

Dedicated to the Memory of Commissioner Enoch S. "Inky" Moore Jr.

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All About Fish

There are about 160 different species of fish in Pennsylvania. At the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, our job is to protect and manage these fish. Ichthyology (pronounced ick-thee-o'-lo-gee) is the study of fish biology.

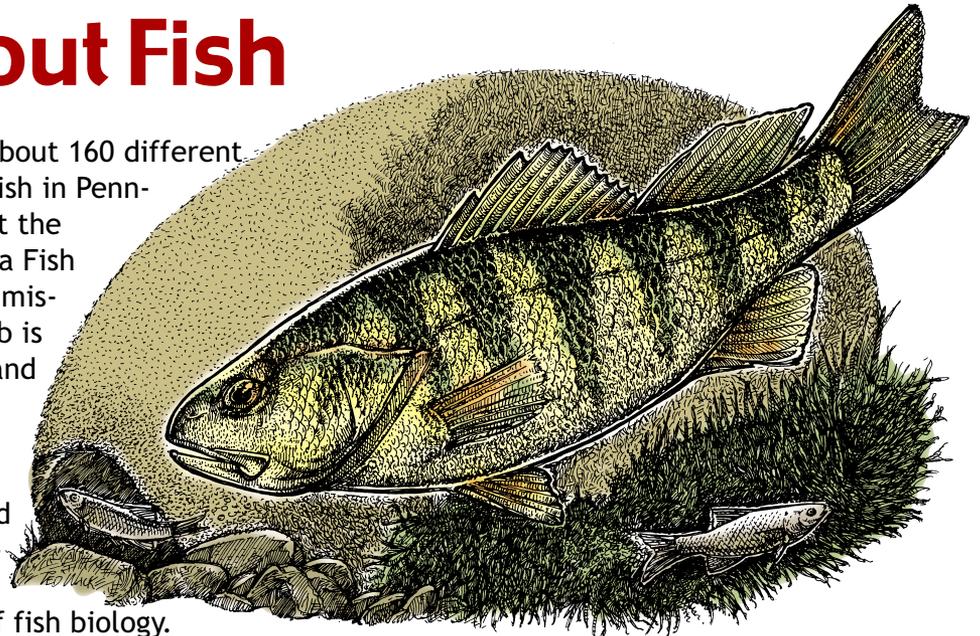
Your job is to read this issue of PLAY and learn more about fish biology.

Can you list the characteristics all fish have in common? How do they differ from other animals? Can you explain how a fish swims? Do you know how the fish in Pennsylvania are classified and organized into families? After reading this issue, you will know the answer to these questions. You will be on your way to becoming a junior ichthyologist.

Fish are important to Pennsylvania. More than one million people fish in Pennsylvania. Maybe you are one of them. Anglers spend millions of dollars each year on fishing here. That helps Pennsylvania's economy.

The employees of the Fish & Boat Commission work hard to give anglers fishing opportunities. A big part of that job is protecting all fish from pollution and habitat loss. Maybe someday you will join the Commission as an ichthyologist or fisheries manager!

Want to learn more about fish in Pennsylvania? Check out the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission web site at: www.fish.state.pa.us. There are printable color illustrations of many fish found in Pennsylvania. These illustrations are from the Commission's book *Pennsylvania Fishes*. You'll find an online version of this book on our web site. You can buy a copy online by clicking on "The Outdoor Shop."



When you are done with this issue of PLAY, pass it on. Remember that subscriptions to the PLAY newsletter are free to other kids ages 8 to 12. Teachers and youth group leaders can also get PLAY newsletters. Contact the Fish & Boat Commission for more details on this program.

Don't forget to check out the Commission's web site: www.fish.state.pa.us. The site is loaded with information on reptiles, amphibians, fish, fishing, boating and water safety.

