

PICATINNY FISH EATING ADVISORIES

2019

ARDEC WATERS OPEN TO ANGLING (except when posted) **See Sportsman Map**

LAKES: Picatinny, Denmark. **PONDS:** Fishers, EOD, North Basin, South Basin, 1500, G-2, Gravel Dam Cove. **BROOKS:** Green Pond-reach 4 (FA L).

▶◀▶ Although fishing is allowed on nearly all Picatinny Arsenal waters, and fish possession is allowed IAW state and installation limits, fishermen should be cognizant of our recent fish eating advisories. An excerpt from the Notice To Fishermen dated 17 DEC 18 is provided below (from revised Appendix F for the Sportsman Program Bulletin):

"... **Fish Eating Advisories.** It is highly recommended that NO FISH CAUGHT ON POST (stocked trout excepted) SHOULD BE CONSUMED BY ANYONE; ESPECIALLY THOSE PERSONS IN HIGH RISK CATEGORIES. ... Consumption advisories (as promulgated by the State) are tailored to two groups of the citizenry; the "general population"; or "high risk individuals" defined as infants, children, pregnant women, nursing mothers and women of childbearing age (16-49).

a. Picatinny Arsenal Fish Eating Advisory *one meal = 8 oz serving

(1) Any fish species (except trout): **DO NOT EAT.**

(2) Trout: **≤ 1 meal*/week.** This comports with the Statewide Advisory for both General Population and High Risk Individuals.

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... **Catch & Release.** Catch & Release is therefore encouraged for all species of panfish and/or game fish (stocked trout excepted)."

▶◀▶ Notwithstanding the recommendation to refrain from eating any fish caught on installation waters, and to limit consumption of trout IAW state guidance, fishermen may keep fish caught if they choose to do so. Picatinny fishermen are reminded of the state prohibition against 'wanton waste' for any fish retained in their possession.

◀◀◀CREEL LIMITS ARE SUMMARIZED ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS SHEET▶▶▶

PICATINNY ICE FISHING REMINDERS

▶◀▶ See sub-paragraphs 14b, c, and d in the Sportsman Program Bulletin. Minimum ice thickness(es) must be determined by each ice fisherman. Carry safety whistle and other required Personal Protective Equipment. Not all ponds are open to ice fishing.

PICATINNY FISHING CREEL LIMITS SUMMARY

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▶◀▶ () Parenthetical limits are more restrictive than State Code

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MIN SIZE	DAILY LIMIT
TROUT {all species}	01/01 - 03/17	9"	4
	03/18 - 04/06	<u>Catch & Release Only!</u>	
	04/07 - 12/31	9"	(4)

LARGEMOUTH BASS ²	01/01 - 04/14	12"	(1) ²
	04/15 - 06/15	<u>Catch & Release Only!</u>	
	06/16 - 12/31	12"	(1) ²

² Catch & Release is encouraged to conserve stock.

NORTHERN PIKE	all year	24"	2
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CHAIN PICKEREL	all year	15"	5
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WALLEYE ³	01/01 - 02/28	18"	(1) ³
	03/01 - 04/30	<u>Catch & Release Only!</u>	
	05/01 - 12/31	18"	(1) ³

³ Catch & Release is encouraged if any still remain in our lakes.

CRAPPIE {black/white}	all year	8"	10 combined
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CATFISH {channel} ⁴	all year	12"	(1) ⁴
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⁴ Catch & Release encouraged; although not likely in our waters.

YELLOW PERCH, SUNFISH BULLHEAD{misc}, OTHER	all year	any size	25 combined
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PICATINNY FISHING & BOATING REMINDERS

▶▶▶ Fishing Boating Pass visible on dashboard of parked vehicle.

▪◻◻◻▶ Follow all boating safety rules and requirements.