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## ALL ABOUT TROUT

What is the most popular sport fish in Pennsylvania? If you said **trout**, you're right! In fact, trout are so popular that one species of trout is the state fish. Can you guess which one?

Trout are found in every county in our state. There may even be a trout stream close to your house. In 2002, the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission raised and stocked about **3.8 million** trout. If you counted everyone from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Erie, you'd have a bit more than 1.9 million people (according to the 2000 Census). That means the Fish & Boat Commission stocked almost twice as many trout as there are people in the three largest cities in Pennsylvania. There are also millions of trout that grow up in the wild.

Trout fishing in Pennsylvania is important to a lot of people. More than half of the state's 1.2 million anglers say they fish for trout. All together, they spend more than 8 million days fishing for trout in Pennsylvania! Trout fishing isn't just important to these anglers. It's also important to the people who sell these anglers licenses, bait and tackle, food, and gas to get them to their fishing spots.

This PLAY newsletter is devoted to trout. Read on and learn more about trout and trout fishing.



By the way, the state fish is the brook trout.

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