

Notice

Proposed Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Waters July 2017

The Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) is considering changes to its list of Class A Wild Trout Streams. Under 58 Pa. Code §57.8a (relating to Class A wild trout streams), it is the Commission's policy to manage self-sustaining Class A wild trout populations as a renewable natural resource to conserve that resource and the angling it provides. Class A wild trout populations represent the best of Pennsylvania's naturally reproducing trout fisheries. With rare exceptions, the Commission manages these stream sections solely for the perpetuation of the wild trout fishery with no stocking.

Criteria developed for Class A Wild Trout fisheries are species specific. Wild Trout Biomass Class Criteria include provisions for:

- (i) Wild Brook Trout Fisheries
 - (A) Total brook trout biomass of at least 30 kg/ha (26.7 lbs/acre).
 - (B) Total biomass of brook trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
 - (C) Brook trout biomass must comprise at least 75% of the total trout biomass.
- (ii) Wild Brown Trout Fisheries
 - (A) Total brown trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).
 - (B) Total biomass of brown trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
 - (C) Brown trout biomass must comprise at least 75% of the total trout biomass.
- (iii) Mixed Wild Brook and Brown Trout Fisheries
 - (A) Combined brook and brown trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).
 - (B) Total biomass of brook trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

- (C) Total biomass of brown trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
 - (D) Brook trout biomass must comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.
 - (E) Brown trout biomass must comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.
- (iv) Wild Rainbow Trout Fisheries
- Total biomass of rainbow trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 2.0 kg/ha (1.78 lbs/acre).
- (v) Mixed Wild Brook and Rainbow Trout Fisheries
- (A) Combined brook and rainbow trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).
 - (B) Total biomass of brook trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
 - (C) Total biomass of rainbow trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/ac).
 - (D) Brook trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.
 - (E) Rainbow trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.
- (vi) Mixed Wild Brown and Rainbow Trout Fisheries
- (A) Combined brown and rainbow trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).
 - (B) Total biomass of brown trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
 - (C) Total biomass of rainbow trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
 - (D) Brown trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.
 - (E) Rainbow trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

During recent surveys, Commission staff documented the following stream sections to have Class A wild trout populations. The Commission intends to consider adding these waters to its list of Class A Wild Trout Streams at its meeting on July 10 and 11, 2017.

County	Stream	Section	Limits	Tributary To	Mouth Lat/Lon	Brook Trout (kg/ha)	Brown Trout (kg/ha)	Rainbow Trout (kg/ha)	Length (miles)	Survey Year
Berks	Spring Creek	1	Headwaters to Robesonia-Wernersville Sewer Treatment Plant 490 m upstream SR 3010	Blue Marsh Lake	40.375556 76.078333	0.51	66.97	---	2.15	2016
Cambria	Killbuck Run	1	Headwaters to Little Killbuck Run	Glendale Lake	40.660000 78.579444	51.68	---	---	3.12	2016
Carbon	Long Run	2	Outlet of Long Run Reservoir Number One Dam at RM 2.47 to Mouth	Lehigh River	40.850000 75.708333	6.59	69.45	---	2.47	2016
Carbon	Mill Creek	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Aquashicola Creek	40.809722 75.591944	---	48.28	---	3.80	2016
Carbon	UNT to Mill Creek (RM 0.49)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Mill Creek	40.815157 75.595067	---	41.77	---	2.61	2016
Centre	White Deer Creek	1	Headwaters to Power Line crossing 125 m upstream of Black Gap Road	West Branch Susquehanna River	41.079722 76.865833	36.83	10.44	---	4.35	2016

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Clearfield	Beaver Run	2	SR 3004 to Mouth	West Branch Susquehanna River	40.780749 78.780070	0.68	76.32	---	3.80	2016
Clearfield	Sawmill Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Susquehanna River	40.798611 78.782500	42.07	---	---	4.39	2016
Clearfield	UNT to Curry Run (RM 4.78)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Curry Run	40.962500 78.701389	75.48	---	---	0.99	2016
Clinton	Colvey Gap Run	1	Headwaters to Sink at RM 0.48	Fishing Creek	40.982028 77.478176	90.85	---	---	0.82	2016
Clinton	Pong Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Drury Run	41.392820 77.834283	39.46	6.75	---	1.34	2016
Clinton	Right Branch Hyner Run	2	Spring Run to Mouth	Hyner Run	41.377778 77.608333	43.50	---	---	1.44	2016
Clinton	Shingle Branch	2	2400 m upstream of the mouth to Mouth	Left Branch Young Womans Creek	41.400278 77.706111	22.86	35.51	---	1.50	2016
Clinton/Union	Fishing Creek	1	Headwaters to Sink at SR 2002 Bridge in Eastville	Bald Eagle Creek	41.122222 77.483056	2.24	53.63	---	5.22	2016

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Erie	Elk Creek Park Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Elk Creek	42.010470 80.361563	---	49.78	---	3.59	2016
Jefferson	Big Run	1	Headwaters to T-506 Bridge	Mahoning Creek	40.967875 78.889371	---	67.93	---	3.00	2016
Jefferson	Cold Spring Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Elk Run	40.951640 78.964730	---	49.44	---	2.00	2016
McKean	Brooder Hollow Brook	1	Headwaters to Mouth	North Branch Cole Creek	41.871227 78.481257	76.40	---	---	1.79	2016
Mifflin	Musser Run	2	Third bridge crossing the creek southwest of McVeytown on US 22 to Mouth	Juniata River	40.491330 77.734899	---	68.35	---	3.30	2016
Monroe	Sugar Hollow Creek	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Pohopoco Creek	40.947119 75.441758	---	130.40	---	4.42	2016
Pike	Sloat Brook	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Sawkill Creek	41.323273 74.816322	1.44	46.52	---	3.10	2016
Potter	Elm Flat Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Allegheny River	41.740726 78.088608	23.40	34.65	---	2.77	2016
Potter	Fisk Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Fishing Creek	41.836254 78.127937	35.24	23.51	---	3.91	2016

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Schuylkill	UNT to Lizard Creek (RM 13.64)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Lizard Creek	40.721860 75.852300	43.73	4.49	---	1.99	2016
Somerset	Soap Hollow Run	2	Waterfall to Mouth	Stonycreek River	40.278279 78.924157	---	46.36	---	2.24	2016
Tioga	Bellman Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Johnson Creek	41.661111 77.086111	50.65	---	---	2.36	2016
Venango	Snyder Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Allegheny River	41.326660 79.836400	37.01	1.97	---	1.62	2016
Venango	UNT to Allegheny River (RM 107.57)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Allegheny River	41.261270 79.829710	36.72	0.31	---	1.61	2016
Westmoreland	Indian Creek	1	Headwaters to T- 916 Bridge	Youghiogheny River	39.968056 79.513333	0.80	50.20	0.02	6.18	2016

Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the additions are invited to submit comments in writing to Executive Director, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, within 30 days after publication of this notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Comments also may be submitted electronically by completing the form at www.fishandboat.com/regcomments. If an acknowledgment of electronic comments is not received by the sender within 2 working days, the comments should be retransmitted to ensure receipt. Electronic comments submitted in any other manner will not be accepted.

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