

February 13, 2026 Highlight/Summary Report

Statewide news:

- **NEW: Proposed Regulations Open for Comment:**
 - **RED DRUM - Recreational Limits and Public Notices** Changing the recreational catch, possession, and maximum size limits - ATTACHED.
 - **Website Link:**
https://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Documents/Reg_Changes/Red-Drum-Summary.pdf
- **2026 SPRING trout stocking program** schedule is out and located on the **DNR trout stocking website** – ATTACHED.
- <https://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/pages/trout/stocking.aspx>
- **DNR has introduced a two online links to show lakes and ponds locations/hot spots.**
 - **Freshwater Fisheries Fishing Lakes and Ponds webpage.**
 - *The online map highlights fishing opportunities for gamefish species in reservoirs, lakes, and ponds with public access.*
 - <https://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/pages/hotspots/index.aspx>
 - **Hotspots: ATTACHED**
<https://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/pages/hotspots/index.aspx>
- The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has developed a **striped bass habitat conditions** mapping tool that uses our newly developed water temperature and dissolved oxygen-based thresholds for Maryland's resident striped bass.
<https://eyesonthebay.dnr.maryland.gov/eyesonthebay/StripedBassHabitatConditions.cfm>
- The Secretary of the **Maryland Department of Natural Resources** announces the following seasons, catch limits, size limits and commercial quotas for 2026. These notices will become effective 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2026.

- ***Click each NOTICE below to view the full details, which will open the NOTICE off the DNR website.***
- ***Summary of notice notes below***
- **2026 Summer Flounder Fishery**
 - **2026 Summer Flounder Fishery — Effective 1/1/2026**
 - 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2026:
 - The season is open January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026
 - **RECREATIONAL MINIMUM SIZE**
 - January 1, 2026 – May 31, 2026: 16 inches
 - June 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026: 17-1/2 inches
 - RECREATIONAL CATCH LIMIT
 - 4 fish/person/day
- **2026 Recreational Bluefish Fishery**
 - **2026 Recreational Bluefish Fishery — Effective 1/1/2026**
 - Effective 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2026:
 - Recreational anglers fishing from shore or private boats can keep up to 5 bluefish per person per day.
 - Recreational anglers fishing from for-hire boats can keep up to 7 bluefish per person per day.
 - The minimum size is 8 inches.
 - There is no closed season.
- **2026 Yellow Perch Recreational Catch Limit**
 - **2026 Yellow Perch Recreational Catch Limit – Effective 1/8/2026**
 - **Effective 12:01 a.m. January 8, 2026, except for reservoirs, lakes, ponds, impoundments, and waters upstream of them, the recreational daily catch and possession limit for yellow perch is five fish per person per day. This notice supersedes any public notice affecting the yellow perch recreational catch limit issued prior to January 8, 2026.**
- **WHY THIS IS NECESSARYcontinue on next page.**

- This action is necessary because yellow perch are experiencing a period of low recruitment that has occurred over the last six years. Reducing the harvest of larger females may improve the chance of spawning success. This action for the recreational fishery equitably manages the burden of reduced harvests experienced by the commercial fisheries reduction in quota
- [2026 Recreational Black Sea Bass Fishery](#)
 - 2026 Recreational Black Sea Bass Fishery — Effective 1/1/2026
 - ***The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces the recreational season for black sea bass is closed from January 1, 2026 through May 14, 2026.***
 - A subsequent notice will establish the rules for the remainder of the season at a later date.
- [2026 Recreational Cobia Fishery](#)
 - **2026 Recreational Cobia Fishery — Effective 1/1/2026**
 - Effective 12:01 a.m.
 - **January 1, 2026: The season is open June 15, 2026, through September 20, 2026. It is closed all other dates.**
 - • Recreational anglers may keep:
 - 1 cobia per person per day; or
 - Up to 2 cobia per vessel per day if there are 2 or more individuals on the vessel.
 - The recreational minimum size for cobia is 43 inches total length.

RED DRUM - Recreational and Public Notices

What is being considered?

The Department would like to update the rules for red drum. Specifically, we are considering:

- 1) Changing the recreational catch and possession limit from one to three per person per day.
- 2) Changing the recreational maximum size limit from 27 inches to 26 inches total length.
- 3) Adding the ability to modify catch limits, size limits, and seasons for red drum to implement the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Red Drum by issuing a public notice on the Fishing and Boating Service's website. The public notice would also be disseminated through various other media (social media, email lists, publishing in the Maryland Register, etc.) so that an affected individual has a reasonable opportunity to be informed.

Why is this change necessary?

All of these changes are necessary to implement the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Red Drum (FMP). The creel and size limits are specifically required by Addendum II to Amendment 2 to the FMP and adding the public notice provision would allow the Department to make changes in a timely manner if future actions are taken by ASMFC.

In October 2025, the Sciaenids Management Board approved Addendum II to Amendment 2 to the FMP. The Addendum updates red drum management, with the goal of improving efficiency, flexibility, and timeliness in implementation of new regulations and providing assessment advice. In addition, the Addendum aligns red drum recreational regulations in Virginia, Maryland, and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission (PRFC) given their shared water bodies.

The Board agreed to the following recreational measures for Virginia, Maryland and the PRFC: 3 fish bag limit and 18"-26" inch total length slot. These measures, which are currently in place for Virginia, are meant to simplify management and enforcement in the shared waterbodies of the three jurisdictions. Although these measures will raise Maryland's current red drum bag limit from 1 fish to 3 fish, the Board noted that these new regulations will lower the 5-fish bag limit for red drum in the Potomac River to 3 fish, providing some additional protection to red drum within the 18"-26" total length slot.

Who will this affect?

- 1) The change to the size limit and creel limit will affect anyone who recreationally fishes for or catches red drum anywhere in Maryland (Chesapeake Bay, tidal tributaries, and coastal waters).
- 2) The change to the public notice authority may potentially affect anyone who fishes for or catches red drum anywhere in Maryland but does not have an immediate impact.

Additional Information

[ASMFC Red Drum Addendum II](#) - Management Changes to the Southern and Northern Regions

Has this change been discussed with advisory bodies or other interested or impacted individuals?

- The Department, PRFC, and ASMFC held a hybrid hearing to receive comments from the public regarding draft Addendum II on September 18, 2025. There were 2 members from the public at this meeting, one representing the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) in Maryland and the other representing the American Saltwater Guides Association (ASGA). The member of the CCA voiced support for an 18"-26" size limit with a 3 fish bag limit, and the member from ASGA supported an 18"-26" size limit with a 2 fish bag limit. Of the written comments from Maryland that spoke specifically about regulation changes, one person requested that anglers be allowed to keep one over slot red drum, one person requested that catch and release be implemented in the fishery to the greatest extent possible, and one person supported an 18"-26" size limit with a 2 fish bag limit. Non-Maryland commenters generally supported aligning management across the Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions and were in support of an 18-26" slot limit with a 2-3 fish bag limit.
- This idea was scoped with the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission (SFAC) and the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission (TFAC) at their meetings in January 2026.

Regulatory Process

Fishing rules in Maryland may be created by either the General Assembly or the Department. When the Department creates a fishing rule, it is called a regulation. When the General Assembly creates a rule, it is called a statute. The Department often has to create a regulation to implement a statute. The regulatory process begins with scoping and the Department follows normal [procedures](#) as concepts move forward.

During the scoping process, the Department gathers suggestions and ideas from stakeholders and others about how to solve a fishery problem or address a need. The goal of scoping is to identify issues, potential impacts, and reasonable alternatives associated with the issues so that management actions can be developed. After the public has had an opportunity to comment on possible management actions during the scoping process, the Department considers these comments and develops an appropriate management strategy.

When would this be effective?

The ASMFC implementation date for all new measures is September 1, 2026. The Department projects that this change could be effective by that date; however, the exact date cannot be determined at this time.



**All stockings are subject to change dependent on weather conditions or hatchery constraints



Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Areas listed above are closed to ALL FISHING from 10:00 p.m. of the first date to 6:30 a.m. of the second day date, during each of the closure periods listed below ****All 1 closure areas will be stocked for youth day (March 21st)**
0 = No Closure; 1 = March 8-March 28 ****Waters stocked under #1 closure will not be listed on daily or weekly stocking updates**

County	Closure/Regulation	February	March	April	May	Season Total
Allegany County						
Battle Mixon	0		1500	500		2000
Cotton Cove Pond	1		510			510
Dans Mt. Pond	0		750			750
Evitts Creek	1		2040	340	340	2720
Evitts Creek Ponds	0		1130	380		1510
Fifteen Mile Creek	1		6180	1030	1030	8240
Flintstone Creek	0		320	320		640
Georges Creek	0		1270	960	320	2550
Jennings Run	1		1160	190	190	1540
Lake Habeeb (Rocky Gap)	0		2000			2000
Laurel Run	<16,>65 & blind		180			180
Lions Park Pond	0		680	120		800
North Jennings Run Watershed	1		360			360
Town Creek	D.H.		640	640		1280
White Sulfur Pond	0		1130	380		1510
Wills Creek	1		1770	290	290	2350
Anne Arundel County						
Annapolis Waterworks Pond	2/day	600	800			1400
Severn Run	1		700	600		1300
Baltimore County						
32100						
Gunpowder Falls, Lower	1	2000	2000	1800		5800
Gunpowder Falls, Upper	1	800	3000	1000	700	5500
Gwynn Oak Pond	0		300	300		600
Gwynns Falls	0		500	400		900
Little Falls	1		2500	1200		3700
Little Gunpowder Falls	1		2300	1200		3500
Lost Lake	0		200	200		400
Patapsco River, Avalon	1	800	2400	1800	1000	6000
Patapsco River, Daniels	2/day	800	1800	1000	1000	4600
Stansbury Park Pond	0	600	500			1100
Calvert County						
1700						
Calvert Cliffs Pond	1	300	500			800
Hutchins Pond	1	400	500			900
Caroline County						
1000						
Tuckahoe Creek	0	500	500			1000
Carroll County						
15100						
Farm Museum Pond	1		600	700		1300
Little Pipe Creek	0		1000	800		1800
Morgan Run	S.A.	1000	500	700		2200
Piney Run	1		700	300		1000
South Branch Patapsco River, Delayed Harvest	D.H.		500	1000		1500
South Branch Patapsco River, Marriottsville/Henryton	1		1200	1000	400	2600
South Branch Patapsco River, River Road	1		1600	1200	400	3200
Taneytown Pond	0		500	500		1000
Westminster Pond	0		500			500
Cecil County						
8700						
Big Elk Creek	1	700	2500	2000	600	5800
Howards Pond	0	700	500			1200
Principio Creek	1		600	300		900
Rising Sun Pond	<16>65 March 1-June15		500	300		800
Charles County						
4000						
Hughesville Pond	1	300	300			600
Myrtle Grove Pond	0	800	1000			1800
Wheatley Lake	0	800	800			1600
Frederick County						
31900						
Brunswick Pond	2/day	300	300	300		900
Carroll Creek	youth & blind		600	500		1100
Catoctin Creek(Catoctin Crk Park)	D.H.	500	500			1000
Catoctin Creek(Doubs Meadow)	D.H.	300	300			600
Cunningham Falls Lake	0	1000	1000	600		2600
Fishing Creek	1		1000			1000
Fountain Rock Park Pond	2/day	300	300			600
Frank Bentz Pond	0	300	300	300		900
Friends Creek	1		3000	900	900	4800
Hamburg Pond	1		500	500		1000
Middle Creek	1		3000	900	900	4800
Whittier Lake	2/day		500	500		1000
Owens Creek	1		3500	1000	900	5400
Middletown Pond	0	500	500	400		1400
Rainbow Lake	1		1000	800		1800
Whiskey Springs Pond	1		500	500		1000
Woodsboro Community Pond	0	400	400	400		1200
Urbana Lake	0		400	400		800

County	Closure/Regulation	February	March	April	May	Season Total
Garrett County						70220
Accident Pond	1		750	250		1000
Bear Creek	1		9110	1520	1520	12150
Broadford Lake	0		840	280		1120
Casselman River	D.H.		2810	2110	700	5620
Glades Park Pond	youth & blind		380	130		510
Herrington Lake	0		1130	560		1690
Little Youghiogheny River	0		550	540		1090
Mill Run	1		1000			1000
Muddy Creek	0		230	160		390
N.B.P.R DH	D.H.		1710			1710
N.B.P.R. Barnum	0		3630	2720	910	7260
N.B.P.R. D.H.	D.H.			1280	430	1710
N.B.P.R. Gorman	0		2585	1935	645	5165
N.B.P.R. Kitzmiller	0		2585	1935	645	5165
N.B.P.R. Westernport	0		1810	1360	450	3620
New Germany Lake	0		3000	1000		4000
Parkview Pond	0		750	250		1000
Piney Reservoir	0		1670	560		2230
Savage River	1		4690	780	780	6250
Savage River Reservoir	0		2000			2000
Snowy Creek	0		400			400
Youghiogheny River	C&R		1810			1810
Youghiogheny River	D.H.		820	820		1640
Youghiogheny River, Friendsville	0		180	180		360
Youghiogheny River, Oakland	0		650	510	170	1330
Harford County						6750
Bynum Pond	0	300	250	300		850
Deer Creek	1	900	3000	1000	1000	5900
Howard County						10500
Centennial Lake	0	800	800			1600
Lake Elkhorn	0	800				800
Little Patuxent River	2/day	1000	1000	1000		3000
Middle Patuxent River, Delayed Harvest	D.H.		700	350		1050
Patuxent C&R Files Only	S.A.	200	350			550
Patuxent River, Laurel	1		1000	500		1500
Upper Patuxent River	S.A.	600	500			1100
Warfield Park Pond	1	400	500			900
Montgomery County						10000
Great Seneca Creek	1	800	2000	1800		4600
Izaak Walton Pond	0		400	500		900
Lake Needwood	0	800	500			1300
Martin Luther King Jr. Pond	1		400	400		800
Northwest Branch	0		1200	800		2000
Pine Lake	1		400			400
Prince Georges County						8770
Allens Pond	0	500	500			1000
Governor Bridge Pond	0	300	300			600
Greenbelt Lake	0	1000	770			1770
Lake Artemesia	0	1200	1200			2400
Laurel Lake	0		500			500
Melwood Pond	0	300	500			800
Schoolhouse Pond	0	400	500			900
Tucker Pond	0	400	400			800
Queen Anne's County						900
Unicorn Branch	2/day	300	300	300		900
Washington County						23200
Antietam Creek (Devils Backbone)	0		1200	1600	800	3600
Beaver Creek	1		1500	600	500	2600
Blairs Valley Lake	0	1000	1000	600		2600
Brownsville Pond	2/day		300	300		600
Greenbrier Lake	0	1000	1000	600		2600
Indian Springs Pond	0		300	300		600
Israel Creek	0		600	600		1200
Licking Creek	1		1200	500		1700
Little Antietam Creek	youth & blind		600	500		1100
Little Tonoloway Creek	youth & blind	400	400	400		1200
Little Tonoloway Creek, Upper	2/day	400	400	400		1200
Pangborn Pond	<16>65 & blind		300	300		600
Sharpsburg Pond	0	500	500			1000
Sideling Hill Creek	0		800	800	1000	2600
Wicomico County						900
Beaverdam Creek	0	400	500			900
Worcester County						1000
Shad Landing Pond	0	500	500			1000

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Important Reservation System Update

The Maryland Park Service is launching a new, improved reservations system on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, for a faster, more intuitive booking experience. For more details, visit our [newsroom](#).

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Freshwater Fishing Hotspots

The [Fishing Maryland Lakes and Ponds App](#) displays survey data for gamefish species across the state.

Western region

Allegany County

- [Lake Habeeb at Rocky Gap State Park](#) - Five miles east of Cumberland, this popular lake is packed with smallmouth bass, crappie, channel catfish, sunfish and brown and rainbow trout. Rocky Gap State Park also offers a tackle loaner program on-site.
- [Town Creek Delayed Harvest](#) - Town Creek is roughly one mile from Oldtown. A portion of the creek lies within the Green Ridge State Forest. Look for smallmouth bass, rock bass, redbreast sunfish and brown and rainbow trout.

Carroll County

- [Liberty Reservoir](#) - The 3,100-acre reservoir is located in Carroll and Baltimore County. Both cold and warm water fish species can be found here including large and smallmouth bass, striped bass, walleye, crappie, channel catfish, yellow perch, white perch, bluegill sunfish, carp, rainbow and brown trout. For boat permits and information call 410-795-6150.
- [Piney Run Reservoir](#) - Located in Sykesville, Carroll County Fish species include largemouth bass, redear sunfish, striped bass, bluegill, sunfish, crappie, channel catfish, tiger muskie, and yellow perch.
- [Patapsco River](#) - Located in Carroll, Baltimore, and Howard Counties Fish species include smallmouth bass, rock bass, redbreast sunfish, hickory shad, American shad, and rainbow trout.

Frederick County

- [Big Hunting Creek](#) - Near Thurmont, this historical creek was the first in the state to be stocked with trout. Big Hunting Creek has both a wild brown and brook trout population.
- [Cunningham Falls Reservoir](#) - Near Cunningham Falls State Park, this popular fishing locale is home to both largemouth bass and a variety of panfish.
- [Owens Creek](#) - This put-and-take stream flows through private and public lands. Anglers will find both wild and hatchery trout but stream flows in late summer and fall can make angling difficult.
- [Potomac River](#) - At 450 miles long, the Potomac River offers a wide variety of fishing opportunities for any angler. The northern Potomac River fishery consists of species such as muskie, walleye, and trout. The southern Potomac River and more brackish points are popular for both blue catfish and northern snakehead

Garrett County

- [Broadford Lake](#) - This family-friendly, 140-acre lake located is located in County. Fish species include largemouth and smallmouth bass, panfish and tiger muskie.
- [Deep Creek Lake](#) - Ten miles northeast of Oakland is Deep Creek Lake. The largest freshwater lake in Maryland, it covers six-square miles. Fish species include bass, trout, walleye, pike and panfish
- [Savage River Tailwater Trophy Trout Fishing Area](#) - Southwest of Frostburg is the Savage River State Forest, home to the Savage River Tailwater Trophy Trout Fishing Area. Both brook and brown trout can be caught here. For flow conditions call 410-962-7687 or visit the [United States Geological Survey](#) for more information.
- [Casselman River](#) - This extremely popular location in Grantsville, is a delayed harvest area for both rainbow and brown trout.
- [Piney Reservoir](#) - Largemouth bass, yellow perch, tiger muskie, rainbow trout and panfish can all be found at this popular fishing spot in Frostburg.
- [Youghiogheny River Reservoir](#) - Maryland Access to the 2,800 acre lake can be found at the Mill Run Campground. Anglers can find large and smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, northern pike, yellow perch and brown and rainbow trout.
- [Youghiogheny River Catch and Release Trout Fishing Area](#) - The 4-mile long Catch and Release Trout Fishing Area begins at the Deep Creek Lake Power Plant and ends at the Sang Run Bridge. For flow release information call Deep Creek Hydroelectric Power Plant at 301-413-2823.
- [North Branch Potomac River](#) - (see local maps for directions to Lostland Run, MD and Barnum, WV.) Call 410-962-7687 for flow conditions or visit the [United States Geological Survey website](#). Fish species include brown trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, smallmouth bass.

Washington County

- [Blairs Valley Lake](#) - Situated on the Maryland and Pennsylvania line, Blairs Valley Lake ranges from 22 to 32 acres depending on the season. Anglers can enjoy a good mix of both warm and cold water species of fish here including seasonal spring and fall trout stocking, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, bluebill, black crappie, redear sunfish, yellow perch, brown bullhead catfish and carp.

Central region

Baltimore County

- [Gunpowder Falls](#) - This world-class trout fishery runs 10 miles from Prettyboy Reservoir in northern Baltimore County downstream to Loch Raven Reservoir.
- [Loch Raven Reservoir](#) - This 2,400-acre reservoir is a few miles outside of Towson. Anglers can enjoy a wide variety of fishing opportunities as well as a fully equipped fishing center. Species targeted, large and smallmouth bass, bluegill, white perch, crappie, chain pickerel, walleye, catfish, yellow perch, and northern pike. For boat rentals, boat permits and fishing permits call 410-887-7692.
- [Prettyboy Reservoir](#) - North Baltimore County; largemouth and smallmouth bass, crappie, channel catfish, yellow perch and bluegill sunfish. For boat permits and information call 410-795-6150.

Harford County

- [Deer Creek](#) - This scenic creek supports an abundance of fish species including hickory shad, alewife herring, white and yellow perch, smallmouth bass and rainbow trout.

Howard County

- [Centennial Lake](#) - This is a 50-acre impoundment on the Centennial Branch of the Little Patuxent River. Fish species include largemouth bass, tiger muskie, panfish, channel catfish, and rainbow trout.

Montgomery County

- [Clopper Lake](#) - Located in Seneca Creek State Park, this 90-acre lake is host to an abundance of largemouth bass. Anglers can also find a good variety of panfish and catfish and common carp.
- [Little Seneca Lake](#) - Located in Boyds, this 505-acre lake is open year-round. The most common fish species found in Little Seneca Lake include largemouth bass, catfish, bluegill, crappie, and tiger muskie.

Southern region

Charles County

- [Potomac River Tributaries](#) - (A Chesapeake Bay Sportfishing License is required to fish in the Potomac and its tributaries up to their freshwater dividing lines.)
- [Mattawoman Creek](#) lies in the W part of Charles County, above the bridge on Maryland 225 (Freshwater Fishing License is required).
- [Wheatley Lake](#) - Designated as a catch-and-release trophy bass lake, anglers can find both large and smallmouth bass here. Other species such as crappie, channel catfish, bluegill and redear sunfish are also abundant.
- [Myrtle Grove Lake](#) - Primarily managed for wildlife and hunting, Myrtle Grove also offers other opportunities for visitors. Licensed fishermen may fish in the waters found throughout the property.

Prince George's County

- [Piscataway Creek](#) runs through southeast Prince George's County near Clinton, above Livingston Rd, (Freshwater Fishing License is required); largemouth bass, striped bass, chain pickerel, crappie, channel catfish, yellow and white perch, bluegill sunfish and carp are found in tributaries and in the Potomac River.
- [Lake Artemesia](#) - For over 25 years, this 38-acre lake has been a family-friendly fishing destination. Stocked trout, largemouth bass and bluegill can be found here.

St. Mary's County

- [St. Mary's Lake](#) - This 250-acre lake in St. Mary's River Park is designated as a catch-and-release trophy bass lake, anglers can find both large and smallmouth bass here. Other species such as chain pickerel, crappie, bluegill and redear sunfish are also abundant.

Eastern region

Caroline County

- [Smithville Lake](#) - Located in Federalsburg, this 30 acre lake offers anglers a wide variety of fish species including large and smallmouth bass, bluegill, white and black crappie, pumpkinseed sunfish, chain pickerel, brown bullhead catfish, gizzard shad, golden shiners and chub suckers.

Cecil County

- [Rising Sun Pond](#) - This one-acre pond in Rising Sun is a popular fishing spot. It has a good variety of species including bass, bluegill, white and black crappie, pumpkinseed sunfish, common carp and seasonal stocked spring trout.

Dorchester County

- [Transquaking River](#) - Dorchester County; largemouth bass, striped bass, chain pickerel, crappie, channel catfish, yellow and white perch, bluegill, and carp. For information - 410-228-2920.

Kent County

- [Urieville Lake](#) - Kent County, in Kennedyville, Maryland; 35 acres; bass, bluegill, pumpkinseed sunfish, brown bullhead catfish, golden shiners, and

common carp. 410-928-3643.

Queen Anne's County

- **Tuckahoe Lake** - Queen Anne and Caroline County; in Tuckahoe State Park near Hillsboro, Maryland; 19 acres; bass, bluegill, chain pickerel, white and black crappie, pumpkinseed sunfish, yellow perch, brown bullhead, carp, golden shiners, and chub suckers. 410-928-3643.
- **Unicorn Lake** - Queen Anne's County in Millington, Maryland; 43 acres; largemouth bass, bluegill, chain pickerel, pumpkinseed sunfish, green sunfish, channel catfish, brown bullhead catfish, black crappie, yellow perch, white perch, American eel, creek chubsucker, margined madtom, eastern mudminnow, pirate perch, and blacknose dace. The Unicorn dam tailrace provides excellent spring fishing for bluegill, white perch, blueback herring, and yellow perch.
- **Wye Mills Lake** - 50 acres; in Wye Mills, Maryland; largemouth bass, bluegill, white and black crappie, pumpkinseed sunfish, brown bullhead catfish, common carp, yellow perch, gizzard shad and golden shiners. 410-928-3643.

Wicomico County

- **Adkins Mill Pond** - Near Powellville this 4 acre-pond offers anglers a variety of species including; bass, bluegill, pumpkinseed sunfish, brown bullhead catfish, golden shiners, creek chubsucker, black crappie, chain pickerel and common carp, bluespotted sunfish, and American eel.
- **Johnson's Pond** - The largest freshwater impoundment on the eastern shore, this 104-acre lake near Salisbury is a Special Bass Management Area. Anglers can fish for; largemouth bass, chain pickerel, crappie, bluegill sunfish, yellow and white perch. Special regulations do apply.
- **Leonard's Mill Pond** - A 30-acre Special Bass Management Area outside of Salisbury, Leonard's Mill Pond offers excellent largemouth bass fishing. Other species such as; pumpkinseed sunfish, yellow bullhead catfish, golden shiners, creek chubsucker, black crappie, chain pickerel and common carp are also found here. For more information call:410-928-3643

Note: For Freshwater Fisheries questions, please call 410-260-8320.

Information compiled by Freshwater Fisheries Biologists, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Fishing and Boating Services.



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