

# Stocking

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I. Goal a. This program highlights Pennsylvania's best fishing waters across a wide range of popular sport fish and types of locations. The program serves to provide anglers with a convenient connection to these waters and increase their awareness of opportunities provided through the expertise of PFBC Fisheries staff. For residents and non-residents alike, this has added benefits to provide a better forecast about their fishing destinations.

II. Program Framework a. "Pennsylvania's Best Fishing Waters" is a criteria-based program with subject experts evaluating waters: PFBC Area Fisheries Managers have identified waters within their management regions that meet a set of program criteria. The criteria used and location amenities are designed to ensure that anglers are fishing a high-quality fishery, that the fish population is capable of supporting the expected user increase, that the physical location is capable of supporting the anticipated increased use so as to avoid damage to the environment and landowner conflicts. i. Basic criteria: To help ensure angler success and

the water's continuance in the program, the following criteria are the first considerations with all waters considered for program inclusion: 1. All waters selected must be able to withstand increased angling pressure through the program's raised awareness and marketing, both by PFBC and its partners, so as not to have a detrimental effect on the location and fishery.

2. All waters selected must offer the best angling opportunities through a combination of more catchable experiences, larger fish, greater fish populations, targeted fish species availability, and desired location amenities.

ii. Species categories: Since types of anglers are as varied as the fish they target, multiple species categories have been established to not only attract a larger number of PFBC customers, but to also offer a variety of water locations and a more extended marketing profile and timeline as in-season fishing opportunities span throughout the year. 1. Bass a. Largemouth Bass b. Smallmouth Bass 2. Catfish a. Bullhead Catfish b. Channel Catfish c. Flathead Catfish 3. Common Carp 4. Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge 5. Panfish a. Yellow Perch b. Crappie c. Bluegill and Pumpkinseed 6. Striped Bass 7. Trout a. Wild Trout b. Stocked Trout 8. Walleye



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