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# PENNSYLVANIA STRIPED BASS ASSOCIATION

The Pennsylvania Striped Bass Association's mission is to preserve the striped bass fisheries at Raystown Lake. Since their inception, this group has been a dynamic leader in projects like fish stocking, spawning research, aquatic habitat improvement, community involvement, education, and much more.

- Established by a group of anglers in 2005
- Augmented state's striped bass stocking efforts by purchasing and stocking over 800,000 fingerlings and 1.8 million fry in Raystown Lake
- Partnered with 3 organizations to create the Raystown Lake Striped Bass Hatchery to spawn and raise striped bass in-house
- Participates in annual aquatic habitat improvement events, including Lake Cleanup and Fish Structure Building Days
- Contributes over 3,000 volunteer hours annually

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#### Support Material showing PSBA Partnership Activities



Participants at PSBA 2020 Open Striped Bass Tournament



PSBA board members presenting a check to the American Cancer Society for over \$1700 in funds raised at annual "Fish for a Cure" tournament



PSBA members and other volunteers at annual Lake Cleanup Day



PSBA members delivering an interpretive program about striper fishing and stocking



PSBA promoting their mission at a local Field and Stream



PSBA members and other volunteers at fish structure building event

#### Raystown Lake Cooperative Striped Bass Nursery

## Striped bass hatchery opens at lake

By DYLAN MILLER Daily News Staff Writer An open house was held at a new striped bass hatchery located at Seven Points Recreation Area at Raystown Lake to introduce the new facility and to thank those who made the project possible.



"The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) supported us and supplied the building, while the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission gave us the permits as well as support from local biologists who have worked with us and helped obtain brood stock. It's a volunteer project through the PA Striped Bass Club," See Hatchery

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Photo by DYLAN MILLER Pennsylvania Striped Bass Club volunteer Nelson Wert, left, shook hands with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers park ranger Tara Whitsel, right, and lead ranger Jude Harrington after presenting them with a plaque for their significant role in establishing a new striped bass hatchery at Raystown Lake.

Article written in local newspaper about the opening of the Raystown Lake Striped Bass Nursery



Nelson Wert, nursery director, completing microscopic research.



Nelson Wert delivering a nursery tour to group of boy scouts



Nelson Wert, nursery director, explaining striped bass stocking efforts to former Baltimore District Colonel Edward Chamberlayne



Microscope view of striped bass fry



Nelson Wert performing a media interview about nursery initiatives

### **Fish Stocking**



PSBA Volunteers stocking striped bass fingerlings during night time stocking event



PSBA Volunteers stocking Raystown with striped bass fingerlings from Virginia



PSBA volunteer releasing striped bass fingerlings into the lake PSBA Volunteers stocking striped bass fry into Raystown Lake





PSBA volunteers helping to gradually acclimate fish with lake water before stocking to increase survivability



Volunteers performing maintenance at PSBA hatchery pond in Lancaster