

'Tis the Season – All Year Long

Here is a look at what fish are “in-season” in Pennsylvania. This means you are allowed to harvest the fish.

Regulations stated below are based on regulations for **Inland Waters**.* For each of these species, special

Angler's Year-Round Calendar

All Species of Trout and Salmon

Regional Opening Day of Trout Season includes only those waters in 18 southeastern counties and two waters crossing from those counties listed in the Regional Opening Day of Trout Season Program.

Regular Season is 8 a.m. on the first Saturday after April 11 to midnight Labor Day; minimum size is 7 inches; daily limit is 5 (combined species) except areas with special regulations.

Extended Season is approved trout waters and all waters downstream of approved trout waters 12:01 a.m. the day after Labor Day to midnight the last day of February of the following year; minimum size is 7 inches; daily limit is 3 (combined species), except areas with special regulations.

Extended Season: Class A wild trout stream sections are no harvest - catch and release only. Streams are listed at www.fishandboat.com/classa.pdf.



Brook Trout



Rainbow Trout



Brown Trout

Bass – Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted (Lakes)

January 1 to midnight the day before the first Saturday after April 11 and November 1 to midnight December 31; minimum size is 15 inches; daily limit is 4 (combined species from all habitats).

12:01 a.m. the first Saturday after April 11 to 12:01 a.m. the first Saturday after June 11; no harvest – catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted).

12:01 a.m. the first Saturday after June 11 to midnight October 31; minimum size is 12 inches; daily limit is 6 (combined species).



Largemouth Bass



Smallmouth Bass

Bass – Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted (Rivers and Streams)

January 1 to midnight the day before the first Saturday after April 11 and October 1 to midnight December 31; minimum size is 15 inches; daily limit is 4 (combined species).

12:01 a.m. the first Saturday after April 11 to 12:01 a.m. the first Saturday after June 11; no harvest – catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted).

12:01 a.m. the first Saturday after June 11 to midnight September 30; minimum size is 12 inches; daily limit is 6 (combined species).



Spotted Bass

Muskellunge and Muskellunge Hybrids

Open year-round; minimum size is 40 inches; daily limit is 1.



Muskellunge

regulations may also apply. The regulations on these waters will be different. Special regulations are set for different seasons,

sizes, creel limits or the type of equipment permitted.

Pickereel

Open year-round; minimum size is 18 inches; daily limit is 4.

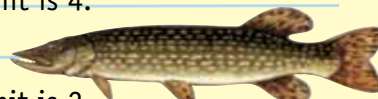
Chain Pickerel



Northern Pike

Open year-round; minimum size is 24 inches; daily limit is 2.

Northern Pike



Walleyes and Hybrids (*Saugeye*)

January 1 through March 14; and 12:01 a.m. the first Saturday in May to midnight, December 31; minimum size is 15 inches; daily limit is 6.

Walleye



Sauger

January 1 through March 14; and 12:01 a.m. the first Saturday in May to midnight, December 31; minimum size is 12 inches; daily limit is 6.

Sauger



American Shad

Open year round; no minimum size; daily limit is 3.

Unlawful to take, catch or kill American Shad, in the Susquehanna River and all its tributaries. River Herring (Alewife and Blueback Herring) has a closed year-round season with zero daily limit applied to Susquehanna River and tributaries, Lehigh River and tributaries, Schuylkill River and tributaries, West Branch Delaware River, Delaware River, Delaware estuary, Delaware River tributaries upstream to the limit of the tidal influence and Conowingo Reservoir.

American Shad



Striped Bass and Striped Bass/White Bass Hybrids

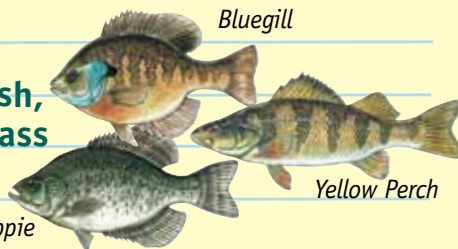
Open year round; minimum size is 20 inches; daily limit is 2 (combined species).

Bluegill

Sunfish, Yellow Perch, Crappies, Catfish, Rock Bass, Suckers, Carp and White Bass

Open year-round; no minimum size; daily limit is 50 (combined species).

Black Crappie



NOTE: For Bass regulations, power dam pools and recreational dam pools on the Susquehanna River and navigational dam pools in the Ohio drainage are "rivers." It is unlawful to conduct a fishing tournament on the North Branch, West Branch or main stem of the Susquehanna River that allows a tournament angler to kill black bass.

NOTE: Approved trout waters are closed to all fishing from March 1 to the opening day of the regular trout season in April, unless included in the **Regional Opening Day of Trout Season Program or Approved Trout Waters open to Year-Round Fishing Program.**

*Regulations summarized here are current for the 2015 year but are subject to change.