

NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Proposed Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Waters; January 2022

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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 24 and 25, 2022.

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)		
Berks	Drumheller School Creek	2	Old State Road to Mouth	Oysterville Creek	40.396246 75.708021	—	49.40	—	1.30	2020
Centre	UNT to Cedar Run (Mackey Run)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Cedar Run	40.795833 77.761944	—	69.66	—	1.34	2021
Columbia	Fester Hollow	1	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Briar Creek	41.054097 76.332297	—	65.73	—	3.01	2021
Columbia	Long Hollow	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Catawissa Creek	40.941111 76.307778	31.27	—	—	2.48	2021
Lackawanna/ Luzerne	Trout Creek	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Spring Brook	41.328056 75.690278	50.16	0.85	—	3.79	2021
Lycoming	Right Fork Otter Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Otter Run	41.447770 77.364013	33.95	—	—	1.42	2021
Schuylkill	Locust Creek	1	Headwaters to Locust Lake	Little Schuylkill River	40.809167 75.996111	32.07	4.83	—	1.20	2021

Westmoreland Baldwin Creek	2	State Game Lands 42 boundary to Mouth	Conemaugh River	40.378613 79.065002	2.38	56.34	—	1.49	2021
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