

## Notice

### Proposed Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Waters

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. 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 Abundance 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).

In order for a water to be removed from the Class A Wild Trout Streams designation, total trout biomass must be documented below the set criteria for two consecutive stream examinations.

During recent surveys, Commission staff have 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 January 30 and 31, 2012.

County	Stream	Section	Limits	Brook Trout (kg/ha)	Brown Trout (kg/ha)	Length (miles)	Survey Year
Bedford	Three Springs Run	02	SR 869 Bridge in New Enterprise to mouth	---	45.44 54.95 58.37	2.00	2009 2010 2011
Clearfield	Right Branch Moose Creek	01	Headwaters to mouth	34.52	---	1.80	2011
Clinton	Green Run	01	Headwaters to mouth	52.17	---	1.09	2011
Clinton	Harveys Run	01	Headwaters to inflow of Upper Castanea Reservoir	34.85	---	1.33	2011
Clinton	Harveys Run	02	Outflow of Upper Castanea Reservoir to mouth	38.87	27.45	1.05	2011
Luzerne	UNT to Laurel Run	01	Headwaters to mouth	32.57	---	1.43	2011
Lehigh	Schaefer Run	02	0.44 miles upstream of the mouth to mouth	---	116.85	0.44	2009
Monroe	Pocono Creek	03	100 meters upstream SGL lower boundary downstream 2.15 miles to 0.92 miles upstream from confluence of Scott Run	4.75	59.59	2.15	2010
Monroe	Pocono Creek	04	From 1.48 km (0.92 mi) upstream from the confluence of Scot Run RM 12.74 to 0.60 km (0.37 mi) downstream from the Bartonsville Avenue (SR 3023)	2.36	70.05	5.82	2010

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Monroe	Pocono Creek	05	From 0.60 km (0.37 mi) downstream from the Bartonsville Avenue (SR 3023) bridge RM 6.92 downstream to the confluence of Flagler Run RM 1.46	---	41.46	5.46	2010
Northampton	Martins Creek	04	Dam outflow to mouth	---	174.21	1.90	2010
Northampton	UNT to Delaware River	01	Headwaters to mouth	---	98.26	2.85	2011
Pike	UNT to Shohola Creek RM 17.35 (1 <sup>st</sup> downstream SR 0739 in SGL 180)	01	Headwaters to mouth	64.25	---	1.47	2010
Pike	Vantine Brook	01	Headwaters to Mill Dam at SR 2001	46.71	---	1.97	2011
Westmoreland	UNT to Freeman Run	01	Headwaters to mouth	52.11	---	1.19	2011

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](http://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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