

Need a Gift for an Angler?

By Rep. Joe Emrick

Fishing licenses, permits and gift vouchers for the 2025 fishing season are now available for purchase from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. The cost remains the same at \$27.97 for a resident annual license and \$14.47 for a senior resident annual license. Please click here to make a purchase and check out the full list of license options. Licenses may also be purchased through the FishBoatPA mobile app or by visiting one of nearly 700 retail license issuing agents.

Now is also a good time to mark your 2025 calendars for the statewide opening day of trout season on Saturday, April 5, and statewide Mentored Youth Trout Day on Saturday, March 29.



Blue Mountain Fire and the Connection to the Slate Belt

By Adrienne Fors

SLATE BELT - On November 2, a wildfire took over the Blue Mountain Ridge with firefighters working with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry, Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks and Pennsylvania Game Commission, to battle the blaze. Nearly 600 acres were scorched by the fire and with thanks to many firefighters including the Lookout Fire Company, Plainfield Fire Department and Wind Gap Fire Department, along with many additional emergency services, the fire was contained after a few weeks.

WM owns a facility not far from where the fire began in Walnutport. The facility was a meeting point for the emergency services during the first few days of battling the blaze.

With much gratitude for the extensive days spent battling that blaze and the generous support of our local Slate Belt firefighters to assist with the containment, WM has made made \$5,000 donations to Plainfield Township Fire Department, Wind Gap Fire Department, Lookout Fire Department, Lehigh Township and Slatington Volunteer Fire Departments. We appreciate everything the volunteers do to keep the community safe.

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