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New Jersey's FREE Freshwater Fishing Days

June 13 and Oct. 17, 2015

New this year, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife has split the Free Fishing Days. The first will be held on June 13, 2015 during the summer as is traditional. This day is part of the National Fishing and Boating Week which highlights the importance of recreational boating and fishing to enhance peoples' quality of life and to preserve our country's natural beauty. The second Free Fishing Day will occur after fall trout stocking on October 17, 2015 to bring attention to this great fishing opportunity. On these two days, residents and non-residents may fish New Jersey's public fresh waters without a license or trout stamp. All other regulations, including size and daily catch limits, remain in effect.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Annual Pequest Open House and Fishermen's Flea Market

March 28 and March 29, 2015
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Pequest Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource Education Center

- Wildlife Artists, Conservation Groups, Taxidermists, Guides and Vendors!
- Kids can fish in our famous education pond! 3-D Archery Range – Kids Activities • And More!

Pequest is located on Rt. 46, nine miles west of Hackettstown. For information call (908) 637-4125 or go to NJFishandWildlife.com.

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Trout in the Classroom (TIC)

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) is a science-based program that teaches children the importance of cold-water conservation through a hands-on learning approach. Over 14,000 New Jersey students participate in the TIC program annually.



Schools receive trout eggs in October from our Pequest Trout Hatchery. Students hatch and raise the trout, monitor water quality, learn fish biology, anatomy and much more as part of this cross-curricular, hands-on format. At the end of the school year students release their fish into approved streams.

Trout in the Classroom is an exciting, inexpensive program enlivening year-round curricula nationwide. For more information about the TIC program, visit NJTroutInTheClassroom.org.

Teen Angler Youth Day

12th Annual Pequest
July 18, 2015

New Jersey Teen Angler Chapters contact:

- Robert Konya
KonyaKonehead@optonline.net

Go to www.teenanglers.org to register and for more details!

WILD Outdoor Expo

Sept. 12 & 13, 2015

See ad on page 41.

Hunter Education Program

Continue the Tradition!

Become an instructor with Fish and Wildlife's Hunter Education Program.

Our Hunter Education Unit is looking for New Jersey's best sportsmen and sportswomen to become instructors at locations where students take the test and field course after first having completed the home study portion. A minimum of six weekend days each year are required.

Call (856) 629-0552

Leave your name and address to receive an application.

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Fishing Fun Photo Contest

(Replaces Fish Art Contest)

The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife has launched the new *Fishing Fun Photo Contest!*

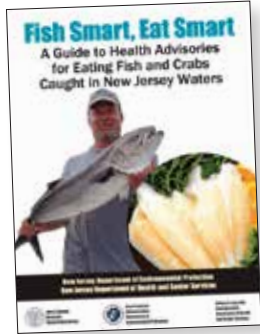
This contest is designed for families and friends to share the fun and excitement of fishing through a photo of a child fishing or with a fish they have caught.

The winning photos will be those that best capture the theme of the contest—kids know fishing is fun in New Jersey. First, second and third place winners for each category will be selected. Winners will receive fishing-related gear and be invited, with their immediate family, to fish at the Pequest Trout Hatchery's Fishing Education Pond on Opening Day of Trout Season. Winning photographs will be featured on the contest page the following year and may be used on Fish and Wildlife's website and in publications.

For more information on the contest, including rules, suggestions for taking photos, and the photo submission and release form to be submitted with the entry, visit www.NJFishandWildlife.com/photocontest.htm.



Eating Fish And Crabs Caught In New Jersey Waters



Fishing provides enjoyable and relaxing recreation. Fish are an excellent source of protein and other nutrients and play a role in maintaining a healthy, well-balanced diet. Many anglers enjoy cooking and eating their own catch. However, elevated levels of potentially harmful chemical contaminants such as dioxin, polychlorinated

biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides and mercury have been found in certain fish and crabs in some New Jersey waters. Fish consumption advisories have been adopted to guide citizens on safe consumption practices.

To reduce exposure to harmful chemical contaminants when preparing and eating the fish species taken from the identified waters, it is essential to follow the guidelines provided. The DEP encourages you to consult the Fish Smart-Eat Smart Fish Advisory Guide or www.FishSmartEatSmartNJ.org when making decisions about eating recreationally caught fish and crabs.

The current list of fish consumption advisories consists of statewide, regional and water body-specific warnings for a variety of fish species and fish consumers. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Department of Health and Senior Services have prepared new "how to" electronic pamphlets on cleaning and cooking your catch to reduce your exposure to these harmful chemicals. These e-pamphlets are downloadable in multiple languages.

For a complete list of state and federal marine fish consumption advisories visit: www.FishSmartEatSmartNJ.org.

The fish consumption advisories and Fish Smart-Eat Smart website are updated periodically and are available online or from the Office of Science at (609) 984-6070 and through the Division of Health at (609) 826-4935.

Check online for fish consumption advisories on the local water body in which you fish! Go to www.FishSmartEatSmartNJ.org



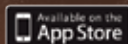
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WARMWATER STOCKING

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Muskellunge—9–11"

- Carnegie Lake (475)
- Delaware River (300)
- Echo Lake Reservoir (500)
- Furnace Lake (150)
- Greenwood Lake (3,975)
- Lake Hopatcong (2,601)
- Manasquan Reservoir (1,440)
- Mercer Lake (550)
- Monksville Reservoir (500)
- Mountain Lake (300)

Northern Pike—6"

- Budd Lake (5,417)
- Cranberry Lake (1,784)
- Deal Lake (1,580)
- Farrington Lake (2,903)
- Millstone River (1,525)
- Passaic River (2,579)
- Pompton Lake (2,061)
- Pompton River (2,824)
- Spruce Run Reservoir (6,723)

Tiger Muskellunge—8"

- Furnace Lake (400)
- Greenwood Lake (1,617)
- Little Swartswood Lake (840)

Walleye—4"

- Canistear Reservoir (3,500)
- Delaware River (25,800 — 2")
- Greenwood Lake (3,539)
- Lake Hopatcong (6,729)
- Monksville Reservoir (6,426)
- Swartswood Lake (5,400)

Hybrid Striped Bass—4"

- Lake Hopatcong (27,278)
- Manasquan Reservoir (7,490)
- Spruce Run Reservoir (12,975)

Smallmouth Bass—3–4"

- DOD Lake (2,650)
- Manasquan Reservoir (3,402)
- Union Lake (7,814)
- Saffins Pond (1,322)
- Spruce Run Reservoir (1,433)

Largemouth Bass—2–4"

- Bargaintown Lake (2,500)
- Davis Mill Pond (4,000)
- Deal Lake (8,050)
- Franklin Lakes Nature Pond (7,500)
- Greenwood Lake (10,155)
- Hammonton Lake (3,500)
- Lake Lenape (5,000)
- Malaga Lake (2,500)
- Maple Lake (2,500)
- Mercer Lake (8,700)
- Parvin Lake (5,000)
- Pohatcong Lake (3,500)
- Prospertown Lake (11,692)
- Stephens Lake (2,500)
- Willow Crest Lake (3,000)
- 22 other smaller waterbodies

Landlocked Salmon—8.5"

- Lake Aeroflex (560)
- Wawayanda Lake (1,440)

Landlocked Salmon—14.2"

- Lake Aeroflex (212)
- Wawayanda Lake (550)

Channel Catfish—6"

- Twenty-four waters

Channel Catfish—10"

- Sixteen waters

Plus thousands of black crappie, bluegill sunfish, and brown bullheads stocked in over 100 waterbodies throughout the state!

The Hackettstown Hatchery is located in the heart of Hackettstown. It encompasses over 230 acres, consisting of over 65 extensive culture ponds, and a large intensive culture building. The hatchery raises and distributes over 2,500,000 fish each year, representing 15 species.



TROUT STOCKING

Raised with pride at New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Pequest Trout Hatchery

Spring

- Over 570,000 brook, brown and rainbow trout
- Average size: 10.5 inches and ½ pound
- An additional 6,000 breeders 15–21 inches (3–6 pounds)
- Most waterbodies stocked at least three times
- 100 streams and 80 lakes stocked statewide
- All 21 counties stocked
- 180,000 trout released for Opening Day—April 4, 2015
- Stocking continues for seven weeks following Opening Day

Fall

- Second and third weeks in October
(fall stocking begins October 13, 2015.)
- All large, two year old trout, measuring 14–16 inches
- 20,000 trout stocked
- 30 streams, lakes & ponds
- 1,000 rainbow trout breeders, averaging 20 inches
- Best chance to catch big trout

Winter

- All large two year olds, measuring 15–16 inches
- Over 5,000 trout
- 24 lakes and ponds
- Great fishing all winter long!

Sea Run Brown Trout

- Lower Manasquan River
- 15,000 7–8-inch brown trout
- Try this elusive fishery!

Trout Stocking Schedule — 2015

Scan this QR code with your mobile device to view New Jersey's 2015 trout stocking schedule or go to NJFishandWildlife.com/trinfo_spring.htm



Warmwater Fish Stocking List

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State Record Freshwater Sport Fish

2015

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Record Fish Program honors anglers who catch the largest of select species of freshwater and saltwater fish. Record size is based on weight alone; there are no line classes. Currently there are 31 freshwater species eligible for entry into the program.

Anglers are reminded that the objective of the Record Fish Program is to increase the awareness of fishing opportunities for species that are regularly sought and routinely found in the freshwaters or off the coast of New Jersey.


Anglers should also be aware that several procedural changes are now in effect for the Record Fish Program. First, there are different applications for freshwater and saltwater species. Second, for freshwater species, it is now mandatory that a freshwater biologist confirm the identification and weight of any potential record fish within three days of it being caught. Anglers must call Fish and Wildlife's Bureau of Freshwater Fisheries (north/central) 908-236-2118; (south) 609-259-6964, or the Hackettstown Hatchery at (908) 852-3676 (Warren County) to make arrangements. Hours are Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. These offices have a certified scale on site, so an entry can be weighed and identified. Depending on the time and location of your catch, you may elect to have the fish weighed on a local certified scale, but you must still have a freshwater biologist personally



Delaware River near Stockton.

confirm the identification and weight at one of the above offices. Please note that all scale certification requirements still apply, including a valid Certificate of Inspection/Test Report and current Registration Certificate issued by the county Office of Weights and Measures.

Entry deadline: Applications must now be submitted no later than one month after the date of catch. All other program rules still apply.

For a complete list of state record fish or to print an application with complete program rules, visit the Division of Fish and Wildlife's website at NJFishandWildlife.com/recfish.htm. 

New Jersey State Record Freshwater Sport Fish

Species	lbs.	oz.	Year	Angler	Where Caught
Bass, Largemouth	10	14	1980	Robert Eisele	Menantico Sand Wash Pond
Bass, Rock	1	5	1982	Eric Avogardo	Saddle River
Bass, Smallmouth	7	2	1990	Carol Marciniak	Round Valley Reservoir
Bluegill	3	0	1990	Dom Santarelli	Farm Pond in Pennington
Bowfin	10	14	2011	Chris Hoffman	Delaware River
Bullhead, Brown	4	8	1997	Gary Schmidt	Lake of Woods, Ft. Dix
Carp	47	0	1995	Billy Friedman	South Branch of Raritan River
Carp (Archery)	45	6	2014	Adam Faatz	Greenwood Lake
Carp, Grass	55	8	2011	Jack Demsey, Jr.	Curlis Lake
Carp, Grass (Archery)	65	0	2008	Mark Kronyak	Delaware River
Catfish, Channel	33	3	1978	Howard Hudson	Lake Hopatcong
Catfish, White	14	4	2004	Timothy Jasko	Dallenbach Pond
Crappie, Black	4	8	1996	Andy Tintle	Pompton Lake
Crappie, White	3	11	2009	William Lewis	Mercer Lake
Eel, American	6	13	2005	David J. Payne	Round Valley Reservoir
Muskellunge	42	13	1997	Bob Neals	Monksville Reservoir
Muskie, Tiger	29	0	1990	Larry Migliarese	Delaware River
Perch, White**	3	1	1989	Edward Tango	Forest Hill Lake

Species	lbs.	oz.	Year	Angler	Where Caught
Perch, Yellow	2	6	1989	Gene Engels	Holiday Lake
Perch, Yellow*	4	4	1865	Charles Abbott	Crosswicks Creek
Pickereel, Chain	9	3	1957	Frank McGovern	Lower Aetna Lake
Pickereel, Redfin	1	13	1982	Gerald Humphrey	Lake Assunpink
Pike, Northern	30	8.5	2009	John Vigione	Pompton Lake
Salmon (Landlocked)	8	0	1951	John Mount	Lake Aeroflex (formerly New Wawayanda)
Shad, American	11	1	1984	Charles Mower	Delaware River
Striped Bass	51	0	2002	John Christian	Great Egg Harbor River
Striped Bass, Hybrid	16	4	1999	Bill Schmidt	Culvers Lake
Sunfish, Pumpkinseed	1	8	1987	Daryl Donalson	Farm Pond in Burlington County
Trout, Brook	7	3	1995	Andrew DuJack	Rockaway River
Trout, Brown	21	6	1995	Lenny Saccente	Round Valley Reservoir
Trout, Lake	32	8	2002	Greg Young	Round Valley Reservoir
Trout, Rainbow	13	0	1988	Gene Rutkoski	Lake Hopatcong
Trout, Sea Run Brown	— Vacant — (Minimum Weight 5 lbs.)				
Walleye	13	9	1993	George Fundell	Delaware River

* Denotes historical record

** Denotes fish has been certified by the IGFA as a world record

New Jersey's Coldwater Conservation School

Kids between the ages of 11–14 years can participate in this fun, hands-on program.

The program is four days and three nights in the heart of trout country.

June 25–28, 2015

Activities for participants include fly tying, fly casting, pond seining, river studies and more.

For more information and applications (available in January) visit NJFishandWildlife.com.



We Need Your Cooperation!

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has stocked brown trout in the lower Manasquan River, Monmouth County. 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.



Sea Run Brown Trout

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

Call Pequest State Fish Hatchery (908) 637-4173 or Bureau of Freshwater Fisheries (908) 236-2118.



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