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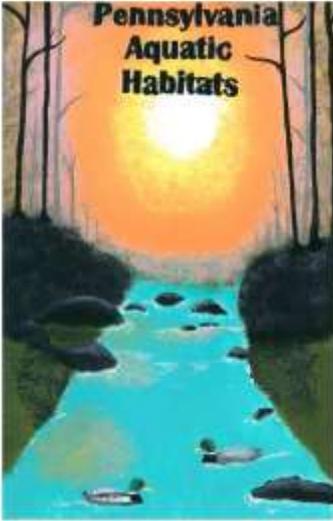
Providing leadership and advocacy for the enhancement of our fish and wildlife resources for the benefit of all hunters, trappers, anglers and conservationists. Protecting our 2nd Amendment Rights.

"Conservation is our obligation to the future of Pennsylvania"

Pennsylvania's "Aquatic Habitat" 2016 Poster Contest Winners

Senior Division Poster Contest Winners

(Grades 10-12)

<p>1st Place Nicole Graham Potter County</p>	<p>2nd Place Kassidi Freeborn Potter County</p>	<p>3rd Place Delena Howell Potter County</p>
 <p>(Click on Photo to Enlarge)</p> <p><i>The Canadian goose is a large water bird that I've seen in Pennsylvania near fields and rivers. Their habitats are near lakes, ponds, and in yards, parks, and fields. This is because they feed by grazing in fields and dabbling in the water. During the spring and summer, these geese eat grass and sedges; while during the fall and winter, they feed on berries and seeds. Canadian geese have a black head, white cheeks, a long black neck, tan breast, and a brown back. This particular bird sticks together in pairs or in flocks.</i></p>	 <p>(Click on Photo to Enlarge)</p> <p><i>Pennsylvania aquatic habitats are home to many species of ducks. The aquatic environment supplies a food source for the Mallard such as, small fish, and fish eggs. They also eat crustaceans, worms, and insects such as dragonflies, and flies. The Mallard is thought to be the most abundant duck species on Earth.</i></p>	 <p>(Click on Photo to Enlarge)</p> <p><i>Beavers are among the largest of rodents. They are herbivores and prefer to eat leaves, bark, twigs, roots, and aquatic plants. Beavers are trapped for their wonderful brown fur. Their fur is naturally oily and waterproof. The beaver can transform their habitats by building dams. They fell and gnaw trees with their strong teeth and powerful jaws, they create massive log, branch, and mud dams to block streams and turn fields and forests into the large ponds that they love. Dome-like beaver homes, called lodges, are also constructed of branches and mud. The houses are normally located in the middle of ponds and can only be reached by underwater entrances.</i></p>

Junior Division Poster Contest Winners
(Grades 7-9)

<p align="center">1st Place Wyatt Kosa Potter County</p>	<p align="center">2nd Place Alex Gierlach Lawrence County</p>	<p align="center">3rd Place Matthew Mentz Lancaster County</p>
 <p align="center">(Click on Photo to Enlarge)</p> <p><i>The Rainbow Trout is my favorite fish. Some of the best trout fishing in the world is found in Pennsylvania streams. Pennsylvania streams are a wonderful aquatic habitat and provide adequate food for the fish such as water dwelling insects, minnows and crayfish. Mayflies are a favorite of trout. Pennsylvania streams provide a niche for both native and stocked trout. Anglers can fish for Brown Trout, Brook Trout, Rainbow Trout, and Golden Rainbow Trout also known as Palomino Trout which have been stocked in Pennsylvania streams since 1967. Trout fishing is fantastic and I can't wait until April!</i></p>	 <p align="center">(Click on Photo to Enlarge)</p> <p><i>Painted turtles are among the most common and recognizable turtles that inhabit Pennsylvania's waterways and wetlands. Painted turtles prefer wetlands, ponds, lakes, canals and other still or slow waters. They are very colorful with bright-yellow spots and strips on the sides of the head, and red marking on the edge of their shells.</i></p>	 <p align="center">(Click on Photo to Enlarge)</p> <p><i>Pennsylvania's rivers, streams and ponds are vital to our communities. They help our trees and crops to flourish, provide fish to eat, offer a drinking and cleansing source to all creatures, and shelters for a wide variety of animals, birds, insects and other aquatic life. Important to those habitats is how water flows through the landscape, how the terrain stores the water and how the habitats connect to support fish and other aquatic wildlife. We rely on and must protect the health of these habitats in order to continue to thrive.</i></p>

Sub-Junior Division Poster Contest Winners
(Grades 4-6)

<p align="center">1st Place Trishanna Hodge Centre County</p> <p align="center">(Click on Photo to Enlarge)</p>	<p align="center">2nd Place Trent Henry Lancaster County</p> <p align="center">(Click on Photo to Enlarge)</p>	<p align="center">3rd Place Martina White Cambria County</p> <p align="center">(Click on Photo to Enlarge)</p>
		