

Notice
Proposed Special Regulation Re-Designations
Big Bass Special Regulations
Susquehanna and Juniata Rivers

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 April 11 and 12, 2011, the Commission will consider removing the following waters from its list of "Big Bass Regulation" waters regulated and managed under 58 Pa. Code §65.9 (relating to relating to big bass special regulations):

County	Water
Cumberland, Dauphin, Juniata, Lancaster, Northumberland, Perry, Snyder, York	Susquehanna River (98.0 miles) from the inflatable dam near Sunbury downstream to Holtwood Dam
Dauphin, Juniata, Perry	Juniata River (31.7 miles) from SR0075 bridge at Port Royal downstream to the mouth

This proposed re-designation will be considered in conjunction with the Commission's consideration of proposed amendments to §65.24 (relating to miscellaneous special regulations) to impose catch and release regulations on smallmouth and largemouth bass in these portions of the Susquehanna River and Juniata River. Under the proposal, tournaments will be prohibited during the bass spawning period in the spring, and during the remainder of the year, catch-measure-immediate release tournaments only will be permitted. The proposed regulations will apply to all species of

black bass residing in the Susquehanna and Juniata Rivers to remain consistent with the way that black bass historically have been managed in these rivers. The Commission will consider whether to adopt the proposed amendments at its April 2011 meeting. If adopted, these river sections will no longer be managed as “Big Bass Regulation” waters.

Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the re-designation are invited to submit comments in writing to Executive Director, 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 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.

FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION:

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