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 of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, upon approval by the Fish and Game Council, issues an emergency closure notice. Such notification is effective and/or rescinded immediately upon public notification. Emergency closures shall be based upon imminent threat to the well-being of the fishery resources, and/or its users, and may include any exceptions to the total ban of fishing that the Director deems practical.

Ice Fishing
No more than five devices may be used for taking fish when ice is present. The devices that may be used are:
1. Ice supported tip-ups or lines with one single pointed hook attached, or one burr of three hooks that measure not more than ½-inch from point to shaft;
2. An artificial jigging lure with not more than one burr of three hooks that measure not more than ½-inch from point to point;
3. An artificial jigging lure with not more than three single hooks measuring not more than ½-inch from point to shaft;
4. An artificial jigging lure with a combination of the hook limitations described in 2 and 3 above.

Natural bait may be used on the hooks of the artificial jigging lures. All devices that are not hand-held must bear the name and address of the user and cannot be left unattended.
See separate regulations for trout-stocked waters and Greenwood Lake.

Potentially Dangerous Fish
The possession or release of live, potentially dangerous fish is prohibited. These species (see page 44) include Asian swamp eel, bighed, grass (diploid) and silver carp, brook stickleback, green sunfish, flathead catfish, oriental weatherfish, snakehead and warmouth. Anglers MUST destroy these species if encountered while fishing and are directed to 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 south Jersey. These non-native species are likely to cause environmental harm to the state’s fishery 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 and Game Code. Artificially-propagated trout, if properly tagged, may be sold for food purposes.

Water Supply Reservoirs Open To Fishing By Permit Only
Permits must be obtained from the specific reservoir owner listed below. A valid fishing license is also required.

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<th>Waterbody</th>
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<th>Type of Fishing</th>
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<tr>
<td>Newark Reservoirs</td>
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<td>Boat &amp; Shoreline</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Newark Watershed reservoir permits available in person only at these locations:</td>
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| Echo Lake          | Passaic |                         |     | City of Newark  
|                    |        |                         |     | 223 Echo Lake Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435  
|                    |        |                         |     | (973) 697-1724  
| Oak Ridge Reservoir| Morris |                         |     | Newark City Hall  
|                    |        |                         |     | 920 Broad St., Newark 07102  
|                    |        |                         |     | (973) 733-8008  
| Canistear Reservoir| Sussex |                         |     | United Water Company  
|                    |        |                         |     | 461 From Rd. Paramus, NJ 07652  
|                    |        |                         |     | (201) 767-6746  
| Oradell Reservoir  |        | Shoreline only           | Yes |                                                  |
| Woodcliff Lake     | Bergen |                         |     |                                                  |
| Lake Tappan Reservoir | Lake Deforest |                  |     |                                                  |

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 (north/central) 908-236-2118; (south) 609-259-6964. It is ILLEGAL to stock carp or koi into any such waters. No trout may be stocked within the PEQUEST RIVER DRAINAGE except by the Pequest Trout Hatchery. See Highlights of Regulation Changes page 6 and the article on Fish Stocking Permits beginning on page 8.

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 (north/central) 908-236-2118; (south) 609-259-6964 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 from the waters from which they were taken, then either used or otherwise disposed of properly.
Certain waters are closed to fishing for all species from March 19 to April 7, 2018 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.

### Fishing Regulations

#### Size, Season and Creel Limits

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<td>Lunker Bass Lakes: Alloway, Assunpink, Parvin and Delaware lakes; Splitrock Reservoir</td>
<td>Jan. 1–April 14</td>
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<td><strong>Northern Pike, Tiger Musky, Muskellunge</strong></td>
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<td>Trophy Musky Waters: Echo Lake Reservoir, Lake Hopatcong &amp; Monksville Reservoir</td>
<td>Northern Pike: 24 inches</td>
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<td>Tiger Musky &amp; Muskellunge: 40 inches</td>
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<td><strong>Chain Pickerel and Redfin Pickerel</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Striped Bass (freshwater only)</strong></td>
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<td>March 1–Dec. 31</td>
<td>One @ 28” to &lt; 43” AND one ≥ 43”</td>
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<td><strong>Hybrid Striped Bass (freshwater only)</strong></td>
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<td>Statewide (exceptions below)</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>16 inches</td>
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<td>Raritan River (downstream of Duke Island Park dam)</td>
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### Fishing Regulations

**SIZE, SEASON AND CREEL LIMITS**

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<td>Delaware River Mainstem</td>
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<td>(see regulations on page 28)</td>
<td>Season Closed in all other fresh waters</td>
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<td><strong>CHANNEL CATFISH</strong></td>
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<td>Statewide</td>
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<td><strong>CRAPPIE (BLACK AND WHITE)</strong></td>
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<td>Statewide</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>8 inches</td>
<td>10 combined</td>
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<td><strong>SUNFISH AND ALL OTHER SPECIES WITH NO SPECIFIED CREEL LIMITS</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Rock Bass, White Perch, Yellow Perch, Sunfish (see below for sunfish exceptions), Bullheads, White Catfish, Suckers, Carp, Bowfin, Pumpkinseed and all other species with no specified creel limit.</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>No minimum size</td>
<td>25 combined</td>
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<td>Conservation Regulation</td>
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<td>Ryker Lake</td>
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<td>Sunfish: 7 inches</td>
<td>10 combined</td>
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<td>Conservation Regulation</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rainbow Lake (Salem Co.)</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>Sunfish: 7 inches</td>
<td>10 combined</td>
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<td><strong>BANDED, BLACKBANDED, BLUESPOTTED AND MUD SUNFISH</strong></td>
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*Illustrations by Ted Walke, PA Fish and Boat Commission

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

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<td>Statewide</td>
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<td>35 combined</td>
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<td><strong>Exceptions</strong> in trout stocked waters baitfish may only be taken with hook and line: from April 7 to June 15, or in waters open to fishing during the pre-season closure, from March 19 to June 15.**</td>
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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 Baitfish Regulations (page 31).

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<tr>
<td>Bass, Largemouth &amp; Smallmouth</td>
<td>Jan. 1–April 13</td>
<td>12 inches</td>
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<td>June 10–Dec. 31</td>
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<td>April 14–June 9</td>
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<td>Eel, American**</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>9 inches</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>Herring, Alewife and Blueback</td>
<td>Closed</td>
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<td>Muskelunge &amp; Hybrids</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>40 inches</td>
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<td>Pickerel, Chain</td>
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<td>Shad, American*</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>No minimum</td>
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<td>Shad, Hickory</td>
<td>Closed</td>
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<td>Striped Bass &amp; Hybrids (upstream of Calhoun St. Bridge)</td>
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<td>One @ 28&quot; to &lt; 43&quot; AND one ≥43&quot;</td>
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<td>Striped Bass &amp; Hybrids*** (downstream of Calhoun St. Bridge)</td>
<td>March 1–30</td>
<td>One @ 28&quot; to &lt; 43&quot; AND one ≥43&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sturgeon, Atlantic and Shortnose</td>
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<td>Trout</td>
<td>April 14 at 8 a.m.–Oct. 15</td>
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<td>All Other Freshwater Species</td>
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Regulations in red are new this year.

* Due to serious declines in American Shad numbers, the taking of American Shad, except for the Delaware River, is prohibited.

** Pennsylvania has a daily limit of 25 for American eel.

*** 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.
Fishing The Delaware River

Regulation Notices

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.

All anglers are reminded to comply with each state’s marine registry requirements when angling for or catching anadromous species such as striped bass, river herring or shad in the tidal portions of the Delaware River.

- 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.
- 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.
- Baitfish may be taken and possessed for personal use and are not to be bartered or sold.
- 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. For online ordering information visit www.state.nj.us/drbc/basin/recreation/recreation/.
- Information for the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is available online at www.nps.gov/dewa.

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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.

* Effective April 1, 2019 the minimum size limit for Muskellunge will increase to 44”

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May 19, 2018 on Lake Hopatcong

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**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. |

**Open year round**

**Exception:** In trout-stocked waters baitfish may be taken only with hook and line: from April 7 to June 15, or in waters open to fishing during the pre-season closure, from March 19 to June 15.

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**Herring, Alewife and Blueback**

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<td>Freshwater lakes in Morris, Passaic, Sussex, and Warren counties and Spruce Run Reservoir (Hunterdon)</td>
<td>6 inches maximum</td>
<td>35</td>
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<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>
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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**

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<td>Seine</td>
<td>Not over 50 feet long in ponds and lakes over 100 acres; in all other waters not over 30 feet in length. <strong>Exception:</strong> 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.</td>
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<td>Minnow Trap</td>
<td>Not larger than 24 inches in length with a funnel mouth no greater than 2 inches in diameter.</td>
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<td>Umbrella Net</td>
<td>No greater than 3.5 feet square.</td>
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<td>Dip Net</td>
<td>Not more than 24 inches in diameter; may be used only for alewife or blueback herring.</td>
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<td>Cast Net</td>
<td>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).</td>
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<td>Hook and Line</td>
<td>Maximum of nine single hooks or three hooks with three burrs per contrivance on all waters except the Delaware River where only three single hooks are permitted.</td>
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**Turtle and Frog Regulations**

**SPECIES**

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<td>Snapping Turtle</td>
<td>April 1–May 14, July 1–October 31</td>
<td>Statewide</td>
<td>12 inches</td>
<td>1 per day</td>
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<td>Bull Frog and Green Frog</td>
<td>January 1–March 31, July 1–December 31</td>
<td>Statewide</td>
<td>No minimum</td>
<td>15 per day, combined</td>
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**MEANS OF TAKE**

Snapping turtles may only be taken in fresh waters of the state. See page 32 for established fishing license lines that designate between 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. Snapping turtles may not be taken with a gun or bow and arrow. They may NOT be sold unless taken under a Commercial Harvest Permit. Snapping turtles, 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. 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—Fir Bridge on Stage Rd. in Bass River State Forest
- 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 Folly Campground

**CAMDEN COUNTY**
- Wading River—Charcoal Landing, Chips Folly Campground
- Assiscunk Creek—Required whole length
- Bass River State—Fir Bridge on Stage Rd. in Bass River State Forest
- Batsto River—Required whole length
- Blacks Creek—Required whole length
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- Rancocas Creek—Required whole length
- Swedes Run—Required whole length
- Wading River—Charcoal Landing, Chips Folly Campground

**CAPE MAY COUNTY**
- Biddewa 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
- Cohansay River—Rt. 49 bridge at Bridgeton
- Dividing Creek—Rt. 555 bridge
- Fishing Creek—None—all saline water
- Fortescue Cr./Branch of Oranok Cr.—None—all saline water
- Manusmuskin Creek—Required whole length
- Maurice River—Mouth of Manusmuskin Creek near Port Elizabeth
- Menantic Creek—Required whole length
- Mill Creek—Tribohory of Cohansay—Rt. 553 bridge, Fairton
- Muskee Creek—S. side of bridge on Weathersby Rd.
- Nantuxent Creek (Pages Run)—Rt. 553 north of Frames Corner
- Oranok Creek—Whitear Mill, North of Beaver dam
- Oyster Creek—None—all saline water

**ESSEX COUNTY**
- Passaic River—None—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—Dammed at Cheesequake Lake, Cheesequake State Park
- Lawrence Brook—N.J. Turnpike bridge, East Brunswick
- Raritan River—Landings 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
- Hoehnertson (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—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.
- Jeffrey Creek—Ocean Gate Rd. to Ocean Gate
- Kettle Creek—Rt. 549 bridge
- Lake of the Lilies—Atlantic Ocean
- Long Swamp Creek—Washington St. bridge, Toms River
- Manahawkin Creek—Dams for Manahawkin WMA
- Metedeconk River—Rt. 70 bridge, Laurelton
- Mill Creek—Mouth of Creek at lagoons in Beach Haven West
- Mill Creek—Pine Beach—Ocean Gate Rd.
- Oyster Creek—Rt. 9 bridge
- Parkers Run—None—all saline water
- Potters Creek—None—all saline water
- Short Creek—None—all saline water
- Stouts Creek—Rt. 9 bridge
- Crawleys Landing—Charcoal Landing, Chips Folly Campground

**PASSAIC COUNTY**
- License required on all waters

**SALEM COUNTY**
- Alloway Creek—Rt. 540 bridge at Alloway
- Black Creek—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 all 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.