any lake, property or appliances used in connection with the operation of a licensed regulated fishing lake. Any person violating any of the provisions of this law commits a summary offense of the first degree.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact a local PFBC Law Enforcement Regional Office if you have any questions pertaining to the approval status of your application. Contact information can be found at http://fishandboat.com/dir_regions.htm.