

Fisheries Management Areas

A **Fishery Management Area (FMA)** is maintained to support fishery resources, operate fish culture facilities, or provide access for fishing or other outdoor recreational activities. The areas may also provide protection from development or deforestation for sensitive or high quality watersheds. Fisheries Service has management authority for FMAs. There are two categories of FMAs managed by Fisheries Service:

Fishery Management Propagation Areas include all state fish hatcheries, culture stations and related resources and assets. Some areas also include offices for Inland Fisheries Regional Operations. These areas are reserved for the fish production and management activities required to meet Fisheries Service fish management objectives.

Public access is only allowed with permission of the facility staff unless otherwise posted and may be restricted for biosecurity or other reasons. Hunting is prohibited in all propagation areas. Vehicles, on or off-road, may only be operated on the roads, lanes, or areas open to automobile traffic or specifically marked.

Fishery Management Public Fishing Areas include impoundments and stream access areas that provide angling access and other outdoor recreation opportunities such as boating, hiking and picnicking. These areas may include amenities such as boat launches, bathroom facilities, picnic areas, fishing platforms or decks, parking areas, and access paths or trails. Impoundments typically include dam structures and associated valves and spillways. Fish passage structures are present at some FMA dams.

Camping, swimming, hunting are prohibited except in certain areas designated with signage. Feeding wildlife is prohibited in all areas. Vehicles, on or off-road, may only be operated on the roads, lanes, or areas open to automobile traffic or specifically marked. Permissible activities are specific to each area.

Fishery Management Propagation Areas

Albert Powell Hatchery (Washington County-Hagerstown, MD)

Bear Creek Hatchery (Garrett County-Accident, MD)

Lewistown Work Center (Frederick County-Thurmont, MD)

Manning Hatchery (Charles County-within Cedarville State Forest)

Piney Point Aquaculture Center (St. Mary's County-Piney Point, MD)

Unicorn Lake Hatchery (Queen Anne's County-Millington, MD)

Fishery Management Public Fishing Areas

Big Mill Pond (Queen Anne's County-Millington, MD)
Brownsville Pond (Washington County-Rorhersville, MD)
Brunswick Pond (Frederick County-Brunswick, MD)
Bynum Run Pond (Harford County-Bel Air, MD)
Evitts Creek Pond (Allegany County-Cumberland, MD)
Forest Hill Lake (Harford County-Bel Air, MD)
Frank Bentz Pond (Frederick County-Thurmont, MD)
Gary A Yoder (Allegany County-Rawlings, MD)
Hughsville Pond (Charles County-Hughesville, MD)
McCoole (Allegany County-Westernport, MD)
North Branch Potomac, Folly and Runs (Garrett County-Bloomington, MD)
Rising Sun Pond (Cecil County-Rising Sun, MD)
Smithville Lake (Caroline County-Federalburg, MD)
Unicorn Lake (Queen Anne's County-Millington, MD)
Urbana Lake (Frederick County-Urbana, MD)
Urieville Lake (Kent County-Kennedyville, MD)
Wye Mills Lake (Queen Anne's County- Wye Mills, MD)