

FISH MANAGEMENT

The fish pictured on these pages were collected by DNR fishery biologists during routine electro-fishing and netting surveys. Appropriate data was collected on the fish, which were released unharmed back into the waters from which they were collected.



2020 Achievements

1. Manage and regulate all sportfish populations inhabiting 127 lakes and thousands of miles of public streams across West Virginia
2. Conducted more than 180 fishery surveys for species, including black bass (largemouth, smallmouth and spotted), catfish (blue, flathead and channel), native brook trout, musky and native walleye
3. Deployed almost 1,500 fish habitat structures in waters around the state, including in-stream habitat structures, felled mature trees, Christmas trees, brush piles and catfish spawning boxes. Treated more than 530 miles of streams and 250 acres of impoundments with limestone sand to combat acid precipitation and acid runoff
4. Stocked more than 1.6 million warmwater fish into 58 state waters
 - a. Stocked almost 1 million catchable-sized trout
 - b. Stocked 1,525,000 fry, 49,671 fingerlings, and 3,895 advanced fingerling walleye into nine state waters
 - c. Stocked 100 tiger musky in both Mountwood and Big Ditch lakes
 - d. Stocked more than 41,000 blue catfish fingerlings into two state waters
 - e. Stocked almost 5,000 catchable-sized channel catfish into 41 state waters and more than 8,000 advanced-fingerling channel catfish into 11 state waters
 - f. Stocked more than 800 advanced-fingerling muskies into four state waters
 - g. Native Brook Trout culture and reintroduction

