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NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Proposed Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Waters; January 2021

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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 this Commonwealth'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/acre).

(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 January 25 and 26, 2021.

County	Stream	Section	Limits	Tributary to	Mouth Lat/Lon	Brook Brown Rainbow			Length (miles)	Survey Year
						Trout (kg/ha)	Trout (kg/ha)	Trout (kg/ha)		
Adams/ Franklin	Hayes Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	East Branch Antietam Creek	39.815808 77.458243	35.58	—	—	2.18	2020
Cameron	Archie Bark Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Mix Run	41.308426 78.223793	75.56	0.17	—	0.86	2020
Cameron	Beldin Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	East Branch Hicks Run	41.440151 78.330971	49.02	—	—	2.22	2020
Cameron	Little Fork Draft Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Mix Run	41.314201 78.214058	77.85	7.57	—	1.69	2020
Cameron	UNT to East Branch	1	Headwaters to Mouth	East Branch Hicks Run	41.416580 78.305260	74.60	—	—	0.35	2020

	Hicks Run (RM 3.66)										
Cameron	UNT to East Branch Hicks Run (RM 7.11)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	East Branch Hicks Run	41.444286 78.351136	125.06	—	—	1.24	2020	
Centre	UNT to Hayes Run (RM 0.36)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Hayes Run	41.105220 77.755750	35.39	—	—	2.62	2020	
Centre	UNT to Kettle Run (RM 0.79)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Kettle Run	40.838506 77.519130	35.58	—	—	0.95	2020	
Clearfield	Clear Run	1	Headwaters to I-80 Bridge	Sandy Lick Creek	41.130592 78.779835	31.28	—	—	2.70	2020	
Clinton	Abes Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Left Branch Hyner Run	41.380833 77.605553	38.26	1.25	—	2.13	2020	
Clinton	Hensel Fork	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Paddy Run	41.411667 77.788887	70.69	20.01	—	2.42	2020	
Clinton	McNerny Branch	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Paddy Run	41.418056 77.792221	52.84	19.72	—	3.49	2020	
Elk	Barr Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	East Branch Hicks Run	41.389895 78.283429	65.66	—	—	1.06	2020	
Elk	Little Bear Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Dents Run	41.362039 78.297280	98.44	—	—	0.95	2020	
Juniata/ Mifflin	Spruce Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	East Licking Creek	40.495361 77.628974	42.69	—	—	1.92	2020	
Lycoming	Bonnell Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Pine Creek	41.447498 77.277779	86.73	7.26	—	5.01	2020	
Lycoming	Gamble Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Pine Creek	41.507500 77.456108	43.19	2.61	—	1.93	2020	
Lycoming	Layton Draft	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Otter Run	41.411854 77.342857	92.15	—	—	1.09	2020	
Lycoming	Manor Fork	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Slate Run	41.512500 77.523333	44.61	8.85	—	3.33	2020	
Potter	South Branch Oswayo Creek	1	Headwaters to	Oswayo Creek Carpenter Road Bridge (T-354)	41.905000 78.068333	1.75	45.29	—	3.90	2019	
Potter	UNT to East	1	Headwaters to Mouth	East Branch	41.813897 78.106173	32.99	1.69	—	2.60	2020	

	Branch Fishing Creek (RM 2.54)		Headwaters to Mouth	Fishing Creek Lower Little Swatara Creek	40.544889 76.307740	38.25	—	—	1.07	2020
Schuylkill	UNT to Lower Little Swatara Creek (RM 5.37)	1								
Union	Rapid Run	2	Outflow of Halfway Lake to Buffalo Path	Buffalo Creek	40.957500 77.011944	2.22	61.02	—	3.05	2020
Union	UNT to Spruce Run (RM 4.09)	1	Headwaters to Inflow Spruce Reservoir	Spruce Run	41.026550 76.982368	42.53	—	—	1.89	2020
Westmoreland	Grove Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Linn Run	40.154167 79.225833	38.56	—	—	1.89	2019

Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the additions are invited to submit comments in writing to the 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 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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