

Notice of Stocking Form (NOS) Instructions

Separate from the NOS submission, the scenarios outlined below require prior written permission from the Commission.

Send requests to the Executive Director, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17106.

- No species of fish may be transported into this Commonwealth from another state, province or country and liberated in a watershed of this Commonwealth.
- Fish to be stocked are limited to those listed on the Commission's Species by Watershed Approved for Open System (Flow Through) Propagation and Introductions list, whether it comes from an in state or out of state source.
- It is unlawful to introduce, place, or stock fish in waters that have been designated by the Commission as catch and release, wilderness trout, or wild trout management waters (which include waters designated as Class A wild trout streams). The full list of catch and release, wilderness trout, and wild trout management waters can be found on the Commission's [Trout Water Classifications](#) webpage. This does not prohibit a person from returning fish unharmed to the waters from which they were caught or taken.

Section A: Applicant information

Complete Applicant name and contact information.

- Applicant name, address, phone number, and email.
- Indicate if the stocking is associated with a PFBC cooperative (co-op) nursery and using PFBC supplied fish.
- If applicable:
 - List the group or organization name.
 - List the co-op nursery name and list same in Section E.
 - List the co-op nursery sponsor name.

Section B: Stocking category (Select all that apply)

- **General Stocking** - Stocking of fish into waters of this Commonwealth for the purpose of recreation.
- **Fishing Derby/Tournament** - Applicants must obtain a PFBC Special Activities Permit (SAP) prior to holding the event. SAP applications are available at all PFBC offices and on the [PFBC SAP webpage](#).
- **Restoration Project** - Stocking that is taking place as part of a species restoration project.

Section C: Stocking location information

- Check box to indicate if the waterbody is flowing or non-flowing.
 - Examples of Flowing waters are streams, creeks, or rivers.
 - Examples of Non-Flowing waters are lakes, ponds, or reservoirs.
- Indicate if the water is open for public fishing.
- List the name of the waterbody.
 - If possible, please list the name that is found on maps. PFBC staff may not be familiar with local names.
 - If stocking an unnamed waterbody, the use of a local name is acceptable, but specific location information should be provided in subsequent parts of this section.
- List county and municipality where the stocking event will occur.
 - Many waterbodies have the same name (e.g., Fishing Creek), or may be in several different counties, this information will help the PFBC to identify the specific waterbody or stream section that is being stocked.
 - For flowing water, list the county and municipality of the most downstream section to be stocked.
- List GPS coordinates or location description by completing 1, 2, or 3.
 - **Preferred:** In 1 or 2, list the stocking location latitude and longitude coordinates which are within PA. Providing coordinates will reduce the likelihood of PFBC contacting the applicant for location information. Use [Google Maps](#) or similar. Need help finding coordinates? Try [Google Maps Help](#).
 - If stocking multiple locations on the same flowing water, indicate the locations of both the most downstream and upstream stocking locations.
 - If stocking a non-flowing water or single location on flowing water, list one set of coordinates.



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- Or in 3, if you are unable to provide specific GPS coordinates, provide location description details such as road names, bridges, and other easily identifiable landmarks.
- Length or size of the stocking area.
 - If stocking flowing water, indicate the estimated length of section being stocked in miles or feet.
 - If stocking non-flowing water, indicate the total estimated area being stocked in acres.
- Expected date range of stocking. Dates must be within a single calendar year.
 - It is recommended that the applicant add at least 7 days to the expected stocking dates to allow for unexpected delays such as weather events or issues obtaining the fish.
 - Changes to reported date range for weather or other reasonable causes are acceptable with **no additional notification to PFBC**.
- Check box to indicate if there will be more than one stocking within the date range provided.
 - If yes, indicate the number of stocking events.
- Supply any additional information related to the stocking event(s).

Section D: Fish species information

- List species you plan to stock.
 - Refer to [Species by Watershed Approved for Open System \(Flow Through\) Propagation and Introductions](#) list.
- List approximate total amount to be stocked for each species, by number or by pounds.
 - If multiple stocking events are planned, enter the combined total number or pounds for each species size range.
- List size range in inches (0-4, 4-7, 7-12, 12-16, 16-20, or >20).
 - Select the category which **best matches** the intended stocking.
 - If needed, make multiple entries per species to provide a more accurate representation.
 - If stocking different sizes of the same species, fill out a separate entry for each size.
- If you have more than 8 species to enter, complete additional forms and submit them all together.

Section E: Producer, hatchery, or dealer providing the fish for stocking(s)

- Name, state, and county of the fish producer, hatchery, or dealer.
 - **If obtaining fish from outside PA, prior written permission from the Commission is required.**
 - Send requests to the Executive Director, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17106.
 - If obtaining fish from a PFBC cooperative nursery, list the co-op nursery information.
 - If stocking fish caught in another waterbody, indicate 'Wild Caught' and the waterbody where the fish were caught. For example: Name: 'Wild Caught, Fishing Creek'; State: 'PA'; County: 'Columbia'

Sign, date, and submit the form.

- Retain an electronic or hard copy of the completed NOS. The form must be present at the stocking event.
- Submit completed form by one of the following methods:
 - **Preferred:** Email to RA-FB-PFBCStocking@pa.gov
 - Mail to PFBC, Notice of Stocking, PO Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000
- Each NOS will expire on December 31 of the calendar year for which it was submitted.

Questions or need to make changes to a submitted form? Contact us at RA-FB-PFBCStocking@pa.gov or 717-705-7900.

SPECIES BY WATERSHED APPROVED FOR OPEN SYSTEM (FLOW THROUGH) PROPAGATION AND INTRODUCTIONS

Footnotes show exceptions and limitations

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Fish¹	OHIO	ERIE/GENESEE	SUSQUEHANNA	POTOMAC	DELAWARE
Brook Trout (<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brown Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rainbow Trout, Steelhead, Kamloops (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Golden Rainbow Trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tiger Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i> x <i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Albino Trout (All species)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Coho Salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i>)	No ²	Yes	No ²	No ²	No ²
Atlantic Salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>)	No ²	No ²	No ²	No ²	No ²
Common Carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>)	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³
Koi (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>)	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³
Goldfish (<i>Carassius auratus</i>)	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³
Comets (<i>Carassius auratus</i>)	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³	Yes ³
Golden Shiner (<i>Notemigonus chrysoleucas</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fathead Minnow (includes "rosy reds") (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bluntnose Minnow (<i>Pimephales notatus</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Creek Chub (<i>Semotilus atromaculatus</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Emerald Shiner (<i>Notropis atherinoides</i>)	Yes ⁵	Yes	No	No	No
Common Shiner (<i>Luxilus cornutus</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spotfin Shiner (<i>Cyprinella spiloptera</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
White Sucker (<i>Catostomous commersoni</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yellow Bullhead (<i>Ameiurus natalis</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brown Bullhead (<i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
White Catfish (<i>Ameiurus catus</i>)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Channel Catfish (<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stonecat (<i>Noturus flavus</i>)	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Margined Madtom (<i>Noturus insignis</i>)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
American Eel ⁵ (<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>)	No	No	Yes ⁴	Yes ⁴	Yes ⁴
Banded Killifish (<i>Fundulus diaphanous</i>)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mummichog (<i>Fundulus heteroclitus</i>)	No	No	No	No	Yes
Striped Bass (<i>Morone saxatilis</i>)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Striped Bass hybrid (<i>Morone chrysops</i> x <i>M. saxatilis</i>)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rock Bass (<i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Redbreast Sunfish (<i>Lepomis auritus</i>)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pumpkinseed (<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bluegill (<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sunfish hybrid (<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i> x <i>L. macrochirus</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Smallmouth Bass (<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Largemouth Bass (<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
White Crappie (<i>Pomoxis annularis</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Black Crappie (<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yellow Perch (<i>Perca flavescens</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Walleye (<i>Sander vitreus</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chain Pickerel (<i>Esox niger</i>)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Muskellunge (<i>Esox masquinongy</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Northern Pike (<i>Esox Lucius</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Northern Green Frog, adults & tadpoles (<i>Rana clamitans melanota</i>)	No ²	No ²	No ²	No ²	No ²
Bullfrog, adults & tadpoles (<i>Rana catesbeiana</i>)	No ²	No ²	No ²	No ²	No ²
Freshwater Leeches (Subclass <i>Hirudinea</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hellgrammites (<i>Dobsonfly larvae</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mud bugs (<i>Dragonfly larvae</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- For fish species (except those listed as threatened and endangered) not listed on this table and fish species restricted to certain watersheds, closed system artificial propagation may be permitted with the approval of the Department of Agriculture.
- Open system artificial propagation permitted; however, introduction into Commonwealth waters only with the written permission of the Executive Director of the PA Fish and Boat Commission.
- Cannot be used or sold as bait.
- Minimum length limit of 9 inches applies for bait introductions.
- Dealers must report purchase and sale of all American eels to PFBC, per Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission reporting requirements. Forms provided by PFBC.
- Emerald shiners may be propagated or introduced into the Ohio River Basin only if certified to be viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) free as described in 58 Pa. Code §69.3 (see Note).

Note: Depending on the location from which the fish originate there may be additional restrictions on the introduction and transportation VHS susceptible species, specifics can be found in 58 Pa. Code § 71a (<https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/058/chapter71a/chap71atoc.html&d=>). VHS-susceptible species are listed as susceptible host species by the World Organization for Animal Health's Aquatic Manual (<https://www.woah.org/en/disease/viral-haemorrhagic-septicaemia/>) and listed on the Commission's Species by Watershed Approved for Open System (Flow Through) Propagation and Introductions list or as the Commission defines by notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. The 'VHS susceptible species' term: (1) Includes fish that are dead or alive, preserved or unpreserved, and the parts of the fish; (2) does not include the eggs of these species.