

From the Director

As a blossoming young angler around the age of seven, my older brother and pals would hike out to the nearest farm pond. We were armed with bait-casting reels strung with black nylon line dressed with oversized hooks and big round, red-and-white bobbers. The bait, carefully kneaded white bread of course, straight from mom's stash. Bluegills were the quarry, small and lots of them. We strung them on green willow twigs and showed them off on the way home, lifting them up for the passing trucks that honked at us in recognition!

Oh, for those simpler times. But truth be known, the water quality of today and thus the fishing is much better. That's with plenty of thanks to the license fees and excise tax revenues on fishing gear generated by anglers. As a result, our fisheries staff can work every day toward the ultimate goal of making the angling better yet. Changes in regulations are a part of that process. For example, employing modern DNA technology and fish culture methods, our biologists proposed and the Natural Resources Commission approved new walleye regulations for 2016.

As you take to the lakes and streams this year, remember how much your similar times meant to you. And just think of the new memories that you, in turn, could foster by taking a youngster along. Or, by taking anyone that has never felt the electric thrill of a fish on the other end of a line. An exciting new year of angling and fresh memories awaits.



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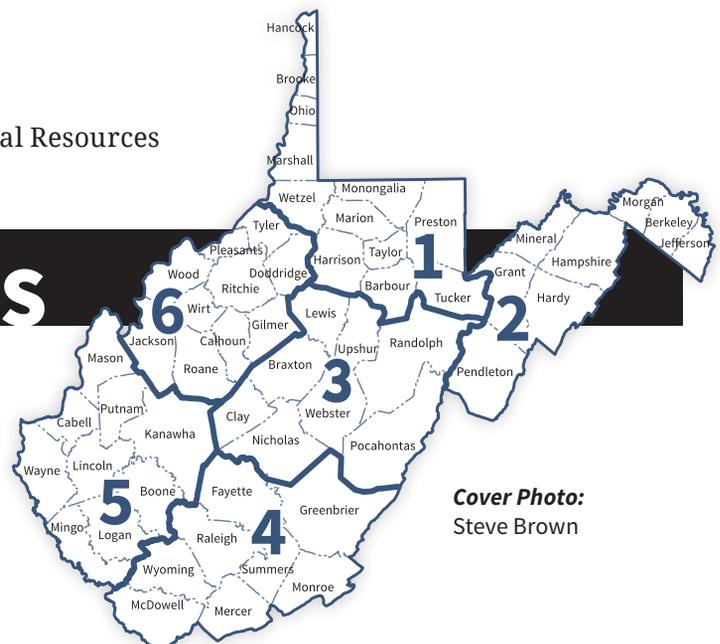
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