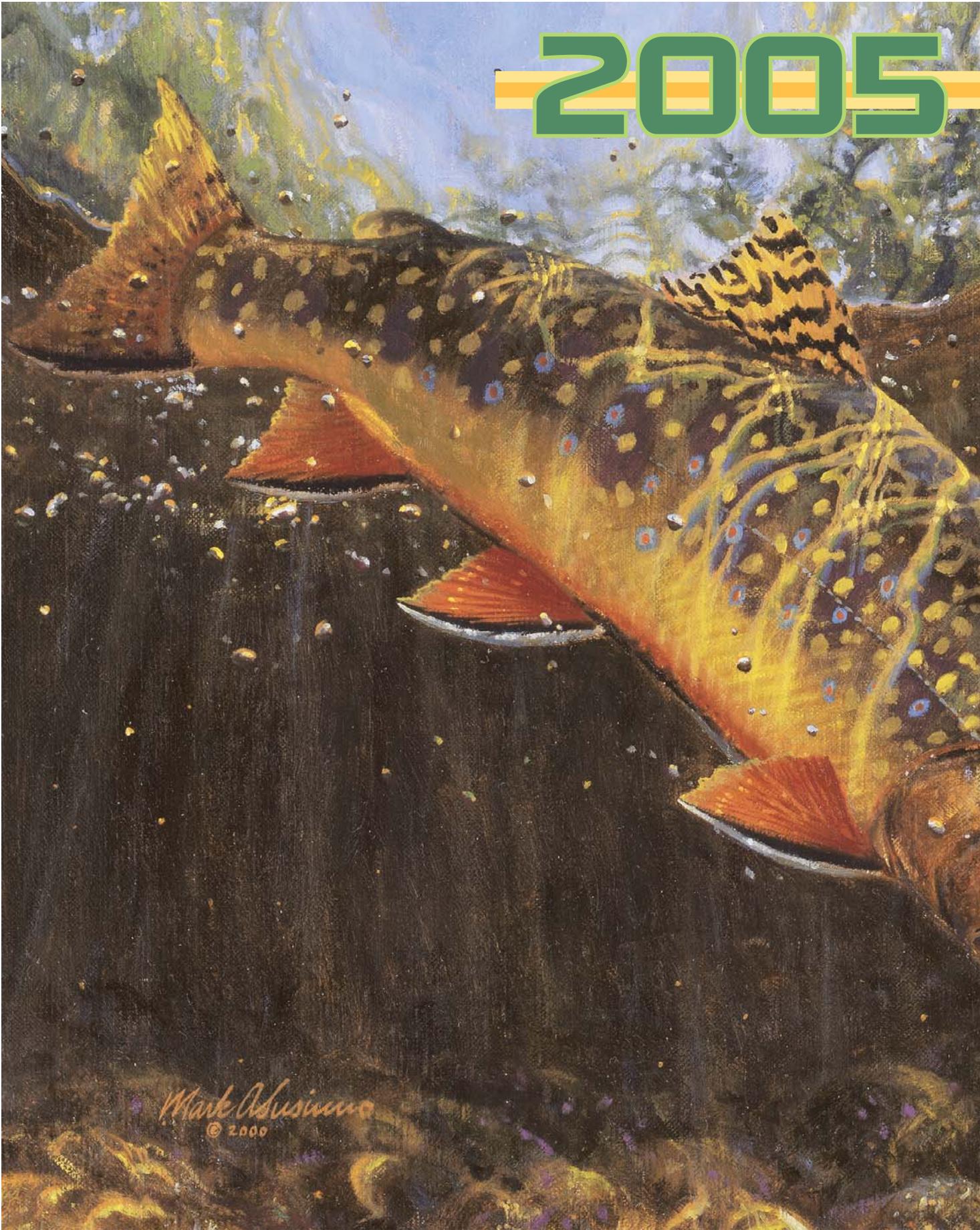


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Catchable-Trout Stocking Program Changes

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In 2005, the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission will stock some 4.2 million adult trout in Commonwealth waters open to public angling. This figure includes the production of about 4 million catchable-size trout at state fish hatcheries, 100,000 trout produced at the Allegheny National Fish Hatchery as part of a cooperative agreement between the Commission and the United States Fish & Wildlife Service, and 100,000 trout as part of a purchase contract with a commercial hatchery. The 2005 total figure is similar to the number of trout stocked during the 2004 season.

As with past practice, changes for the 2005 season include the addition of new waters, the removal of waters from the stocking program, and the expansion of the stocking program in several waters (stream sections and lakes).

New waters

Lakeside Quarry, Lebanon County. Located near Myerstown, this 9.1-acre lake will be added to the adult-trout stocking program. The lake will be stocked with brook trout inseason during the spring.

Raystown Branch Juniata River, Huntingdon County. Located near Huntingdon, a 0.9-mile tailwater section of this waterway will be added to the trout stocking program. Stocking will extend from the outflow of Raystown Lake to the downstream point of Corbin's Island. This waterway will receive an inseason stocking of brown and rainbow trout during the early spring.

Seeley Creek, Bradford and Tioga counties. A reduction in landowner posting will allow stocking to resume on a 5.3-mile stream section after a three-year absence from the stocking program. Stocking will extend from the T-717 bridge downstream to the New York/Pennsylvania state line. The stream will be stocked with rainbow trout inseason during the spring.

Sylvan Lake, Luzerne County. Improved angler access will allow stocking to resume on this 81.5-acre lake after a three-year break from the stocking program. The lake will be stocked with rainbow trout during the fall.

Wolf Creek, Mercer County. A 2.5-mile stream section, extending from the SR 0058 bridge in Grove City downstream to Airport Road Bridge (T-343), will be added to the trout stocking

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Lycoming Creek, Lycoming County

program. The stream will receive pre-season and inseason stockings of brown and rainbow trout.

Young Womans Creek, Clinton County. Beginning this season a change in regulations and management will go into effect on a 5.3-mile stream section extending from Beechwood Trail downstream to 0.75-mile upstream of the confluence with Left Branch Young Womans Creek. The regulations will change to the Catch-and-Release program, and the stream will receive a pre-season and an inseason stocking of rainbow trout.

Early warning waters

Bradford Reservoir #3, McKean County. This 20-acre lake will be removed at least from the 2005 spring trout stocking program because of safety concerns from a required drawdown to allow for maintenance repairs on the dam.

Conodoguinet Creek, Franklin County. A 2.2-mile stream section, extending from the outflow of Letterkenny Reservoir downstream to SR 0997, will be removed from the stocking program because of landowner posting.

Dutch Fork Lake, Washington County. This 91-acre lake will be removed at least from the 2005 spring stocking program because of safety concerns from a required drawdown to allow for maintenance repairs on the dam.

Waltz Creek, Northampton County. The 2.4-mile stream section extending from the confluence of Greenwalk Creek downstream to the mouth will be removed from the stocking program because of the presence of a Class A wild brown trout population. This waterway had been stocked only pre-season.

New Delayed-Harvest areas

Honey Creek, Mifflin County. In cooperation with private landowners and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, a 1.75-mile stream section will be added to the Delayed-Harvest, Artificial-Lures-Only program. The limits of this area will extend downstream from the upper Bald Eagle State Forest boundary. The area will receive spring and fall stockings of brook and brown trout.

McMichaels Creek, Monroe County. In cooperation with Stroud Township

and private landowners, a Delayed-Harvest, Artificial-Lures-Only area has been established on a 1.75-mile stream section. The limits of this area will extend from 130 yards downstream of Turkey Hill Road (T-416) downstream to the upstream boundary of the Glen Brook Golf Club. The section will be stocked spring and fall with brook, brown and rainbow trout.

Powell Creek, Dauphin County. In cooperation with private landowners, a 2.1-mile stream section will be added to the Delayed-Harvest, Artificial-Lures-Only program. The limits of this area extend from Back Road Bridge (T-551) downstream to the confluence with an unnamed tributary near the intersection of T-358 and Matamoras Road (T-553). This section will be stocked spring and fall with brown and rainbow trout.

Delayed-Harvest area stocking restoration

Tobyhanna Creek, Monroe County. Trout stocking will resume for the 2005 season on the 1.0-mile Delayed-Harvest, Artificial-Lures-Only area, which extends from the confluence with Still Swamp Run downstream to the State Game Lands #127/PPL service road bridge. This section was removed from the stocking program during the spring of 2004 because of road access safety concerns that have since been resolved.

Expansions

Changes in classification and/or stocking limit extensions have led to an increase in the stocking program on the following waters for the 2005 season:

Back Creek, Fayette County; Bens Creek, Somerset County; Big Coon Creek, Clarion and Forest counties; Buffalo Creek, Armstrong and Butler counties; Chester Creek, Delaware County; Cold Run, Schuylkill County; Corey Creek, Tioga County; Deep Creek Dam, Montgomery County; East Branch Clarion River, Elk County; Ellick Creek, Somerset County; Howells Run, Cambria County; Kimberly Run,

Somerset County; Little Chartiers Creek, Washington County; Little Cove Creek, Franklin County; Little North Fork Beaver Creek, Beaver County; Little Scrubgrass Creek, Venango County; Little Schrader Creek, Bradford County; Little Sugar Creek, Venango County; Little Toby Creek, Elk and Jefferson counties; Loyalhanna Creek, Westmoreland County; Martins Creek, Northampton County; McMichaels Creek, Monroe County; Mill Creek, Westmoreland County; Montour Run, Allegheny County; Pike Run, Washington County; Pine Creek, Allegheny County; Pine Creek, Schuylkill County; Pithole Creek, Venango County; Pohopoco Creek, Carbon and Monroe counties; Powell Creek, Dauphin County; Schrader Creek, Bradford County; South Branch Roaring Creek, Columbia and Northumberland counties; South Witmer Run, Clearfield County; Sugar Creek, Crawford and Venango counties; Upper Twin Lake, Westmoreland County; West Branch Susquehanna River, Clearfield County; and West Branch Wallenpaupack Creek, Lackawanna County.

Fall stocking program additions

The following waterways will be added to the fall stocking program: Lower Deer Lakes, Allegheny County; Montour Run, Allegheny County; and Pennypack Creek, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.

Trout stocked during the fall are not bonus fish. They are part of a water's annual allocation.

Early season Trout-Stocked Waters program additions

Beginning in January 2005, the following waters will be added to the **Early Season Trout-Stocked Waters program**: East Basin Pond, Erie County; West Basin Pond, Erie County; Lily Lake, Luzerne County; and Upper Twin Lake, Westmoreland County.

Wild Brook Trout Enhancement Program

These regulations were implemented in January 2004, and program additions became effective January 1, 2005. On these waterways, no brook trout may be killed or possessed. There are no tackle restrictions. The regulations apply only to brook trout. Inland regulations apply to all other species. Designated waters are open to fishing year-round (no closed season), and a current trout/salmon permit is required. Waterways included in this program are:

Carbon County: Jeans Run. From the border of State Game Lands #141 upstream of Jeans Run to its headwaters, a distance of 2.5 miles, and all tributaries entering this portion of Jeans Run.

Forest County: Minister Creek. 5 miles, including the main stem and tributaries.

Monroe County: Kistler Run Watershed. Entire watershed, including 3.1 miles of Kistler Run and its tributaries.

Monroe County: Wolf Swamp Run Watershed. Entire watershed, including 2.1 miles of Wolf Swamp Run and its tributaries.

Perry County: Shaeffer Run. Tuscarora State Forest upstream on Shaeffer Run to its headwaters, a distance of 4.9 miles, and all tributaries entering this portion of Shaeffer Run.

Potter County: Birch Run Watershed. Entire watershed, including 5.3 miles of Birch Run and its tributaries.

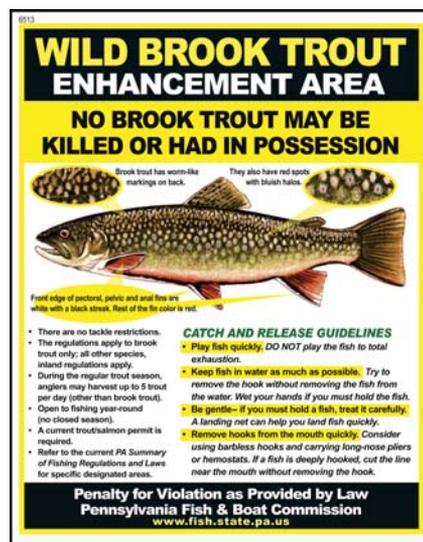
Potter County: Lyman Run. Headwaters downstream to Lyman Lake, a distance of 5.4 miles, and all tributaries.

Potter/Tioga Counties: Upper Kettle Creek Basin. 28.3 miles, from the main stem of Kettle Creek from the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Long Run, including Long Run and all tributaries upstream to the headwaters.

Westmoreland County: Camp Run Watershed. 4.1 miles, from the headwaters downstream to the mouth and all intermittent flow tributaries.

Note: The Commission has changed other regulations that affect trout fishing in 2005. For a complete overview, see the 2005 *Summary of Fishing Regulations and Laws*.

Waters managed under this program are open to angling through March, and Extended Season regulations apply. Trout stocked during the early spring are not bonus fish. They are part of a water's annual allocation. ☐



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