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Re: Question about if I can keep the fish or not

Author: : Fishidiot

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Quote:

Six-Gun wrote:

are you allowed to catch and release on non-approved trout waters outside of the regular season, or are you completely prohibited from wetting a line out of season?

Six,

Trout fishing regulations in PA are complicated and there are some gray areas (this has generated a lot of discussion on this website over the years, do a search for these threads).....however it is generally agreed that you can fish for trout on a catch and release basis outside of Approved Trout Waters throughout the regular season and extended season. You cannot harvest fish during the extended season outside ATWs. During the closed season in March-early April.....you cannot fish at all (even catch and release) in almost all ATWs but there is some debate about stream sections above and below the stocked areas. Sections of streams listed as "Class A" or "Wilderness" are generally recognized as fishable on a C&R basis throughout the year including the closed season.