

# 1941-1991: Casting Forth the Mission

The next 50 years of the Commission were very busy. The PFBC grew and so did the education efforts. The Commission was involved in summer camps during the 1940s. The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen were important partners in these camps. Many of these camps continue today.

In the 1950s and 1960s, the Commission and its partners taught about fish and fishing in schools and community centers. These programs taught basic fishing skills and how to clean and cook fish. Waterways Patrolmen (now called Waterways Conservation Officers) often instructed these programs.

Teaching people about safe boating increased during the 1970s and 1980s. Education about the proper wear and use of a life jacket was most important.

Displays were installed at PFBC hatcheries and hatchery tour booklets about fish were produced. The Commission

began producing maps to guide anglers and boaters to fishing and boating locations. Slide shows and videos were also used at this time by PFBC staff.



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## Highlights from PFBC History

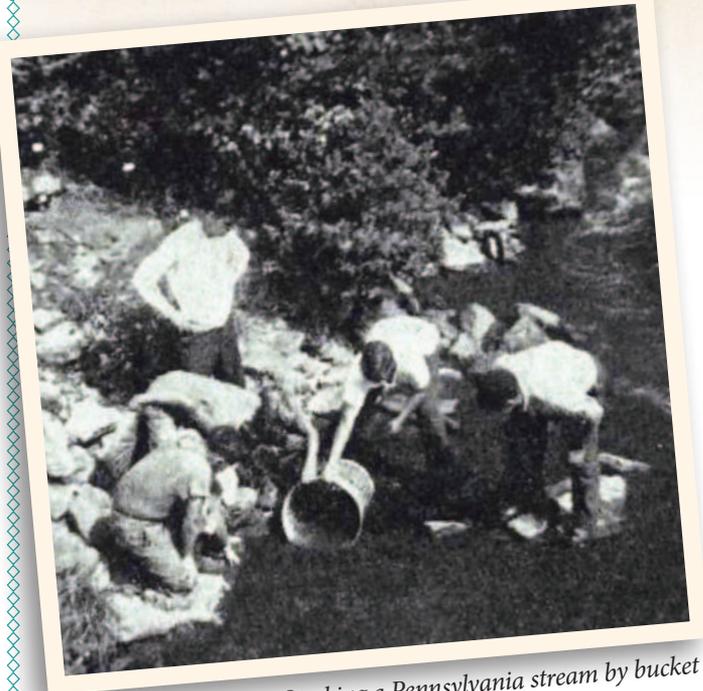
- 1965-The first class of cadets who would become Waterways Patrolmen graduated from training.
- 1966-The PFBC celebrated its 100th anniversary.
- 1967-The First Fish-for-Free Day was held.
- 1974-Amphibian, reptile and aquatic insect education began.
- 1980-The first issue of the *PLAY* newsletter was published.



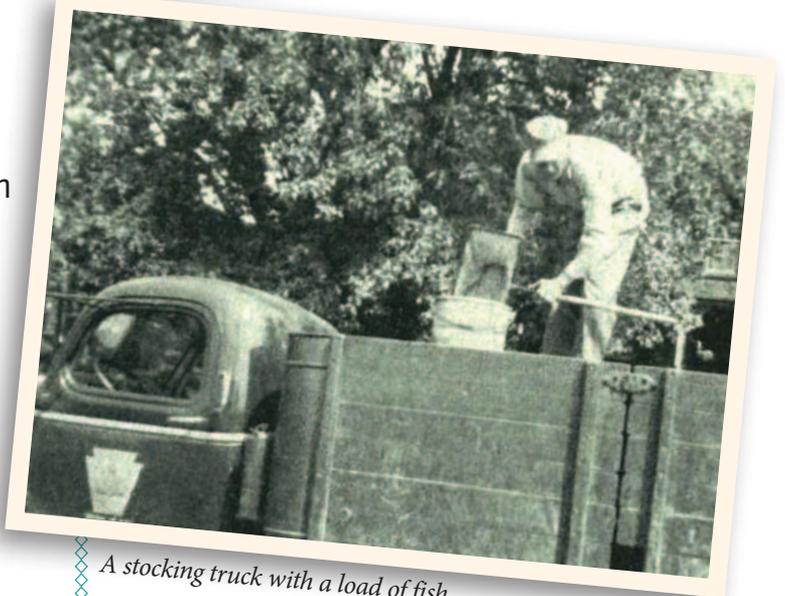
- 1984-Waterways Patrolmen changed their name to Waterways Conservation Officers (WCOs). The first female WCO was hired.
- 1987-Resource First became the agency's philosophy.



- 1991-The agency changed its name to the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission.



*Stocking a Pennsylvania stream by bucket*



*A stocking truck with a load of fish*



*First graduation class of cadets from H.R. Stackhouse Fishery Conservation and Watercraft Safety School in 1965.*