

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
Stoneyhead (<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: There are additional restrictions on the introduction and transportation of VHS susceptible species. 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.