Notice

Temporary Change to Fishing Regulations
Fishing in Stocked Trout Waters and Regional Opening Day of Trout Season

The Executive Director of the Fish and Boat Commission (Commission), acting under the authority of 58 Pa. Code §65.25 (relating to temporary changes to fishing regulations), has taken immediate action to amend 58 Pa. Code § 63.3 (relating to fishing in stocked trout waters) and 58 Pa. Code § 65.12 (relating to regional opening day of trout season). Specifically, the Executive Director has amended these sections to eliminate the Regional Opening Day of Trout Season for 2020. It is now unlawful to fish in stocked trout waters regulated under § 61.1 (relating to Commonwealth inland waters) in any part of the Commonwealth until 8:00 a.m. on Saturday April 18, 2020. This is a temporary change affecting only the 2020 trout season.

The Executive Director has found that this action is a necessary and appropriate response to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus and calls from the Center for Disease Control and Office of the Governor for citizens to take precautions and to provide for the health and safety of persons who fish Commonwealth waters. The temporary modifications will go into effect immediately, and will remain in effect until the Commission, by appropriate action, amends § 63.3 and § 65.12. In the absence of such action, the temporary modification will automatically expire on December 31, 2020.

FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION:

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