



# LAKE ERIE NET PERMIT APPLICATION

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission  
Bureau of Law Enforcement  
Northwest Region Office  
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You must currently have a valid fishing license and Lake Erie permit to purchase a Lake Erie net permit.

This permit is valid only for the non-commercial use of a cast net, throw net or dip net in Lake Erie or Presque Isle Bay for the taking of emerald shiners or spot tail shiners.

**You can purchase online through the HuntFishPA or complete this form and include a check for \$10.97 made payable to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Do not Send Cash or Money Order).**

Go online to the HuntFishPA at [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com) or,

- Mail your completed application form and payment to the address above and your permit will be mailed to you.  
or
- Bring your completed application and payment to the Northwest Region Office or Walnut Creek Marina Office where you can obtain your permit over the counter.

The use of a cast net, throw net or dip net in excess of four feet by four feet square or four feet in diameter in any other Commonwealth waters without a permit is a violation of the Fish and Boat Code and is punishable by a fine and may result in the loss of fishing privileges. Cast nets or throw nets shall not exceed 10 feet in radius or 20 feet in diameter. Dip nets shall not exceed ten feet in diameter. The holder of a Lake Erie net permit may take, catch, kill or possess a daily creel limit of 200 emerald shiners or spot tail shiners (combined species). The holder of the permit shall carry the permit on his/her person while using the net or while possessing more than 50 emerald shiners or spot tail shiners (combined species) taken from the waters of Lake Erie or Presque Isle Bay and show it upon request of an officer authorized to enforce the Fish and Boat Code.

APPLICANT INFORMATION					
(CID) CUSTOMER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (from your fishing license)				DATE OF BIRTH	
PREFIX	FIRST	M.I.	LAST	SUFFIX	TELEPHONE (inc. area code)
STREET ADDRESS			CITY	STATE	ZIP
MAILING ADDRESS			CITY	STATE	ZIP
EMAIL ADDRESS			DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER	DRIVER'S LICENSE STATE	

**Permit Conditions**

- The permit holder is the only person authorized to use the cast net, throw net or dip net.
- It is unlawful to use emerald shiners or spot tail shiners taken under a permit for the use of cast nets, throw nets or dip nets as bait in any water other than Lake Erie and Lake Erie tributaries including Presque Isle Bay.
- It is unlawful to sell, offer for sale, trade or barter live, dead or preserved emerald shiners or spot tail shiners taken under a permit for the use of cast nets, throw nets or dip nets.
- It is unlawful to transport or export live, dead or preserved emerald shiners or spot tail shiners taken under a permit for the use of cast nets, throw nets or dip nets out of the Lake Erie watershed.
- The holder of a permit for the use of cast nets, throw nets or dip nets may possess an unlimited number of preserved emerald shiners or spot tail shiners at his residence provided the residence is located within the Lake Erie watershed.
- It is unlawful for the holder of a permit to use a cast net, throw net or dip net within 100 yards of a holder of a commercial seine license.
- It is unlawful for the holder of a permit to use a cast net, throw net or dip net within an area 300 feet from the mouth of any stream or within the confines of a tributary stream to Lake Erie or interfere with sport anglers or boaters.

***This permit expires on December 31 in the year in which the permit was issued.***

<p><i>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).</i></p>	
SIGNATURE	DATE