








ALL FISH SPECIES-INLAND WATERS

COMMONWEALTH INLAND WATERS

(includes the Youghiogheny River Lake and does not include special regulation areas or endangered and threatened species not shown on this chart.)

Species	Seasons	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
ALL SPECIES OF TROUT AND SALMON  Additional regulations may apply- see Trout Regulations-page 9-20	Regional Opening Day of Trout Season* - April 2 at 8 a.m. through Sept. 5 (only 18 southeastern PA counties)	7 inches	5-streams, lakes and ponds (combined species)
	Regular Season - April 16 at 8 a.m. through Sept. 5	7 inches	5-streams, lakes and ponds (combined species)
	Extended Season: <i>Approved trout waters and all waters downstream of approved trout waters.</i> Jan. 1 through Feb. 28 and Sept. 6 through Dec. 31	7 inches	3 (combined species)
BASS-LAKES Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Additional regulations may apply- see page 5	Jan. 1 through April 15 and Nov. 1 through Dec. 31	15 inches	4 (combined species)
	April 16 through June 17	NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted)	
	June 18 through Oct. 31	12 inches	6 (combined species)
BASS-RIVERS AND STREAMS Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Additional regulations may apply- see page 5	Jan. 1 through April 15 and Oct. 1 through Dec. 31	15 inches	4 (combined species)
	April 16 through June 17	NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted)	
	June 18 through Sept. 30	12 inches	6 (combined species)
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge** Pickeral** Northern Pike**	Open year-round	40 inches	1 (combined species)
		18 inches	4
		24 inches	2 (combined species)
Walleye and Saugeye (Hybrids) Sauger	Jan. 1 through March 14 and May 7 through Dec. 31	15 inches	6
		12 inches	6
		American Shad *** American Shad	Open year-round
American Shad, Alewife, Blueback Herring 	Open year-round - Lehigh River, Schuylkill River**** and tributaries	No minimum	1
Hickory Shad ***	CLOSED YEAR-ROUND Susquehanna River and tributaries		
Herring, Gizzard Shad ***	CLOSED YEAR-ROUND		
American Eel	Open year-round	No minimum	50 (combined species)
Striped Bass and Striped Bass/ White Bass Hybrids	Open year-round	8 inches	50
Sunfish, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Crappies, Catfish, Rock Bass, Suckers, Carp, White Bass and other gamefish not otherwise listed Additional regulations may apply- see Panfish Enhancement Special Regulations-page 25	Open year-round	20 inches	2 (combined species)
		No minimum	50 (combined species)
		Baitfish/Fishbait (except Mudbugs and Mussels/Clams)	Open year-round
American Eel (as Baitfish)	Open year-round	6 to 8 inches	50
Mudbugs (Dragonfly Nymphs)	Open year-round	No minimum	Unlimited if taken from lakes, ponds, swamps and adjacent areas. 50 per day if taken from moving waters (rivers and streams)
Mussels/Clams	CLOSED YEAR-ROUND		
Paddlefish	CLOSED YEAR-ROUND		

Seasons, sizes and creel limits - Except for trout season, which begins at 8 a.m., all regulatory periods in the fishing regulations are based on the calendar day, one of which ends at midnight and the next of which begins immediately thereafter.
 * Includes only those waters in 18 southeastern PA counties and two waters crossing from those counties listed in the Regional Opening Day of Trout Season Program (see pages 11-12).
 ** Except those species in waters listed in the Brood Stock Lakes Program. Tiger muskellunge is a muskellunge hybrid.
 *** Unlawful to take, catch or kill American shad, hickory shad (endangered species), alewife and blueback herring (collectively known as river herring) in the Susquehanna River and all its tributaries.

**** Schuylkill River upstream of the I-95 bridge and its tributaries.
 NOTE: It is not a violation of the bass regulations if a bass is immediately returned unharmed to the waters from which it was taken. It is unlawful for an angler to cast repeatedly into a clearly visible bass spawning nest or redd in an effort to catch or take bass.
 NOTE: For bass regulations, power dam pools and recreational dam pools on the Susquehanna River and navigational dam pools on the Ohio River drainage are "rivers." It is unlawful to conduct a fishing tournament on the North Branch, West Branch or main stem of the Susquehanna River that allows tournament angler to harvest bass.

NOTE: Approved trout waters are closed to fishing from March 1 to the opening day of the regular trout season in April, unless included in the Early Season Trout-Stocked Waters Program or Regional Opening Day of Trout Season Program or Approved Trout Waters open to Year-Round Fishing Program.

NOTE: Landlocked alewife less than 8 inches in length taken from inland ponds, lakes or reservoirs that are collected by legal means may be harvested for use as baitfish.

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