

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

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## Caring for You and Your Catch

**The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic and esthetic values of the environment.**

**Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come.**

**As trustee for these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people.**

**Article 1, Section 27,  
Pennsylvania  
Constitution**

Pennsylvania is blessed with abundant natural resources. These resources are so important that this section was added to Pennsylvania's State Constitution in 1971. The state constitution is the "law of the land." This means that the law helps define how our state government runs. The addition of the natural resources amendment to the constitution ensures that the Commonwealth's government will conserve these resources.

There are several state government agencies given the responsibility to conserve and maintain the state's natural resources. The Fish & Boat Commission is one of those agencies. This issue is dedicated to showing you the way the Commission does that job and a few other jobs related to laws and regulations.

Learning this information may not make you a better angler or boater. But it may help you appreciate all that is accomplished to provide you with a pleasing, safe fishing and boating experience. But you have some responsibility here, too! Like all anglers and boaters, you are a good citizen when you abide by laws and regulations. You can also help by being a watchdog and reporting violations, and doing your share to conserve water.

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](http://www.fish.state.pa.us). The site is loaded with information on reptiles, amphibians, fish, fishing, boating and water safety.

