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PFBC Then & Now



During
William
Penn's time,
Pennsylvania

was mostly forest. Fish were abundant in streams and rivers. Early settlers changed this by clear-cutting mountains, overharvesting fish and coal mining. These activities helped America grow but were also harmful to fish and fish habitat.

The first Commissioner of Fisheries was appointed in 1866, in response to these problems. The Commission of Fisheries is now the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC). Many things have changed over time, but the work continues. This issue of *PLAY* looks at some of PFBC's history and current activities.



In 1892, railroad cars were used to transport fish to distant stocking locations.



Netting fish along the Susquehanna River, circa 1900.



The mission of the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission is to protect, conserve and enhance the Commonwealth's aquatic resources and provide fishing and boating opportunities.