License Information

2020 REGULATIONS

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Licenses

• A valid New Jersey fishing license is required for residents at least 16 years and less than 70 years of age (plus all non-residents 16 years and older) to fish the fresh waters of New Jersey, including privately owned waters. See page 17 for information on the money-saving Buddy Fishing License, coming to Internet sales in 2020.

• For fishing-related license and permit fees, see page 1.

• Resident anglers age 70 and over do not require a fishing license. A driver license or other acceptable proof of age containing date of birth and physical description will serve as the actual fishing license. Non-residents 70 and over must purchase a license.

• License must be visibly displayed on outer clothing.

• A person must reside in New Jersey for at least the previous six months to obtain a resident fishing license.

• Farmers and immediate family members who live on the farm do not need a license to fish on their own farm, but must obey all fishing regulations.

• Anyone convicted of a second fish or wildlife offense is suspended from fishing until a hearing is held. The fine is increased if the second offense is 100 days or more after the previous conviction.

• When fishing from the shoreline, no more than 100 feet (or as posted) of any fish ladder or fish passage structure may be entered from the shore.

• Spear fish in fresh waters. See exception for tidal waters.

• A fishing license does not authorize trespass on private property, including the lawns and driveways of property owners unless the property owner grants written permission.

• Fishing privately owned waters.

• Use cast nets in freshwater lakes or trout stocked waters. See other exclusions.

• Foul hook or snag any species of fish. This does not apply to fish taken through the ice.

• Boats may contain only the combined daily creel limit for each legal angler on board.

• It is unlawful to:
  • Fish within 100 feet (or as posted) of any fish ladder entrance or exit from March 1 through June 30.
  • Spear fish in fresh waters. See exception for Delaware River, page 28.
  • Possess a fishing device with more than nine hooks in total, or more than three treble hooks, except for the Delaware River; see page 28.
  • Use set lines.
  • Use cast nets in freshwater lakes or trout stocked waters. See Baitfish Regulations, page 31 for other exclusions.
  • Foul hook or snag any species of fish. This does not apply to fish taken through the ice.

Trout Stamps

A valid fishing license and trout stamp are both required to fish for or possess trout and salmon for all anglers (residents and non-residents) 16 and over, and residents under the age of 70. No trout stamp is required for residents age 70 years and over.

Purchasing a License

Licenses may be purchased by phone at (888) 773-8450, online at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com or at license agents such as sporting goods stores plus bait and tackle shops. Call first to be sure the agent’s system is active. Visit NJFishandWildlife.com for details, or call (609) 292-2965.

Replacement — Lost License or Stamp

A license, permit or stamp can be replaced at any license agent or online at Fish and Wildlife’s Internet license sales site, www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com also linked through our regular website at NJFishandWildlife.com or by phone at (888) 773-8450.

Special Licenses

Servicemen and Servicewomen

A person who is on active duty in the armed services of the United States is entitled to fish with a resident fishing license.

Disabled Veterans Licenses, Stamps and Permits

Free hunting and fishing licenses, stamps and permits are available for resident veterans with a service-connected disability.

For the purposes of this program, legislation defines disabled veterans as “...any resident of New Jersey who has been honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service from any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and who has been declared by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or its successor, to have a service-connected disability of any degree.”

New applicant disabled veterans may obtain their hunting and fishing licenses and stamps at the following Fish and Wildlife field offices:

- Southern Region Office, Sicklerville, Camden Co., (856) 629-0552

Applications for disabled veteran certification may be made via mail by sending the application and all required documentation to: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Attn: Disabled Veteran Licensing, MC 501-03, PO Box 420 Trenton, NJ 08625-0420.

All licenses, stamps and permits for which the veteran is eligible will be free of charge. This does not give preferential treatment in any lottery. For questions call (609) 984-6213.

Disabled Veteran Applicants:

1. Documentation of current benefits for a service-connected disability and proof of honorable discharge (such as a copy of your DD-214, VA card or monthly check stub) must be presented to obtain a disabled veteran certification.

2. Applicant must provide a hunter education course certificate applicable to the license for which he or she is applying or a previously issued resident archery or firearm license or rifle permit. Resident licenses from other states will be accepted if the license indicates the sporting arm for which it was valid. Non-resident licenses from other states are not acceptable.

3. To obtain the free disabled veteran deer/turkey permits one must first have a free disabled veteran hunting license.

For the Blind

Residents afflicted with total blindness may obtain a free license. Call (609) 292-2965 for an application.

New Jersey National Guard

Only New Jersey National Guard personnel in good standing are entitled to free sporting licenses, permits and stamps. These privileges are not available using Fish and Wildlife’s website. However, the NJ Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs can issue fishing licenses through their DMAVA website at www.nj.gov/military/iasd/fishing.html. For all other free sporting licenses, call (609) 530-6866, email robert.greco@dmava.nj.gov, or write to: MSG (Ret.), Robert Greco, NJ DMAVA, 101 Eggert Crossing Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648.

Summary of General Fishing Regulations

The season, size and creel limits for freshwater species apply to all waters of the state, including tidal waters.

• Fish may be taken only in the manner known as angling with handline or with rod and line, or as otherwise allowed by law.

• When fishing from the shoreline, no more than three fishing rods, handlines or combination thereof may be used (except on the Delaware River. There is no rod limit when fishing from a boat except for the Delaware River.) For the Delaware River the three rod limit applies both to boat and shoreline anglers (see page 28).

• Only one daily creel of any fish species may be in possession. Additional fish may be caught once the creel is reached if immediately returned to the water unharmed.

• Separate stringers or buckets must be used for each angler’s catch.

• Boats may contain only the combined daily creel limit for each legal angler on board.

• A fishing license does not authorize trespass on private property. Permission first must be obtained from the landowner.

It is Unlawful To:

• Fish within 100 feet (or as posted) of any fish ladder entrance or exit from March 1 through June 30.

• Use set lines.

• Use cast nets in freshwater lakes or trout stocked waters. See Baitfish Regulations, page 31 for other exclusions.

• Foul hook or snag any species of fish. This does not apply to fish taken through the ice.

Bow and Arrow Fishing

Carp (including bighead, common and grass), eels, flathead catfish, American shad (Delaware River only), gizzard shad, snakeheads and suckers or hybrids of these species—may be taken at any time by use of a bow and arrow (with a line attached to the arrow) when in possession of a valid fishing license. Crossbows may be used when bowfishing except for Greenwood Lake. Crossbows must have a stock length of at least 25 inches, a minimum draw pull weight of 75 pounds and a working safety. Crossbows must be uncocked during transport or when not actively fishing. They may not be permanently mounted. Anglers should be aware that some municipalities have banned the discharge of bow and arrow, tethered arrow or not. As such, anglers are strongly urged to check with the waterbody owner and/or individual municipality prior to engaging in bowfishing. See regulations for the Delaware River and Greenwood Lake, pages 28–30.

Emergency Closures

It is illegal to fish or attempt to catch or kill fish by any manner or means in any waters for which the Director...
The possession or release of live, potentially dangerous fish is prohibited. These species include Asian swamp eel, bighead, grass (diploid) silver carp, brook stickleback, green sunfish, flathead catfish, oriental weatherfish, snakehead and warmouth. Anglers MUST destroy these species if encountered while fishing and should submit specimen(s) or photos to a Fish and Wildlife Bureau of Freshwater Fisheries biologist for verification. To reach a biologist, call (908) 236-2118 for north Jersey or (609) 259-6964 for central Jersey or (856) 629-4950 for south Jersey. These non-native species are likely to cause environmental harm to the state’s fisheries resources by outcompeting preferred game fish species. Common carp are an invasive species but are NOT classified as a potentially dangerous fish and do not have to be destroyed.

Sale of Fish
It is illegal to sell any freshwater fish species except under commercial permits as prescribed in the Fish Code. Artificially-propagated trout, if properly tagged, may be sold for food purposes.

Stocking Fish
A permit is required to stock fish or fish eggs into any waters of the state, public or private, at any time. An application may be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Freshwater Fisheries 908-236-2118. It is ILLEGAL to stock carp or koi into any waters. No trout may be used as bait or stocked within the PEQUEST RIVER DRAINAGE except by the Pequest Trout Hatchery.

Tagging Fish
No person may tag or mark and then release a fish without first obtaining a fish stocking permit or by special permit issued by Fish and Wildlife. Contact the Bureau of Freshwater Fisheries 908-236-2118 for application information.

Waste of Fish
Fish of any species which are purposely killed become part of the angler’s daily limit and must be removed either used or otherwise disposed of properly.
Certain waters are closed to fishing for all species from March 23 to April 11, 2020 at 8 a.m. because of trout stocking. Refer to pages 18–20 for complete lists and exceptions. Regulations in red are new this year. For Delaware River and Greenwood Lake, see regulations on pages 28–30.

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**IMPORTANT: trout may not be used as bait in the Pequest River drainage.**

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**FRESHWATER BAIFISH (See page 31 for complete description of gear types and restrictions)**

American Eel, Banded Killfish, Creek Chub, Fallfish, Fathead Minnow, Gizzard Shad, Golden Shiner, Margined Madtom, Mummichog, and Tadpole Madtom. For Herring, Alewife and Blueback—see Baitfish Regulations (page 31).

American Eel: 9 inches

Exceptions in trout stocked waters baitfish may only be taken with hook and line: from April 11 to June 15, or in waters open to fishing during the pre-season closure, from March 23 to June 15.
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* Due to serious declines in American Shad numbers, the taking of American Shad, except for the Delaware River, is prohibited.

** Pennsylvania allows anglers to harvest a daily limit of two striped bass measuring 21 to 25 inches for a two month period from April 1 through May 31 from the Calhoun St. Bridge in Trenton downstream to the Pennsylvania state line. New Jersey still has a closed season. Anglers fishing the Delaware River from the New Jersey shoreline, or returning to New Jersey by boat and/or car in April and May must abide by New Jersey’s striped bass regulations. Possession of striped bass in New Jersey is illegal during this time period. Anglers should be aware that there are differing size limits and seasons for striped bass for each of the three states bordering the Delaware River. Anglers must obey the regulations for the particular state where they land (catch) striped bass. Regulations for Striped Bass may change in 2020. Check our website for updates.
The Delaware River is a boundary water shared by Pennsylvania and New Jersey with each state’s border generally following the centerline of the river. Although the majority of the fishing regulations enacted by both states are identical, there are some distinct differences. Anglers fishing this river must be aware of each state’s fishing regulations.

Regardless of an angler’s residency or point of boat launching, all are required to comply with the regulations of the state in which they are fishing. An angler fishing—or in possession of fish—between the centerline of the river and the New Jersey shoreline must comply with the New Jersey fishing regulations. An angler fishing—or in possession of fish—between the centerline of the river and the Pennsylvania shoreline must comply with the Pennsylvania fishing regulations.

The reciprocal agreement regarding fishing licenses remains in effect and anglers may continue to fish from shoreline to shoreline in the Delaware River between Pennsylvania and New Jersey using either state’s fishing license. Information on each state’s fishing regulations can be found at www.fishandboat.com and www.NJFishandWildlife.com. It is incumbent upon anglers to determine in which state they are currently fishing, taking into account that in areas where the river splits, such as around islands, the boundary is clearly and legally defined to one side of the island or another.

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A valid fishing license is required. Delaware fishing license information can be found at Fish and Wildlife’s website, NJFishandWildlife.com, under Freshwater Fishing. Delaware Fishing. Information for the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is available online at www.nps.gov/dewa.

Without exception, all baitfish may be taken and possessed for personal use and are not to be bartered or sold. Alewife or Blueback Herring may not be taken at any time.

A Delaware fishing license is required for anglers aged 16 and over fishing the Delaware Bay and Delaware River between the upstream tip of Artificial Island and the Delaware-Pennsylvania state line. In that section of the river, the Delaware state boundary extends to the New Jersey shoreline. However, when fishing from shore in New Jersey along that section of the river, a Delaware fishing license is not required. Delaware fishing license information can be found at www.dnrec.delaware.gov/fw/fisheries/pages/fishinginfo.aspx.

A listing of fishing access locations along the Delaware River is available at Fish and Wildlife’s website, NJFishandWildlife.com, under Freshwater Fishing.

Delaware River Basin Commission recreation maps are available for $10.70. For online ordering information visit www.state.nj.us/drbc/basin/recreation/.

Information for the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is available online at www.nps.gov/dewa.

- New Jersey and Pennsylvania fishing licenses are both recognized when fishing the Delaware River from a boat or either shoreline. This applies to the main stem of the river only.
- 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.

- No more than three rods, each with one line, or two hand lines—or one of each—may be used. No more than three single hooks or three treble hooks per line.
- To protect spawning striped bass, from the Calhoun Street bridge near Trenton downstream to the Commodore Barry Bridge at Bridgeport, non-offset circle hooks must be used when using bait with a #2 sized hook or larger, from April 1 to May 30.
- The use of crayfish, clams, mussels, reptiles or amphibians as bait is prohibited within the Delaware Water Gap Natural Recreation Area, unless it is a commercially produced, preserved and packaged product.
- Spears (not mechanically propelled) and bow and arrows may be used to take carp, catfish, shad and suckers except within 825 feet of an eel weir. A valid fishing license is required.
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<td>Open year round</td>
<td>8 inches</td>
<td>10 combined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Muskellunge &amp; Hybrids</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>44 inches</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Perch, Yellow</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>No minimum</td>
<td>50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pickerel, Chain</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>15 inches</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sunfish</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>No minimum</td>
<td>50 combined</td>
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<tr>
<td>Walleye</td>
<td>Jan. 1–Feb. 28</td>
<td>18 inches</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>March 1–April 30</td>
<td>Catch and release only</td>
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<td>May 1–Dec. 31</td>
<td>18 inches</td>
<td>3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Herring, Alewife (landlocked) and blueback</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>6 inches maximum</td>
<td>35</td>
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Any unused herring must be returned to Greenwood Lake upon conclusion of the angler's fishing trip. Herring may not be transported away from the lake's shoreline by any mechanism and may not be sold.

| All Other Species                     | Open year round             | No minimum      | No limit    |

Regulations in red are new this year.

- New York and New Jersey fishing licenses are both recognized anywhere on the lake or along the shoreline.
- Fishing is permitted 24 hours a day.
- In compliance with New York regulations, only certified virus-free baitfish may be transported to, or used on, the portion of Greenwood Lake owned by the State of New York. Anglers are urged to use only certified virus-free baitfish when fishing any portion of Greenwood Lake.
- Bow and arrow fishing for all carp, sucker, herring, catfish and eel is permitted. Crossbows are NOT allowed at Greenwood Lake. A valid fishing license is required.
- No more than five tip-ups and two hand-held devices may be used when ice fishing. All devices that are not hand held must be plainly marked with the name and address of the angler.

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**2020 New Jersey Musky School**

You don’t want to miss the annual Musky School on Lake Hopatcong offered by Muskies Inc!

Learn how to catch these elusive fish. This course offers informative tips and techniques to help any musky angler—beginner to experienced angler—catch more muskies.

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**May 16, 2020 on Lake Hopatcong**

Fee: $385 includes one-year membership to Muskies Inc. Contact Ralph C. via e-mail at muskyschool@gmail.com. For more information, visit www.MuskiesInc.org and www.mi22.com. Like us on Facebook at Muskies Inc Chapter 22-New Jersey.
Baitfish Regulations

### BAITFISH SPECIES

**Baitfish species:** American Eel, Banded Killifish, Creek Chub, Fallfish, Fathead Minnow, Gizzard Shad, Golden Shiner, Margined Madtom, Mummichog, and Tadpole Madtom. For Herring, Alewife and Blueback—see below.

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<th>Season</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Minimum Size</th>
<th>Daily Limit</th>
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<tr>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>Statewide (fresh waters)</td>
<td>No minimum size</td>
<td>35 per day, species combined</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Exception:</strong> In trout stocked waters, baitfish may be taken only with hook and line: from April 11 to June 15, or in waters open to fishing during the pre-season closure, from March 23 to June 15.</td>
<td>fresh waters</td>
<td>Possession, take or attempt to take herring PROHIBITED</td>
<td>35 per day, species combined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Herring, Alewife and Blueback</td>
<td>Freshwater lakes in Morris, Passaic, Sussex, and Warren counties and Spruce Run Reservoir (Hunterdon)</td>
<td>6 inches maximum</td>
<td>Any unused herring must be returned to the water upon conclusion of the angler’s fishing trip. Herring may not be transported away from the shoreline of these lakes by any mechanism. They may not be sold.</td>
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<tr>
<td>All other freshwater lakes (regardless of ownership)</td>
<td>CLOSED</td>
<td>Only purchased herring, no greater than 6 inches, may be possessed. Receipt of purchase, dated within 7 days, must be in possession.</td>
<td>35 per day, species combined</td>
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**Notes:** Any person with a valid fishing license (or those under 16 and residents 70 years or older) may take baitfish in fresh waters. Possession limit is one day’s limit, regardless of the intent to use these fish. Baitfish may be taken from the fresh waters of the state in numbers greater than 35 per day, in lakes over 250 acres, under a special permit issued by Fish and Wildlife at its discretion. Contact (908) 236-2118 for application information.

### GEAR

**GEAR DESCRIPTION**

- **Seine:** Not over 50 feet long in ponds and lakes over 100 acres; in all other waters not over 30 feet in length.
  - **Exception:** In trout-stocked waters and special regulation trout areas a seine may not be more than 10 feet in length and 4 feet in depth.
- **Minnow Trap:** Not larger than 24 inches in length with a funnel mouth no greater than 2 inches in diameter.
- **Umbrella Net:** No greater than 3.5 feet square.
- **Dip Net:** Not more than 24 inches in diameter; may be used only for alewife or blueback herring.
- **Cast Net:** No greater than 8 feet in diameter; may be used only in streams that are not trout-stocked or special regulation trout areas (may not be used in lakes).
- **Hook and Line:** Maximum of nine single hooks or three hooks with three buoys per contrivance on all waters except the Delaware River where only three single hooks are permitted.

### Turtle and Frog Regulations

#### SPECIES

- **Snapping Turtle:** April 1–May 14 and July 1–October 31, Statewide, 12 inches, 1 per day.
- **Bull Frog and Green Frog:** January 1–March 31 and July 1–December 31, Statewide, No minimum, 15 per day, combined.

#### MEANS OF TAKE

Snapping turtles may only be taken in fresh waters of the state. See page 32 for established fishing license boundary lines that designate fresh and marine waters. Any person with a valid fishing license or those entitled to fish without a license may take snapping turtles, bull frogs, and green frogs by means of spears, traps, hook and line, dip nets (not more than 24 inches in diameter), or by hand. They may NOT be sold unless taken under a Commercial Harvest Permit. Bull frogs, and green frogs may be taken in numbers greater than the daily limit under a Commercial Harvest Permit issued by Fish and Wildlife at its discretion. The commercial harvest of snapping turtles is closed to new harvesters. Existing harvesters may contact (609) 984-0530 for application information.
A fishing license is required to fish the fresh waters of the state. Locations listed below mark the change from salt water (license not required) to fresh water. A fishing license is required at—and upstream of—these locations. Snapping turtles may only be taken from fresh waters of the state.

### 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
- Nacote Creek—Port Republic dam
- Patcong Creek—Bargaintown Lake dam
- South River—Power lines immediately below Rt. 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—First northerly tributary downstream of lower Rt. 49 bridge (McNeals Br.)
- Batsto River—Required whole length
- 100 ft. below East Creek Lake dam, Eldora
- 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 Folly Campground

### Camden County
- License required on Delaware River and all other waters

### Cape May County
- Bidwells Creek—None—all saline water
- Cedar Swamp 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
- Cohansey River—Rt. 49 bridge at Bridgeton
- Dividing Creek—Rt. 555 bridge
- Fishing Creek—None—all saline water
- Fortescue Cr./Branch of Oranooken Cr.—None—all saline water
- Manumuskin Creek—Required whole length
- Port Elizabeth
- Menantico Creek—Required whole length
- Mill Creek—Tributary of Cohansey—Rt. 553 bridge, Fairton
- Muskee Creek—S. side of bridge on Weathersby Rd.
- Nantuxent Creek (Pages Run)—Rt. 553 north of Frames Corner
- Oranooken Creek—Whitecar Mill, North of Beaver dam
- Oyster Creek—None—all saline water
- Riggins Ditch—Rt. 47 bridge
- 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—Rt. 295 bridge
- Raccoon 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
- Cheesequake Creek—Dam at Cheesequake Lake, Cheesequake State Park
- Lawrence Brook—N.J. Turnpike bridge, East Brunswick
- Raritan River—Landing Lane bridge, New Brunswick
- South River—Rt. 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
- Deal Lake—Top of dam
- Hookochondson (Pine) Brook—Garden State Parkway northbound bridge
- Little Silver Creek—Little Silver Creek Brook
- Manasquan River—Bennetts 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—Remsen Mills Rd.
- Swimming River—Swimming River Rd. bridge
- Wreck Pond Creek—Rt. 71 bridge

### Morris County
- License required on all waters

### Ocean County
- Beaver Dam Creek—Rt. 88 bridge
- Cedar Creek—Rt. 9 bridge
- Cedar Run—Rt. 9 bridge
- Dinner Point Creek—None—all saline water
- Double Creek—None—all saline water
- Forked River—All branches Rt. 9
- Gunning River—None—all saline water
- Jakes Branch—Above Atlantic City Blvd.
- Jeffreys Creek—Ocean Gate Rd. to Ocean Gate
- Kettle Creek—Rt. 549 bridge
- Lake of the Lilies—Entire lake
- Long Swamp Creek—Washington St. bridge, Toms River
- Manahawkin Creek—Dams for Manahawkin WMA 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—Rt. 9 bridge
- 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—Dam at Rt. 9 bridge
- Waretown Creek—Rt. 9 bridge
- West Creek—Rt. 9 bridge

### Passaic County
- License required on all waters

### Salem County
- Alloway Creek—Rt. 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
- Mill Creek—None—all saline water
- Oldmans Creek—Rt. 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 Delaware River and all other waters

### Sussex County
- License 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

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**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 fresh waters.