**2003 Warmwater and Coolwater Fish Regulations**

**Conservation Regulations**

Special conservation regulations have been established at Ryker Lake, Sussex County, to protect and maintain the quality of panfish and largemouth bass fisheries.

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<tr>
<th>Species</th>
<th>Minimum Size</th>
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<tr>
<td>Largemouth Bass</td>
<td>15 inches</td>
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<td>Sunfish</td>
<td>7 inches</td>
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<td>Yellow perch</td>
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**Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass**

The minimum size of largemouth/smallmouth bass is 12 inches, except for Parvin Lake, Assumpink Lake and Delaware Lake (Lunker Bass Lakes) and Ryker Lake where it is 15 inches. The daily creel and possession limit for largemouth/smallmouth bass is 5 in total, except for Parvin Lake, Boonton Reservoir, Assumpink Lake and Delaware Lake where it is 3, and Ryker Lake where it is 2. The minimum size limit on smallmouth bass only in Boonton Reservoir is 15 inches.

During the period of April 15 through June 15, the possession of all bass is prohibited and all bass caught shall be returned immediately to the water unharmed.

**Striped Bass**

It is illegal to take, catch or kill any striped bass from or in any fresh waters of this state by means of a net of any description or by any method other than angling with a hook and line.

It is illegal to possess any striped bass, or parts of a striped bass from which the head and/or tail has been removed (other than while in preparation or being served as food), which is less than the legal minimum size.

The minimum length for striped bass taken from freshwater is one fish greater than or equal to 24” but less than 28” and one fish 28” or greater.

**Walleye**

The daily creel and possession limit for walleye is 3, statewide, including the Delaware River. The minimum length is 18 inches. A closed season is in effect from March 1, 2003 to April 30, 2003 except for the Delaware River where there is no closed season.

**Other Warmwater/Coolwater Fishes**

For tiger musky and muskellunge the daily possession limit is 2 fish in aggregate, and the minimum length is 30 inches (except for Lake Hopatcong, Monksville Reservoir and Greenwood Lake where the minimum length is 36 inches and the daily limit is 1 fish; the minimum length for muskellunge in Echo Lake Reservoir, Newark Watershed and Mountain Lake, Warren Co., is 40 inches and the daily creel is 1 fish). For northern pike, the daily possession limit is 2 fish, and the minimum length is 24 inches. For chain pickerel, the daily possession limit is 5 fish. There is a minimum length of 15 inches at Lakes Hopatcong, Swartswood and Hammonton only. For black and white crappie, the daily possession limit is 10 fish and the minimum length is 8 inches. For channel catfish, the daily possession limit is 5 fish and the minimum length is 12 inches. For all warmwater fishes not mentioned above (including but not limited to sunfishes, bullheads, and yellow perch), the daily possession limit is 25 fish, except for Ryker Lake. (See Conservation Regulations above). For alewife and blueback herring the possession limit is 35 fish in aggregate. See special regulations for the Delaware River and Greenwood Lake on Page 18.

**Angler Ethics**

1. Keep Only the Fish Needed
2. Do No Pollute—Properly Dispose of Trash
3. Sharpen Angling and Boating Skills
4. Observe Angling and Boating Safety Regulations
5. Respect Other Anglers’ Rights
6. Respect Property Owners’ Rights
7. Pass on Knowledge and Angling Skills
8. Support Local Conservation Efforts
9. Never Stock Fish or Plants into Public Waters
10. Promote the Sport of Angling
### 2003 Warmwater and Coolwater Freshwater Fishing Regulations—cont.

#### Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass

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#### Northern Pike, Tiger Musky, Muskellunge

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<td>30” Tiger Musky &amp; Muskellunge</td>
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#### Chain Pickerel

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#### Walleye

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#### Striped Bass (freshwater only)

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<td>March 1 thru Dec 31</td>
<td>Raritan River downstream of Duke Island Park dam (for Delaware River, see p. 18)</td>
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#### Shad (American & Hickory)

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#### Channel Catfish

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#### Crappie (Black & White)

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#### Other Fish Species

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#### Freshwater Baitfish

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<td>Statewide</td>
<td>No Minimum except 6” for Am. eel</td>
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**Baitfish Species:** alewife (anadromous and land-locked forms), blueback herring, golden shiner, banded killifish, mummichog, spotfin killifish, rainwater killifish, American brook lamprey, fathead minnow, bluntnose minnow, stonecat, tadpole madtom, margined madtom, all shiners, daces, minnows and American eel.
2003 Freshwater Fishing Boundary Waters
Season and Creel Limits

This is not the full law. Consult the Division of Fish and Wildlife for further details. All persons are reminded that the statutes, code and regulations are the legal authorities. †Red text in regulations indicates a potential change for this year. See below.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICES

Northern Region: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties 908-735-8240
Central Region: Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean counties 609-259-2120
Southern Region: Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties 856-629-0555
Operation Game Thief 800-222-0456

Delaware River between New Jersey and Pennsylvania

Angling may be done with no more than 2 rods, each with 1 line, or 2 handlines, or 1 of each. Not more than 3 single hooks or 3 burrs of 3 hooks each may be used per line. New Jersey or Pennsylvania fishing licenses are recognized from shoreline to shoreline. Anglers may launch a boat from either shore, and on return may have in possession any fish which may be legally taken according to the regulations of the state where the landing is made. Pennsylvania residents fishing from the New Jersey shore may have either a NJ nonresident license or a PA resident license. There is a 6 fish daily creel limit on American shad. Pennsylvania also enforces a 6 inch minimum and an 8 inch maximum on American eel.

Hook and line fishermen are hereby restricted to the use of non-offset circle hooks while fishing with any natural bait during the months of April and May downstream of the Route 1 bridge to the Commodore Barry Bridge. This restriction shall apply only to hooks of size 2 and larger and shall not apply to hooks of smaller sizes (such as those normally used for white perch fishing).

Spars (not mechanically propelled) and bow and arrows may be used to take shad, eels, carp, suckers, herring and bullheads by properly licensed anglers except within 825 ft. of an eel weir.

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<th>SPECIES</th>
<th>OPEN SEASONS (BOTH DATES INCL.)</th>
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<th>DAILY BAG LIMIT (POSSESSION LIMIT—1 DAY’S CATCH)</th>
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<td>April 13–Sept. 30</td>
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<tr>
<td>Walleye</td>
<td>no closed season</td>
<td>18”</td>
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<td>Muskelunge &amp; hybrids</td>
<td>no closed season</td>
<td>30”</td>
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<tr>
<td>N. Pike</td>
<td>no closed season</td>
<td>24”</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Baitfish*</td>
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*Baitfish including alewife and blueback herring may be taken and possessed for personal use only but not to exceed 50 per day. † Baitfish may be taken and possessed for personal use only and are not to be bartered or sold. The possession limit is 50 per day. In the Delaware River between New Jersey and Pennsylvania, alewife and blueback herring (anadromous and land-locked forms) are regulated as food fish with a one-day possession limit of 35 in aggregate. ‡ Proposed regulations in red may change during the year. Consult our website at www.njfishandwildlife.com, watch for news releases or call our southern fisheries office at 856-629-4950. It is unlawful to use a net of any kind between the hours of 2 p.m. Saturday through Sunday. Eel weirs for catching carp, catfish, eels and suckers may be operated under permit from the Division of Fish and Wildlife at any time of the year and any time of day.

Greenwood Lake

New York and New Jersey licenses are legal anywhere on the lake from a boat only. Fishing is permitted 24 hours a day. Bow and arrow fishing for all carp, suckers, herring, catfish and eels is permitted. Ice fishermen may not use more than 5 tip-ups and 2 hand held devices. All ice fishing devices that are not hand held must be plainly marked with the name and address of the angler.

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Exceptions to Statewide General Fishing Regulations

Exceptions to the statewide general fishing regulations occur throughout the state. The exceptions listed below may apply to all or part of the waterbody specified. Consult elsewhere in this Digest for individual descriptions of special regulations. Note: Trout stocked waters without closed in-season stocking dates do not generally appear on this list (See pages 9 & 10). These waters are listed elsewhere in the Digest and are closed to all fishing during the three week period prior to the opening day of trout season in April (unless otherwise noted as an exception below).

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<td>Burlington County</td>
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<td>Camden County</td>
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<td>Hunterdon County</td>
<td>Black Brook (Clinton WMA)—WTS, Cold Brook (Oldwick)—WTS, Delaware River—BW, Hickory Run (Califon)—WTS, Little York Brook—WTS, Musconetcong River—TSWC, STCA, Raritan River, S/Br—TSWC, YTCA, Rockaway Creek, N/Br—WTS, Rocky Run (Clinton Twp)—WTS, Round Valley Reservoir—TTL, Spruce Run Reservoir—OY, Willoughby Brook (Clinton Twp)—WTS</td>
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<td>Lake Assunpink—LBL, Manasquan Reservoir—OYR</td>
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<td>Black River—TSWC, Boonton Reservoir—SBL, Burnett Brook (Ralston)—WTS, Flanders Brook—WTS, India Brook (Mendham)—WTS, Indian Grove Brook (Bernardsville)—WTS, Lake Hopatcong—OYR, CPL, CML, Ledgewood Brook—WTS, Lomerson Brook (Pottersville)—WTS, Musconetcong River—TSWC, Passaic River—WTS, Pequannock Brook—STCA, WTS, Rhineharts Brook (Hacklebarney S.P.)—WTS, Raritan River, N/Br—TSWC, YTCA, Raritan River, S/Br—TSWC, YTCA, Rockaway River—TSWC, Stephensburg Creek—WTS, Stony Brook (Wash. Twp.)—WTS, Trout Brook (Hacklebarney S.P.)—WTS, Turkey Brook (Mt. Olive)—WTS</td>
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**KEY TO EXCEPTIONS**

- CML: Conservation Musky Lake
- BW: Boundary Water
- CPL: Chain Pickerel Lake
- CR: Conservation Regulation
- FFA: Fly Fishing Areas (trout)
- HSB: Hybrid Striped Bass
- HTL: Holdover Trout Lake
- LBL: Lunker Bass Lake
- OYR: Open Year Round for fishing (trout caught during the 3 weeks prior to opening day in April must be released)
- SBL: Smallmouth Bass Lake
- STCA: Seasonal Trout Conservation Area
- TML: Trophy Musky Lake
- TSWC: Trout Stocked Water having Closed In-season Stocking Dates
- TTL: Trophy Trout Lake
- WTS: Wild Trout Stream
- YTCA: Year Round Trout Conservation Area
### Freshwaters where a license is required to fish with handline, rod and line or bow and arrow

Listed by county and alphabetically by name of water. A license is required upstream of each location.

#### ATLANTIC COUNTY
- Absecon Creek—Dam at Lower Atlantic City Reservoir
- Great Egg Harbor River—Power lines at confluence of Gravelly Run
- Middle River—None—all saline water
- Mullica River—Line between Seventh Ave., Sweetwater, and ramp at Crowleys Landing
- Nacole Creek—Port Republic Dam
- Patcong Creek—Bargaintown Lake Dam
- South River—Power lines immediately below Route 50
- Tuckahoe River—First northerly tributary downstream of Rt. 49 Bridge (McNeals Branch)

#### BERGEN COUNTY
- Hackensack River—Cedar Lane Bridge between Hackensack and Teaneck
- Hudson River—None—all saline water
- Passaic River—Required whole length

#### BURLINGTON COUNTY
- Assiscunk Creek—Required whole length
- Bass River State—Fir Bridge on Stage Road in Bass River
- Batsto River—Required whole length
- Blacks Creek—Required whole length
- Crosswicks Creek—Required whole length
- Delaware River—Required whole length
- Mullica River—Line between Seventh Ave., Sweetwater, and ramp at Crowleys Landing
- Pennsauken Creek—Required whole length
- Pompton Creek—Required whole length
- Rancocas Creek—Required whole length
- Swedes Run—Required whole length
- Wading River—Charcoal Landing, Chips Polly Campground

#### CAMDEN COUNTY
- License Required on Delaware River and all other waters

#### CAPE MAY COUNTY
- Bidwell Creek—None—all saline water
- Cedar Creek—None—all saline water
- Dennis Creek—None—all saline water
- East Creek—100 ft. below East Creek Lake Dam, Eldora
- Tuckahoe River—First northerly tributary downstream of lower Rt. 49 Bridge (McNeals Br.)
- West Creek—100 feet below West Creek Lake dam (Pickle Factory Pond)

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY
- Andrews Creek—None—all saline water
- Back Creek—None—all saline water
- Cedar Creek—100 ft. downstream of Cedar Lake dam
- Cohansy River—Rt. 49 Bridge at Bridgeton
- Dividing Creek—Route 555 bridge
- Fishing Creek—None—all saline water
- Fortescue Cr./Branch of Oranoken Cr.—None—all saline water
- Manumuskin Creek—Required whole length
- Maurice River—Mouth of Manumuskin Creek near Port Elizabeth
- Menantico Creek—Required whole length
- Mill Creek—TrIBUTARY of Cohansy—Route 553 bridge, Fairton
- Muske Creek—S. side of bridge on Weathersby Road
- Nantuxent Creek—Pages Road—Route 553 north of Frames Corner
- Oranoken Creek—Whitecar Mill, North of Beaver Dam
- Oyster Creek—None—all saline water
- Riggins Ditch—Route 47
- Sow and Pigs Branch Nantuxent—None—all saline water
- Stow Creek—Buckhorn Rd. Bridge, Jericho
- Straight Creek—None—all saline water
- West Creek—100 ft. below West Creek Lake dam (Pickle Factory Pond)

#### ESSEX COUNTY
- Passaic River—Erie Railroad Bridge between Newark (at Verona Ave.) and Kearny
- Peddie Ditch—None—all saline water

#### GLOUCESTER COUNTY
- Big Timber Creek—Required whole length
- Delaware River—Commodore Barry Bridge at Bridgeport
- Mantua Creek—Required whole length
- Oldmans Creek—Route I-295 bridge
- Racoon Creek—Required whole length
- Woodbury Creek—Required whole length

#### HUDSON COUNTY
- Hackensack River—None—all saline water
- Hudson River—None—all saline water
- Passaic River—Railroad bridge between Newark (at Verona Ave.) and Kearny

#### HUNTERDON COUNTY
- License Required on Delaware River and all other waters

#### MERCER COUNTY
- License Required on Delaware River and all other waters

#### MIDDLESEX COUNTY
- Cheesekrake Creek—Dam at Cheesekrake Lake, Cheesekrake State Park
- Lawrence Brook—N.J. Turnpike bridge, East Brunswick
- Raritan River—Landing Lane bridge, New Brunswick
- South River—Route 527 bridge (New Brunswick Old Bridge Tpk.)
- Woodbridge River—N.J. Turnpike bridge

#### MONMOUTH COUNTY
- Black Creek—Spillway at Ocean Rd.
- Branchport Creek—Mouth of Turtle Mill Brook
- Dele Lake—Top of dam
- Hockhockson (Pine) Brook—Garden State Parkway
- Northbound bridge
- Little Silver Creek—Little Silver Creek Brook
- Manasquan River—Bennets bridge, Manasquan Wildlife Management Area
- Matawan Creek—Lefferts Lake dam
- Oceanport Creek—Mouth of Husky Brook
- Parkers Creek—Mouth of Parkers Creek Brook
- Shark River—Rensens Mills Road
- Swimming River—Swimming River Road bridge
- Wreck Pond Creek—Rt. 71 bridge

#### MORRIS COUNTY
- License Required on all waters

#### OCEAN COUNTY
- Beaver Dam Creek—Route 88
- Cedar Creek—Route 9
- Cedar Run—Route 9
- Dinner Point Creek—None—all saline water
- Double Creek—None—all saline water
- Forked River—All branches Route 9
- Gunning River—None—all saline water
- Jakes Branch—Above Atlantic City Blvd.
- Jeffreys Creek—Ocean Gate Road to Ocean Gate
- Kettle Creek—Route 549
- Lake of the Lilies—Entire lake
- Long Swamp Creek—Washington Street Bridge, Toms River
- Manahawkin Creek—Dams for Manahawkin W.M.A.
- impoundments bayside
- Metedeconk River—Rt. 70 Bridge, Laurelton
- Mill Creek—Mouth of Creek at lagoons in Beach Haven West
- Mill Creek—Pine Beach—Ocean Gate Road
- Oyster Creek—Route 9
- Parkers Run—None—all saline water
- Potters Creek—None—all saline water
- Stouts Creek—None—all saline water
- Stouts Creek S. Br.—Bayside East Parkway
- Toms River—Garden State Parkway, Northbound Bridge
- Tuckerton Creek—Route 9
- Waretown Creek—Route 9
- West Creek—Route 9

#### PASSAIC COUNTY
- License Required on All Waters

#### SALEM COUNTY
- Alloway Creek—Route 540 bridge at Alloway
- Black Ditch—None—all saline water
- Delaware River—None—all saline water
- Fishing Creek—None—all saline water
- Hope Creek—None—all saline water
- Mad Horse Creek—None—all saline water
- Oldmans Creek—Route I-295 Southbound Bridge
- Salem River—Dupont Dam near Cedar Crest Manor
- Salem Canal—Dam at Deepwater
- Stow Creek—Buckhorn Rd. Bridge, Jericho
- Straight Ditch—None—all saline water

#### SOMERSET COUNTY
- License Required on all waters

#### SUSSEX COUNTY
- Licensed Required on Delaware River and all other waters

#### UNION COUNTY
- Elizabeth River—West Grand St., Elizabeth
- Great Ditch—None—all saline water
- Morses Creek—Old Morses Mill Rd.
- Oyster Creek—None—all saline water
- Peddie Ditch—None—all saline water
- Piles Creek—None—all saline water
- Rahway River—Lawrence St. (Rt. 514), Rahway

#### WARREN COUNTY
- License Required on Delaware River and all other waters

### Important Footnotes:
1. Absence of a river, creek, brook or other waterway from this list does not make it exempt from requiring a license to fish the freshwaters.
Wildlife Management Area Regulations

Regulations for use of these areas are established by the Division of Fish and Wildlife with penalties of not less than $50 nor more than $200.

Information on these regulations and permit applications may be obtained by writing to the Division of Fish and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400.

The Division may revoke any permit or other authorization issued for violation or due cause.

The following are prohibited: camping, swimming, picnicking, dumping, cutting or damaging vegetation, alcoholic beverages and fires.

Restricted Hours

Wildlife Management Areas are closed from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. unless engaged in lawful hunting, fishing or trapping activities.

Special permission may be granted for division approved activities.

Motor Vehicles

No person shall operate an unregistered vehicle on roads under the control of the Division of Fish and Wildlife. All motor vehicles are restricted to established public roads and parking areas.

The use of dog sleds and dog carts, off-road vehicles, ATVs, trailbikes or snowmobiles is prohibited on all Wildlife Management Areas unless authorized by the Division.

Target Practice

Only bow and arrow, shotgun, muzzleloading shotgun, muzzleloading rifle and .22 caliber rim-fire rifle shooting is allowed in designated hunter training ranges according to posted regulations at the training area. Other target practice is allowed only with permission from the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Field Trials

Permits for use of Wildlife Management Areas for running of field trials may be granted by the Division.

Dog Training and Exercising

Dogs may only be trained between Sept. 1 and Apr. 30. Some areas with designated dog training areas allow dog training all year. All dogs must be licensed according to state law.

Outboard Motors

Only electric motors are allowed on freshwater areas with the exception of Union Lake where outboard motors not exceeding 10 hp. may be used. On Prospects Town Lake, only manually operated boats and canoes are allowed.

Horseback Riding

This is allowed only on designated WMAs with written permission from the Division of Fish and Wildlife. For horseback riding permit information, call 609-259-2132.

Fishing Tournament

Any club or organization that would like to use Division Wildlife Management Areas for fishing tournaments must secure a permit from the Division. An application must be submitted along with a $17.00 fee to obtain a use permit. Applications will be accepted in January at the Division’s Southern Region office at 856-629-4950.

Boat Ramp Maintenance Permit

Any vehicle used to transport or launch a vessel or water conveyance on the following WMAs must have affixed to the lower corner of the driver’s side rear window a Boat Ramp Maintenance Permit or applicant’s copy from a valid hunting, fishing or trapping license. Boat Ramp Maintenance Permits may be purchased for a fee of $15.00 from Division offices at the Pequest Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource Education Center, Northern, Central and Southern Region, Nacote Creek, Bivalve, Tuckahoe, Lebanon and Trenton offices. Boat Ramp Maintenance Permits may also be purchased through the mail from N.J. Division of Fish and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, N.J. 08625, Att: Boat Ramp Permit.

1. Round Valley Reservoir, Angler Access
2. Kingwood Access, Delaware River
3. Assunpink WMA, Assunpink Lake
4. Assunpink WMA, Stone Tavern Lake
5. Assunpink WMA, Rising Sun Lake
6. Dennis Creek WMA, Dennis Creek
7. Tuckahoe WMA, Tuckahoe River
8. Mad Horse Creek WMA, Mad Horse Creek
9. Union Lake WMA, Union Lake
10. Menantico Ponds WMA, Menantico Ponds
11. Prospects Town Lake WMA, Prospects Town

Maps and information on hunting land is also available from the following sources:

USGS Topographic Maps
Maps for all land in New Jersey, $5.00 per sheet.
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection
Maps and Publications
Bureau of Revenue
PO Box 417, Trenton NJ 08625-0417
609-777-1038

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Maps and information on lands administered by the Division of Parks and Forestry. Please specify park or forest when writing. Free.
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection
Division of Parks and Forestry
PO Box 404, Trenton NJ 08625-0404
800-843-6420

Wildlife Management Area Maps
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609-584-0547

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New Jersey Going “Cat-Atomic”!

They’ll explode on you!” Mark Schuetrum, describing the blasting runs of big channel catfish. How apropos, those words from a very recently retired military man whose specialty happened to be demolitions!

The take-no-prisoners Schuetrum had a channel catfish baptism-by-fire during stints at various bases dotting the southern states. The whiskered whirlpool head-ons with Mason-Dixon channels in excess of 20-pounds dissolved his homeward-bound angler faith in truth and bass. He dived headlong into the Garden State’s budding kitty culture.

“Before I joined the Service, I wasn’t tuned to channel catfish at all in New Jersey,” related Schuetrum, focusing on a herring-baited line trailing into the depths of Oxford Furnace Lake in Warren County. “They were sort of a novelty here. I got hooked on them down south. They hit like a bus, pulled like a derailed train and were great out of the deep fryer. Well, one afternoon after I was home, an old fishing buddy calls me and a couple of hours later we’re trailing half-dead herring baits from a rental off of Nolan’s Point on Lake Hopatcong. To make a long story short, we caught five channel cats up to what we figured was 10-pounds. It was great! He told me he converted to channels the year before when caught an eight-pounder in the Delaware on a dart. Two days later, channels the year before when caught an eight-pounder in the Delaware on a dart. Two days later, we caught about a dozen up to six pounds on chicken livers from Carnegie Lake down in Princeton. And I’m wondering to myself where all these nice channel cats are coming from. So I stopped at the Fisheries Laboratory in Lebanon to ask a few questions, and one of the biologists laid out the program. Then he gave me a list of the nice channel cats are coming from. So I stopped at the Fisheries Laboratory in Lebanon to ask a few questions, and one of the biologists laid out the program. Then he gave me a list of the

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Harbor Rivers (Atlantic) and the Dividing, Cohansy and Rancocas creeks (Delaware Bay).

Among others, the channel catfish is easily distinguished from its bullhead and white kitty kin by its more streamlined profile, silvery-blue coloration, deeply forked tail and peppering of ebony spots from belly to tail. However, although the spots tend to fade to a black dot here and there, and the body color darkens, as the fish grows older and larger, the forked tail remains a constant to its identity.

There’s no need to get fancy when pursuing channel catfish; basic-is-the-best as the saying goes. This translates to rod-reel-line-bait. A medium-action spinning rod (medium-heavy in tidal flows) coupled with a matching reel and fresh 12-17 pound test line will do the job. In still waters, these cats will generally congregate in the deeper holes and/or suspend along the lip of a drop-off. They’ll also patrol channel edges and creek bottoms and move into the shallows as daylight fades. As conditions dictate, go with a basic slip sinker (bank-type, not egg, as the latter tends to roll and cause snags) or light split shot rig if the cats are prowling bottom, or a slip-bobber rig if they are suspended.

In the heavier currents of New Jersey’s southern tidal venues, it may be necessary to employ two to five ounces of ballast to hold bottom. This is where the basic hi-lo saltwater rigs enter the picture. These set-ups usually include either one or two hooks and an adjustable float, either chartreuse or fluorescent orange, above the metal. Distance from float to hook is predicated on the weight of the bait.

Live ‘n fresh are the operative words when it comes to describing the most effective channel cat enticements. Forget the stink bait nonsense. Bullheads will suck silly on the dipped or cubed odiferous offerings, but said baits are very marginal channel excitors. Bear in mind that the highly predatory channel catfish is wont to chase and engulf the likes of line-tugging shiners, herring, other small fish and crayfish. It will also inhale live nightcrawlers, leeches, hellgrammites and giant mealworms. The channel kitty finds a meaty, slimy lunch, fresh from the biddy, absolutely and positively irresistible, and a fat-oozing chunk of hot dog is begging for a cat attack!

South of the Trenton/Mystic Island demarcation, particularly along the Delaware Bay side, the menu expands to include cut bunker, shad chunks, 3-inch sections of eel, and live herring. Not to forget sliced chicken breast soaked in shedder crab oil. This weakfish-producing Godzilla also happens to be a catalyst for monster catches of wrist-bending channel catfish, especially along the reaches of the Commodore Barry Bridge.

From top-to-bottom, the ubiquitous channel catfish is in a league of its own in New Jersey’s crowded gamefish field. Found most everywhere, eats almost anything, fights like crazy and fries-up nicely. It doesn’t get any better than that!

By Tom Pagliaroli

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### Fall Trout Stocking 2002

- **Atlantic County**
  - Hammonton Lake

- **Bergen County**
  - Ramapo R.
  - Wanaque R.

- **Burlington County**
  - Crystal Lake
  - Sylvan Lake

- **Camden County**
  - Oak Pond

- **Cumberland County**
  - Giampetro Park Pond
  - Mary Elmer Lake
  - Maurice R.

- **Gloucester County**
  - Grenloch Lake
  - Greenwich Lake
  - Iona Lake
  - Swedesboro Lake

- **Hunterdon County**
  - Musconetcong R.
  - Raritan R.

- **Mercer County**
  - Colonial Lake
  - Rosedale Lake

- **Middlesex County**
  - Farrington Lake
  - Roosevelt Park Pond

All waterbodies listed were stocked in Oct. 2002.

### SEA RUN BROWN TROUT

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has stocked brown trout in the lower Manasquan River. Anglers are asked to report all catches of brown trout that exhibit characteristics of a sea run. These fish tend to develop a more silvery coloration, masking most of the body spots, after an extended time in salt water.

The future of this program depends on these fish being caught and reported.

Call Pequest State Fish Hatchery 908-637-4173 or Lebanon Fisheries Laboratory 908-236-2118

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