



Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

“Dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of all sport fish species in Lake Erie through education and association”

EPSFA  
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Executive Director Fish and Boat Commission  
Attn. Mr. John Arway  
P.O. Box 6700  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000

Dear Mr. Arway,

I am writing on behalf of the EPSFA and our 234 members. We support the proposed 3-line rule change pertaining to Regulation # 48A-224. This change is supported by our members for the following reasons.

1. Assist fishermen in finding a presentation pattern that is successful in taking the desired fish. It is a daunting task for fishermen who don't go out every week to try and put a sufficient number of trolled baits at varying depths, with action, sizes and colors in an area of the Lake containing fish.
2. Assist fishermen who find themselves in a low bite per hour fishing situation.
3. Assist bank fishermen targeting underutilized resources such as carp and catfish.
4. Adoption of 3-line proposal is projected to make PA a more desirable and competitive fishing destination which will impact jobs and the economy in a favorable fashion.
5. Science based limits are already set by the PFBC and there is no evidence to suggest adverse impact on the fishery.
6. We may see a positive difference in recruiting young people as well as adults to begin to fish by helping their success rate.

7. The sales of fishing licenses should increase with more success and just the “possibility” of an increased catch rate. Increased license sales are healthy for the economy and benefits all.
8. The States of Michigan and New Jersey have not returned to their original 2-rod law which implies the “change” was both successful and beneficial. No published “negative” impact has ever been documented to date.

Our members consist of a diverse group and are made up of recreational anglers, charter captains, tournament anglers and businesses. They all have their particular reasons for wanting this rule change and the list represents “their” reasons as a whole.

I hope to see this beneficial change occur and thank you for taking the time to listen.

Sincerely,

Pete Alex,  
President

Cc: EPSFA Board of Directors