

Grades 11 and 12

Unit 1

Course/Subject:	Grade:	Suggested Timeline:
Fisheries	11 & 12	5-6 weeks

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Unit Title	Zoology and Ecology of Fish, Reptiles, and Amphibians
Unit Summary	This unit will look at all the cold blooded animals such as fish, reptiles, and amphibians. It will look at their physical features, reproduction, and habitat.

Unit Essential Questions:

• What are key characteristics that easily identify fish, reptiles, and amphibians?

Key Understandings:

- Freshwater fish
- Anadromous and Diadromous fish
- Saltwater fish and Fauna

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NRS.01.02.03.b	Apply identification techniques to determine the species of wildlife or insect.
NRS.01.02.03.a	Research and examine the characteristics used to identify wildlife and insects.
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Misconceptions:	Proper Conceptions:
• Fish live in either fresh water or salt water.	• There are several species of fish that can live in salt water and freshwater.

Knowledge & Concepts	Skills & Competencies	Dispositions & Practices
 Fish, reptile and amphibian Identification Reproduction Habitat 	 Identify the basic anatomy of animals. Identification through physical characteristics Determine reproduction habits and quantities Identify and locate ideal habit 	PersistenceCuriosity

Academic Vocabulary:

Freshwater	• Pelvic fin	 diadromous fish
Anatomy	Anal fin	 anadromous fish
Spawn	 Laterally compressed 	 catadromous fish
Roe	Hybrid	• iteroparous fish
Milt	• Darter	• redd
Bullhead	Tapetum lucidum	alevin
Barbell	Aerated water	• yolk sac
Dorsal fin	• Race	 yolk-sac fry
Pectoral fin	 Aquaculturist 	• yolk
Adipose fin	• School	• fry
Hatchery stock	• Char	 fingerling
Anadromy	 Cannibalistic 	• smolt
Kelt	• Caviar	barging
Jacks	• Scute	wild stock
Steelhead	• Fauna	 sinistral fish
Ichthyology	 Cartilaginous fish 	 dextral fish
Leptocephali	• Egg case	• camouflage
Elver	 Torpedo 	 isospondylous fish
Hermaphrodite	• Pelagic	 demersal spawner
Bivalve	Billfish	• larva
Antenna	• Flatfish	• smelt
Compound eye	 swimmeret 	

Assessments:

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Differentiation:

- Book work
- Lecture
- Demonstrations
- Video clips
- Hands on learning
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Interdisciplinary Connections:

• This unit and all units in this course relate very closely to science, in particularly biology. Students will look at zoology and ecology of fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds and marine mammals found in the environment.

Additional Resources:

- Video clips
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Unit 2

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Unit Title	Marine Mammals, Birds, Reptiles and Amphibians
Unit Summary	This unit looks at wildlife that attributes and affects fisheries. Marine mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians all play critical rolls in sustaining balanced fisheries. This unit will look at identification and the role this wildlife plays on fisheries.

Unit Essential Questions: How do marine mammals, waterfowl, reptiles, and amphibians add to the balance of fisheries? What would those fisheries look like if they were to get out

Key Understandings:

- Marine mammals
- Waterfowl
- Retile and amphibians

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Misconceptions:	Proper Conceptions:
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Knowledge & Concepts	Skills & Competencies	Dispositions & Practices
 Species identification Habitat Reproduction Diet Impact on ecosystem 	 Recognize the importance of wildlife and forestry as it relates to natural resources management. impacts of invasive species on ecosystems native and nonnative species identification identify through physical appearance classification 	persistencecuriosity

Academic Vocabulary:		
marine mammal	• toothed whale	• lamellae
• finfeet	• krill	duckling
pinniped	dolphin	 dabbling duck
• crustacean	• cuttlefish	• molt
 mollusk 	• pod	gosling
shellfish	waterfowl	• grit
white coat	• avian	• gizzard
• manatee	oviparous	• cygnet
 oceanology 	incubation	• ectotherm
 oceanologist 	viviparous	• endotherm
• blowhole	ornithology	• reptile
• cetacean	skink	amphibian
• blubber	gecko	 metamorphosis
• chorion	• ecdysis	amniote egg
allantois	• viper	 embryonic membranes
• amnion	elapid	 herpetologist
 amniotic fluid 	Jacobson's organ	• tympanum
• caiman	 Constrictor 	• nare
• iguana	Plastron	tadpole
• terrapin	Tortoise	polliwog
• turtle	• Neotenic	• eft
• keel	ornithologist	
5 Gareen Whate	• down	
• whalebone	plumage	

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Unit 3

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Unit Title	Pa fishing regulations and tactics
Unit Summary	This unit looks into the rules and regulations of fishing in Pennsylvania. Students will study the laws and creel limits pertaining to Pennsylvania waters. This unit will also look at the tactics for harvesting fish.

Unit Essential Questions:	Key Understandings:
• Why are laws and creel limits put in place and why do	• Pa fish laws
they differ from area to area and state to state?	Pa game species and nongame species
	• Fishing tactics

Focus Standards Addressed in the Unit:	
Standard Number	Standard Description
NRS.02.01.01.b	Analyze the structure of laws associated with natural resource systems.
NRS.02.01.01.a	Distinguish between the types of laws associated with natural resource systems.
NRS.02.01.01.c	Evaluate the impact of laws associated with natural resource systems.
NRS02.02.01.a	Summarize the relationship between natural resources, ecosystems and human activity.
NRS.02.01.02.c	Evaluate the impact and effectiveness of agencies associated with natural resources system.
NRS.02.02.01.c	Evaluate how the availability of natural resources can be improved through changes to human activity.

Important Standards Addressed in the Unit:	
CC.1.4.11–12.X	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CC.1.4.11–12.S	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research, applying grade-level reading standards for literature and literary nonfiction.
CC.1.4.11–12.G	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics.
CC.1.4.11–12.A	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately.
CC.3.5.11-12.G.	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem.

Misconceptions:	Proper Conceptions:	
 You are a Pennsylvania resident so you can fish in any waters for any fish. You may kill snakes because you don't like them. 	 Resident or Non-resident once you have reached the age of 16, you must possess a fishing license and special stamps for trout and salmon. In Pa you are only allowed to harvest 1 venomous snake per year with proper permit. 	

Knowledge & Concepts	vledge & Concepts Skills & Competencies	
 PA Fishing regulations and laws Game fish Nongame fish Rod and reel fishing Fly fishing Cast netting Gill netting history of conservation in Pennsylvania. different methods of sustainable agriculture 	 Identify game fish Use fishing tackle to target game fish Determine areas to target fish Understand and follow all fishing laws Read and understand the fishing rules and regulations handbook Explain the importance of management and planning of resources. Assess the impacts of invasive species on ecosystems 	• Curiosity

Academic Vocabulary:

• Law	• Lake	 Migratory fish
 Regulation 	River	 Hatchery
 Creel limit 	Stream	• Gill net
 Possession limit 	Trout/salmon stamp	• Cast net
 Invasive species 	Game species	 Rod and reel
 Inland waters 	Baitfish	 Treble hook
 Artificial bait 	• Fly	• barb
• Lure	Barbless	
 Catch and release 	Foul hook	
harvest	• Panfish	

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Unit Title	Conservation and Management
Unit Summary	This unit looks at the conservation of natural resources in particular fisheries. In order for an ecosystem to support fish, there must be conservation of water, soil, and air. This unit will also look at the fishing rules and regulation in Pennsylvania and the management practices of the fisheries.

Unit Essential Questions:	K	ey Understandings:	
 Why are the earth's natural resources a precious 	•	Responsible management of fisheries and wildlife	
commodity? How do you/we need to conserver and		resources	
manage them, so future generations can enjoy them as	•	Conservation of natural resources	
well?	•	Human connection to fisheries and natural resources	

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Knowledge & Concepts	owledge & Concepts Skills & Competencies	
 history of conservation in Pennsylvania. renewable and non-renewable natural resources fisheries as it relates to natural resources management water quality, air quality, and waste management within ecosystems. 	 Identify sources of point and non-point pollution Explain the importance of management and planning of resources Assess the impacts of invasive species on ecosystems Compare and contrast different methods of sustainable agriculture Compare and contrast the impact of conventional and alternative energy sources on the environment. 	Ethical behavior and civic responsibility

Academic Vocabulary:

- Erosion
- Soil conservation
- Toxic waste
- Biodegradable
- Overgrazing
- Acid precipitation
- Decomposer
- Nonbiodegradable
- Point source pollution
- Nonpoint source pollution
- Multiple use
- Oversight
- Poaching
- Riparian zone
- Silt load
- Conservation
- Renewable resource
- Nonrenewable resource

- Silt
- Alluvial fan
- Nitrate
- Phosphate
- Algae
- Adaptive behavior
- Smog
- Imprinting
- Biotechnology
- Genetic engineering
- Catalytic converter
- Wet scrubber
- Electrostatic precipitator
- Biota
- Domestic
- Transpiration
- Watershed
- Intrinsic value

- Pristine
- Steward
- Ethics
- Naturalist
- Stewardship
- Extinct
- Endangered species
- Threatened species
- Habitat
- Organism
- Alien species
- Nonadaptive behavior
- Biotic potential
- biologist

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