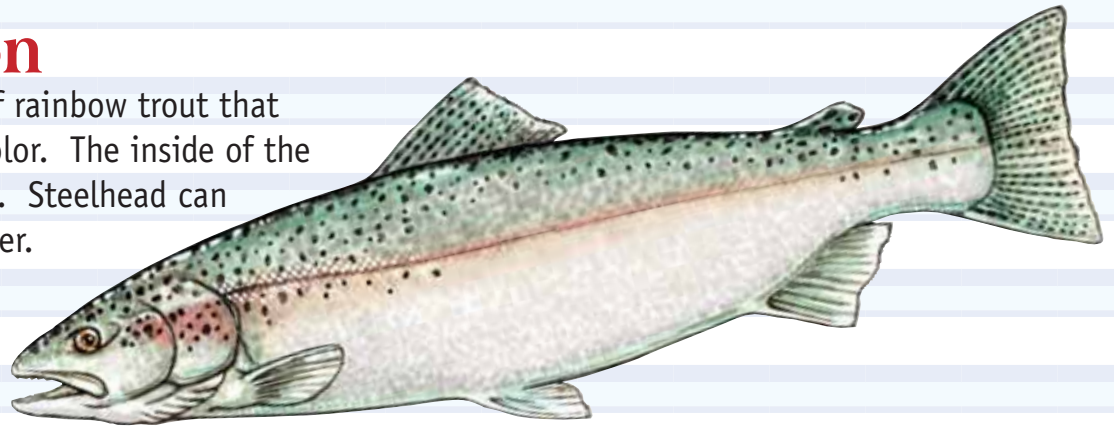


Lake Erie Steelhead

Identification

A steelhead is a type of rainbow trout that has a "steel," or silvery, color. The inside of the mouth is completely white. Steelhead can grow to 30 inches and larger.



Where to catch them

Steelhead like the cool waters of Lake Erie and its tributaries. Gravel beds of tributaries with ample water flow are their favorite spots. They spawn from late fall through spring when water temperatures are around 50 degrees. Anglers fish for steelhead by boat or in Lake Erie tributaries like Walnut Creek, Elk Creek, and Trout Run.

The Fish & Boat Commission stocks more than 1 million steelhead every year. The lifespan of a Lake Erie steelhead is six to eight years.

Fish facts

Anglers from Pennsylvania, other states and Canada travel to Pennsylvania to enjoy fishing for steelhead because so many are available to catch. Anglers catch over 500,000 steelhead every year. Steelhead anglers spend nearly \$6 million every year while they're in the Erie area. This money helps support jobs. These jobs relate directly to fishing. In addition, visiting anglers buy food here, they stay overnight, and they purchase other items while in the area. All of this economic activity supports those jobs.

