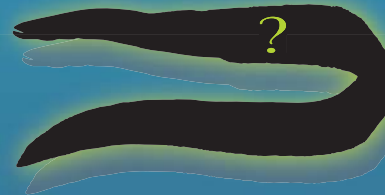
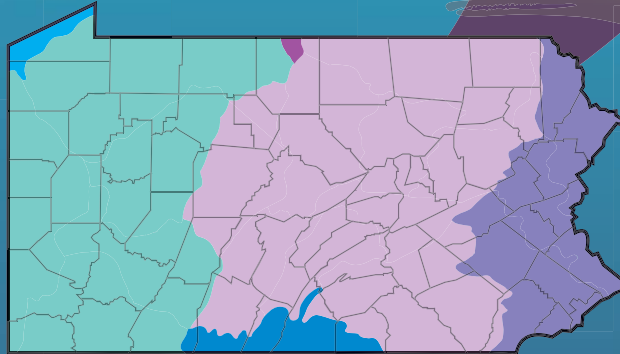


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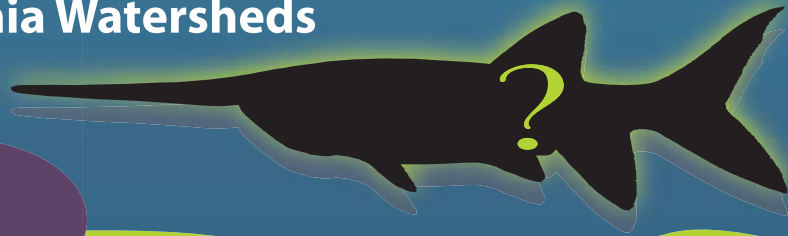
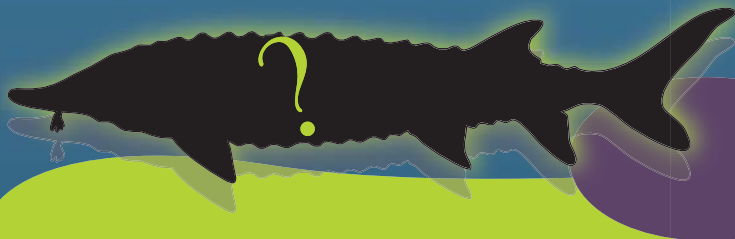


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Pennsylvania Watersheds



Pennsylvania's Unusual Fish

Think about the brook trout's brilliant colors, the mean look of a giant muskie, the tough fight of a big largemouth bass, or the terrific taste of walleye fillets. These fish are some of Pennsylvania's most popular and well-known species. But not all of Pennsylvania's 160 fish species are cool, handsome or glamorous. Some are plain-looking and unusual. They don't get a lot of attention. Anglers don't spend thousands of dollars trying to catch them. Magazines don't feature lots of articles on them.

This issue of PLAY is dedicated to "those other fish." Just because we may not know much about them doesn't mean they are unimportant. These fish have vital roles in Pennsylvania's fish community, as do the better-known species. This issue includes information on their life cycles, the niches

they occupy and other neat facts. Learn all you can about these unusual fish. But don't stop with just looking at this issue. Some of the information about these fish was taken from our book *Pennsylvania Fishes*. Anglers should have this book on their bookshelves! We've also listed some web links where you can learn even more about these lesser-known fish.

When you are done with this issue of PLAY, pass it on. Remember that subscriptions to the PLAY newsletter are free to 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.

