

Notice Proposed Special Regulation Designation

The Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) has approved guidelines with regard to encouraging public participation on possible changes to the designation of streams, stream sections or lakes for special regulation programs. Under 58 Pa. Code Chapter 65 (relating to special fishing regulations), the Commission designates certain streams, stream sections and lakes as being subject to special fishing regulations. These designations are effective after Commission approval when they are posted at the site and a notice is published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Under the Commission's guidelines, a notice concerning the proposed designation or re-designation of a stream, stream section or lake under special regulations ordinarily will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* before the matter is reviewed by the Commissioners.

At the next Commission meeting on September 25 and 26, 2006, the Commission will consider designating the following streams and lakes as waters subject to special fishing regulations under 58 Pa. Code Chapter 65, effective January 1, 2007:

58 Pa. Code §65.12. Regional Opening Day of Trout Season Program

The Commission will consider designating the following waters as part of the Regional Opening Day of Trout Season Program:

| County | Name of Water |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Carbon | Lizard Creek |
| Carbon | Mahoning Creek |
| Huntingdon | Blacklog Creek |
| Huntingdon | Tuscarora Creek |
| Mifflin | East Licking Creek |
| Northumberland | Mahantango Creek |
| Snyder | Mahantango Creek West Branch |
| Snyder | Mahantango Creek North Branch |

Note: With the exception of North Branch Mahantango Creek, these streams are approved trout waters that are located in two or more counties, at least one of which the Commission already has designated as part of the Regional Opening Day of Trout Season Program. To maintain regulatory consistency within approved trout waters that are to be managed under the new program, the Commission proposes to designate the entire water as part of the program. North Branch Mahantango Creek, which is located solely in Snyder County, is a tributary to West Branch Mahantango Creek and is an approved trout water.

58 Pa. Code §65.17. Catch and Release Lakes Program

The Commission will consider designating the following lakes as part of the Catch and Release Program:

| County | Name of Lake |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Allegheny | Pine Township Park Pond |
| Beaver | Raccoon Creek State Park Upper Pond |
| Columbia and Northumberland | Bear Gap Reservoir |
| Columbia and Northumberland | McWilliams Reservoir |
| Columbia | Klines Reservoir |
| Schuylkill | Owl Creek Reservoir |
| Westmoreland | Lower Burrell Pond Park |

58 Pa. Code §65.17. Brood Stock Lakes Program

The Commission will consider designating the following lakes as part of the Brood Stock Lakes Program:

| County | Name of Lake |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Crawford | Canadhota Lake |
| Crawford | Conneaut Lake |
| Crawford | Sugar Lake |
| Crawford | Tamarack Lake |
| Crawford | Woodcock Lake |
| Erie | Howard Eaton Reservoir |
| Erie | Edinboro Lake |
| Erie | Union City Reservoir |
| Wayne | Belmont Lake |
| Wayne | Duck Harbor Pond |
| Wayne | Lake Wallenpaupack |
| Wayne | Lower Woods Pond |

| County | Name of Lake |
|--------|--------------|
| Wayne | Miller Pond |
| Wayne | Prompton Dam |

At this time, the Commission is soliciting public input concerning the above designations. Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the designations 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 submitted by facsimile will not be accepted. Comments also may be submitted electronically by completing the form at <http://www.state.pa.us/Fish/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.

FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION:

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