## **BEAR CREEK LAKE FISHING RULES**

- 1. All Pennsylvania State Fishing Regulations (including seasons) apply to Bear Creek Lake. Anyone fishing must possess and display a current Pennsylvania fishing license as well as a current BCLCA Member badge.
- 2. Fishing is not permitted from the dam, the breast of the dam, or at beach areas.
- 3. BCLCA currently limits the number of fish kept by each person to four (4) within a 24 hour period. Any small fish caught to be used as bait count toward the daily limit. Please note the exception to this is for Perch where 2 additional Perch may be harvested.
- 4. The only live bait permitted in Bear Creek Lake are worms, nymphs, larvae and pupae of any insect spending any part of their life cycle in Bear Creek Lake waters.
- 5. Our BCL lake management consultant provides us with harvest recommendations based on their latest population survey. The recommendations through October 31, 2023, are:
- Largemouth Bass are now permitted to be harvested as long as they meet the minimum requirement of 20" in length and not to exceed the daily limit.
- BCLCA currently limits the number of fish kept by each person to four (4) within a 24 hour period. Any small fish caught to be used as bait count toward the daily limit. Please see the exception for Perch above.
- The Lake/Dam Committee strongly encourage catch and release practices for largemouth bass simply to add more enjoyment to all the "anglers" and to support the role these larger fish play in population control of the forage fish here at Bear Creek Lakes.
- Walleye are still on a "Catch and Release" policy, based on the current recommendation from AEC. Limited Walleye stocking is being done.
- We want to thank everyone in advance for their continued cooperation. We hope that our membership will continue to support and enforce this new measure through the 2023/2024 fishing season.

