



Pennsylvania's Biggest Fish of 2016

*Angler Award Program Summary
Top Five Fish Submitted for each category*

Bass, Largemouth

Angler	Hometown	Water	Date	Bait	Weight	Length (inches)	Girth (inches)
Douglas W. Keenan	Birdsboro	Trout Run Reservoir	5/23	Pumpkin Worm	10 lb. 2 oz.	26	17.5
JD Ferchalk	Windber	Beaver Dam Reservoir	8/19	Minnow	9 lb. 2 oz.	27	-
Jeffry R. Bryan	Lenhartsville	Lake Ontelaunee	1/30	Live Shiner	8 lb. 4 oz.	20.5	18.00
Fred Riemensnyder	Wilkes-Barre	Beaver Lake	7/12	Minnow	8 lb.	30	-
Russell Kelosky	Butler	Lake Arthur	6/19	Soft Bait	7 lb. 13 oz.	22.5	19.25

Bass, Rock

Angler	Hometown	Water	Date	Bait	Weight	Length (inches)	Girth (inches)
John E. Rotto Jr	North Apollo	Lake Erie	4/10	Shiner	1 lb. 2 oz.	12	10.5
Heather Bisking	Lebanon	Hammer Creek	5/12	Mousetail	12 oz.	9.75	8
Austin James Rodgers	Kunkletown	Beltzville Lake	6/15	Alewife	12 oz.	10	8
Dylan Hay	Meyersdale	Casselman River	8/4	Spinner	11 oz.	10	9.5
Benjamin Bealer	Coopersburg	Lake Wallenpaupack	5/28	Power Nymph	-	9	-

Bass, Smallmouth

Angler	Hometown	Water	Date	Bait	Weight	Length (inches)	Girth (inches)
John A. Barron III	Canonsburg	Keystone Lake	6/19	Chub	5 lb. 8 oz.	22	-
Brad Turi	Scranton	Susquehanna River	4/30	Poppin Image	5 lb. 8 oz.	21	17.5
Vincent J. Smith	Manchester	Susquehanna River	8/17	Bubble Popper	5 lb. 8 oz.	21	12
William Tyler	Pittsburgh	Lake Erie	10/25	Creek Chub	5 lb. 6 oz.	22	15
Daniel Martin	Bel Air, MD	Susquehanna River	11/8	Rebel Cray Black	5 lb. 3 oz.	21.25	-

Bass, Striped - Lake

Angler	Hometown	Water	Date	Bait	Weight	Length (inches)	Girth (inches)
Ernest Harrop Jr	Reedsville	Raystown Lake	6/11	Alewife	34 lb. 7 oz.	45	-
Zachary R. Orth	Wernersville	Blue Marsh Lake	10/16	Live Sunfish	31 lb. 2 oz.	40	22
James William Hoffman	Industry	Ohio River	12/4	Spook	10 lb. 4 oz.	27	-
Camdyn Benetti	New Brighton	Pymatuning	6/29	Bread	8 lb. 1 oz.	26	-
Randy Gabriel	Lusby, MD	Lake Wallenpaupack	5/5	Swimbait	-	32	-

Bass, White

Angler	Hometown	Water	Date	Bait	Weight	Length (inches)	Girth (inches)
Teresa Brown	West Lafayette, IN	Lake Erie	7/26	Storm	2 lb. 14 oz.	18	13
Devin McCleaf	Shermans Dale	Lake Erie	8/2	-	2 lb. 11 oz.	17.75	13
Bianca Lavery	Cochranon	Lake Erie	7/13	Storm	2 lb. 2 oz.	16	14
Richard Young	Custer City	Lake Erie	8/17	Storm	2 lb. 2 oz.	19	13
Andrew Sterk	St Catharines, ON	Lake Erie	8/17	Storm	2 lb. 1 oz.	19	12.5

Bluegill

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Peyton Woomer	Duncansville	Canoe Creek State Rk	6/4	Red Worm	3 lb. 3 oz.	15	-
Kelsey Pearce	Thomasville	Kessler Pond	7/6	Live Worm	1 lb. 8 oz.	11	12
Diana Young	Coopersburg	Pecks Pond	5/20	Worm	15.5 oz.	10.25	11
Charles F. Young	Coopersburg	Pecks Pond	5/20	Worm	14 oz.	10.25	10.25
Lauren Rice	Slippery Rock	Curry Pond	7/2	Jig & Worm	14 oz.	9.25	9

Bowfin

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Chad Umbaugh	New Kensington	Pymatuning Lake	4/23	Fathead Minnow	5 lb. 2 oz.	29	-

Carp

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Brendan Killen	McMurray	Edinboro Lake	7/7	Corn	29 lb. 1 oz.	39	25
Ireland Killen	McMurray	Edinboro Lake	7/3	Corn	27 lb. 10 oz.	39	23.5
Michael Martinez	Philadelphia	Frankford Creek	11/24	Corn Meal	27 lb. 4 oz.	34	24
Isabella Psillidis	Pittsburgh	Edinboro Lake	7/4	Corn	27 lb.	36	24.5
Charles Thomas Jr	Philadelphia	Frankford Creek	11/13	Corn	24 lb. 5 oz.	33	23

Catfish, Bullhead

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Russell Dinch Jr	Washington	Cranberry Glade Lake	9/2	Night crawler	3 lb. 1 oz.	17	-
Jack Piskorski	West Grove	Anson B Nixon Rk	5/7	Night crawler	2 lb. 4 oz.	16	11
John E. Rotto Jr	North Apollo	Lake Erie	4/9	Worm	2 lb. 1 oz.	14.5	10.5
Julie Umbaugh	New Kensington	Sinnemahoning Lake	5/28	Night crawler	1 lb. 8 oz.	14.5	-

Catfish, Channel

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Bill Thimons	Arnold	Allegheny River	7/23	Chub	22 lb. 4 oz.	39	22
Brett Van Leininger	Shillington	Conowingo Reservoir	9/24	Cut Bait	18 lb. 6 oz.	32	20
Jacob Bombach	Jeannette	Twin Lakes - Upper Lake	8/8	Baitfish	15 lb. 1 oz.	31.75	18.75
Mark Brunk	Chambersburg	Gifford Pinchot Lake	9/4	Chicken liver	11 lb. 13 oz.	30.5	16
Michael A. Spleen Jr	Schwenksville	Lake Nockamixon	8/2	Chicken liver	11 lb. 2 oz.	29	16.25

Catfish, Flathead

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Stephen J. Hallas Jr	Hermitage	Shenango Res	8/1	Creek Chub	34 lb. 4 oz.	46.25	24.25
Lawson Wilkinson	Pittsburgh	Ohio River	8/17	Cutbait Bluegill	33 lb. 15 oz.	43	-
David Karpinski	Pittsburgh	Allegheny River	7/12	Cutbait Bluegill	32 lb. 10 oz.	41	27
Anthony W. Sarsfield Jr	Somerset	Susquehanna River	5/1	Live Bluegill	32 lb. 3 oz.	42	27
Richard R. Gambler Sr	Columbia	Susquehanna River	8/13	Sunfish	29 lb.	39	-

Crappie

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Laken Fitzgerald	Vanport	Raccoon Lake	5/22	Jig & Minnow	3 lb. 6 oz.	20	15
Bill Hines	Shelocta	Lake Arthur	12/31	Maggot	2 lb. 12 oz.	16	12
Rocko Buffone	Kittanning	Keystone Lake	5/22	Minnow & Cork	2 lb. 9 oz.	15.75	-
Daniel Pollock	Slippery Rock	Lake Arthur	4/18	Minnow	2 lb. 5 oz.	16	13
Patrick Acierno	Freedom	Lake Arthur	2/12	Jig	2 lb. 5 oz.	15.5	13.25

Drum, Freshwater (Sheepshead)

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Jim Mirage	Burgettstown	Monongahela River	5/26	Night crawler	17 lb. 5 oz.	27	33
Russell Dinch	Washington	Monongahela River	4/24	Night crawler	12 lb. 2 oz.	29.5	-
David C. Krimm IV	Butler	Lake Erie	9/3	Reef Runner	10 lb. 14 oz.	27	22
Mike Doerflinger	Slippery Rock	Lake Erie	5/29	Tube	10 lb. 14 oz.	28.5	18
Ryan Newman	Three Springs	Lake Erie	7/25	Storm	10 lb. 10 oz.	31	18.5

Muskellunge

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Christopher M. Kostella	Home	Allegheny River	6/14	Pyle Diver	37 lb. 4 oz.	53	23.5
Dustin Bowers	Blairsville	Glendale Lake	7/6	Sucker	35 lb. 8 oz.	50	25
William Tyler	Pittsburgh	Lake Arthur	5/31	Blue Gill	29 lb. 7 oz.	45	23
Mike Speaker	Bradford	Kinzua Reservoir	1/23	Emerald Shiner	26 lb. 2 oz.	46	21
Daniel Hoffman	New Brighton	Ohio River	3/9	Hot & Tot	24 lb. 9 oz	46	-

Muskellunge, Tiger

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
John E. Rotto Jr	North Apollo	Woodcock Lake	5/5	Shiner	-	40	-

Perch, White

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Mike Hopkins	Sewickley	Lake Erie	8/7	Storm	2 lb. 3 oz.	15	11.5
Briley Huey	Brockway	Lake Erie	9/17	Night crawler	1 lb. 13 oz.	13.75	11.25
John E. Rotto Sr	North Apollo	Lake Erie	4/2	Shiner	1 lb. 8 oz.	11	-
Ryan Svetz	Buford, GA	Lake Erie	7/13	Willow Leaf with worm	1 lb. 4 oz.	12.5	9.75
Drew Svetz	Buford, GA	Lake Erie	7/13	Willow Leaf with worm	1 lb. 2 oz.	12.5	9.5

Perch, Yellow

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Brian M. Clark	Edinboro	Presque Isle Bay	3/30	Emerald Shiner	2 lb. 14 oz.	16	14.5
Bryan McMillin	Slippery Rock	Pymatuning Lake	3/19	Vibe	2 lb. 8 oz.	15.25	-
Mark Anthony Ferrington	Erie	Lake Erie	4/24	Live Minnows	2 lb. 6 oz.	15.25	11.5
John E. Rotto Jr.	North Apollo	Lake Erie	4/10	Shiner	2 lb. 3 oz.	15.25	11.5
John R. Welch	Erie	Presque Isle Bay	4/12	Minnows	2 lb. 1 oz.	16	11.25

Pickrel, Chain

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Donald Snyder	Leesport	Lake Ontelaunee	8/4	Senko Creature	4 lb. 7 oz.	25	10.25
Ben F. Rzicznek	Mercer	Otter Creek	3/1	Storm Wild Eye Pro Curl	4 lb. 4 oz.	23.75	12.5
Clint Reinhart	Coopersburg	Nockamixon	8/23	Mepps Aglia	4 lb. 1 oz.	24.5	12
Clint Reinhart	Coopersburg	Green Lane Reservoir	6/1	Mepps Aglia	3 lb. 3 oz.	22	14
Troy M. Fickes	Fayetteville	Conodoguinet	9/23	Whopperplopp	-	26	-

Pike, Northern

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
James William Hoffman	Industry	Allegheny Reservoir	10/6	Cisco	10 lb. 13 oz.	34	-
Michael Yannick	Hummelstown	Susquehanna River	9/28	Whopper Plopper	-	30	12

Suckers

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
John B. Zelko	Steelton	Elk Creek	5/2	Worm	7 lb.	27.5	15.25
John M. Zelko	Steelton	Elk Creek	5/2	Worm	6 lb. 4 oz.	25.5	14.75
Chad Umbaugh	New Kensington	Crooked Creek	8/25	Bowfishing	5 lb. 14 oz.	25.5	-
Chad Umbaugh	New Kensington	Crooked Creek	8/5	Bowfishing	5 lb. 12 oz.	25	-
John E. Rotto Jr	North Apollo	Kiski River	5/9	Worm	5 lb. 8 oz.	22.5	14.5

Trout, Brook

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Jared Henninger	Manheim	Eleven Mile Creek	4/16	Power Bait	5 lb. 8 oz.	22	14.5
Steve Long	Mifflinburg	Salmon Creek	4/27	Minnow	5 lb. 5 oz.	20.25	14.75
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Thomas J. Schu	Shunk	Schrader Creek	4/28	Wax Worm	5 lb. 4 oz.	20	15
Steve Long	Mifflinburg	Salmon Creek	4/27	Minnow	4 lb. 12 oz.	19.5	13.75

Trout, Brown

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Ned Moore III	Portage	Walnut Creek	10/1	Bugger	14 lb. 14 oz.	32.5	17.5
John C. Jensen	Erie	Lake Erie	4/10	Minnow	13 lb. 8 oz.	27.25	19
Robert Frazier	Hanover	Ortanna Pond 1	4/19	Castmaster	12 lb. 4 oz.	25	19.5
William M. Sirochman	Ford City	Presque Isle Bay	4/6	Curly Tail	11 lb. 4 oz.	28	18
John S. Graff	Washington	Trout Run	10/19	Powerbait	10 lb. 13 oz.	28.5	17

Trout, Lake

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Sean Phillips	Glenshaw	Lake Erie	4/24	Spoon	25 lb. 1 oz.	34	24
Vincent Silvaggi	Erie	Lake Erie	4/27	Dream Weaver	21 lb.	35.5	22
Mark Tattersall	Erie	Lake Erie	7/2	-	19 lb. 8 oz.	34	21

Trout, Golden Rainbow

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Christopher L. Joseph	Allentown	Little Lehigh Creek	6/4	Berkley Gulp	14 lb. 1 oz.	29.75	18.25
Anna Jackson	Claysburg	Powell Creek	3/26	Minnow	7 lb. 15 oz.	26.5	15.5
Michael Moyer Jr	Pennsburg	Jordan Creek	4/2	Butter Worm	6 lb. 11 oz.	24	16
Michael Wu	Gibsonia	North Park Lake	4/16	Powerbait	6 lb. 6 oz.	24	21
Chelsea Hoyer	Lebanon	Stover's Dam	4/2	Powerbait	6 lb. 4 oz.	22.5	15

Trout, Rainbow

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Owen Harvey	Havertown	Chester Creek	5/14	White Trout Magnet	11 lb.	28.5	20
Wes Powell	Cumberland, MD	Evitts Creek	4/18	Homemade Spinner	9 lb. 2 oz.	28	17
Rodney Gerber	Morgantown, WV	Youghiogheny River	7/31	Wet Fly	9 lb.	26	16.75
Mckenna Reese	New Oxford	Lake Kaiser	10/10	Rapala	8 lb. 12 oz.	25	16.75
Jeffrey Zimmerman	Fredericksburg	Quittahilla Creek	5/10	Night Crawler	8 lb. 8 oz.	27	16

Trout, Steelhead

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Dave Pugne	Erie	Lake Erie	8/26	Dreamweaver	14 lb. 3 oz.	32	19.75
Mathew Biedrycki	Fort Worth, TX	Walnut Creek	10/10	Cleo	11 lb. 13 oz.	30	18.25
Robin Shaffer	Gardners	Lake Erie	10/7	Salmon Egg Sacks	11 lb.	30.5	14.25
Dylan Amboyer	North East	Lake Erie	7/4	Storm	11 lb.	30	17
Erlinda Klaric	Hookstown	Lake Erie	10/5	-	10 lb. 14 oz.	30	17.75

Walleye

<i>Angler</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bait</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Girth (inches)</i>
Greg Paul	Leechburg	Allegheny River	11/6	Rapala	13 lb. 11 oz.	32.25	19.5
Jay Montevocchio	Erie	French Creek	2/8	Ripple Shad	13 lb. 10 oz.	34	18.5
Robert E. Yoder	Clymer, NY	Lake Erie	6/11	Crawler Harness	13 lb. 6 oz.	33	18
Colton Dinges	Hollidaysburg	Yellow Creek	1/31	Shiner	13 lb. 1 oz.	31	-
Michelle Yeager	Hadley	Lake Erie	9/4	Worm Harness	12 lb. 7 oz.	33	20