WHO MUST WEAR A LIFE JACKET?
• Children 12 years of age and younger on boats less than 16 feet in length or any canoe or kayak.
• Everyone in boats less than 16 feet in length and in all canoes and kayaks.
• All adults, including those who are not licensed to fish, who are fishing in the water.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE AN ANNUAL BUTTON?
For all eligible customers, the buttons are NOT required by law, and Lifetime Senior License and Multi-Year License holders can also purchase the license that enables them to fish for the entire year. The fee is $10.00 per button.

WHEN CAN I FISH?
- **Jan. 1 - March 14 and May 4 - Dec. 31** (no tournaments permitted)
- **April 13 - June 14**
- **June 15 - Oct. 31**
- **Nov. 1 - Dec. 31**

**Pennsylvania Fishing Summary**

Pennsylvania’s Best Fishing Waters is a program established by the Commission, using the expertise of fisheries biologists, to identify locations for different categories of fish to assist anglers in knowing where and when to fish.

Pennsylvania’s Best Fishing Waters are designated as both Class A Wild Trout Streams and Stocked Trout Waters. These stream sections are closed to fishing from March 1 until designated as both Class A Wild Trout Streams and Stocked Trout Waters open to Year-Round Fishing Program.

It is legal to fish for trout in Class A trout streams year-round, with no harvest beginning the day after Labor Day through the opening day of trout season the following year. The exception is those stream sections designated as both Class A Wild Trout Streams and Stocked Trout Waters. These stream sections are closed to fishing from March 1 until designated as both Class A Wild Trout Streams and Stocked Trout Waters open to Year-Round Fishing Program.

Convenient Multi-Year Fishing
Anglers can purchase a license for three years, five years or select the Lifetime license. There will be a three year license now available. A three year license can be purchased at the time of purchase for $45.00 and is valid for three consecutive years. The three year license will expire at the end of the passes year that is closest to the three year anniversary of purchase.

**2019 Mentored Youth Trout Days:**
March 23 (regular season) and April 6 (statewide)
Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are plants and animals that have been introduced into new waters. Stocked trout waters in Pennsylvania have enjoyed since 1931 a point of view of the Commission does not pertain to stocked trout waters (lakes) open to year-round fishing. For all other species, inland waters do not have both. The Commission does NOT recognize launch permits from other states. An unpowered boat may have a registration OR launch permit, but it is not required to have both. Owners of unpowered boats (canoes, kayaks, rowboats, stand-up paddleboards, etc.) can launch their boats at Commission lakes, access areas and properties, and watercraft (including PWC) operators must be at least 14 years of age to operate a PWC. They must be registered in their state of principal use. Boat operators of boats with engines greater than 25 horsepower and born on or after Jan. 1, 1982, may not operate unless the boat is registered and the operator has a boat registration or a valid boating license. A Coast Guard-approved wearable life jacket or personal flotation device (PFD) is required for each occupant on all types of boats in all waters. This requirement is intended to protect boaters in the event of an accident. The risk of an accident being fatal is 55 percent greater than 25 miles per hour on a PWC and they are not required to wear a PFD. For details, see the Pennsylvania Fishing Summary for more information on these waters under the “Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only” special regulation. For “Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only” special regulations, see the Pennsylvania Fishing Summary. For more information, go to www.fishinpa.com.