

## Veto No. 18

HB 2464

July 9, 1976

To the Honorable, the House of Representatives  
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

I return herewith, without my approval House Bill No. 2464, Printer's No. 3476, entitled "An act amending the act of December 15, 1959 (P.L.1779, No.673), entitled, as amended, 'The Fish Law of 1959,' permitting temporary obstruction of fishways."

This bill would permit the obstruction of Pennsylvania waterways for the purpose of preventing the passage of fish.

This measure presents many possibilities and potentials for abuse.

Its provisions would allow any organized sportsmen's club in existence for a period of one year or more to obstruct the passage of fish for a period of forty-eight hours by simply giving written notice to the Pennsylvania Fish Commission.

I find this authorization to obstruct fishways to be unacceptable. I believe our existing law is adequate and proper regarding fishing in Pennsylvania and I see no reason to allow this bill to become law.

For these reasons this bill is not approved.

MILTON J. SHAPP