

# NOTICES

## FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

### Proposed Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Waters; January 2023

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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 23 and 24, 2023.

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)		
Centre	Romola Branch	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Marsh Creek	41.057182 77.685280	0.73	61.20	—	4.16	2022
Clearfield	Little Trout Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Trout Run	41.071944 78.358333	34.94	0.55	—	6.99	2022
Clinton	Dark Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Paddy Run	41.385555 77.762779	30.24	3.63	—	2.45	2022
Clinton	Middle Branch Queens Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Queens Run	41.183611 77.475556	40.26	2.49	—	4.10	2022
Clinton	Morris Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Susquehanna River	41.237439 77.916725	62.77	—	—	1.23	2022
McKean	Heath Hollow	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Allegheny Portage	41.708115 79.215675	27.37	23.43	—	1.34	2022

	Run		Creek							
Potter	Buckseller Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Pine Creek	41.811944	44.54	4.66	—	2.54	2022
					77.784167					
Potter	Crippen Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Pine Creek	41.711388	69.34	29.15	—	3.67	2022
					77.702225					
Potter	Jones Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Pine Creek	41.812500	33.32	24.95	—	3.28	2022
					77.784722					
Potter	Right Branch Big Nelson Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Big Nelson Run	41.573208	115.31	—	—	3.93	2022
					78.016739					
Snyder	Kern Run	1	Headwaters to Spring Township Municipal Authority Reservoir	Middle Creek	40.773611	33.64	—	—	2.50	2022
					77.180556					
Tioga	Chaffee Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Elk Run	41.684723	35.14	65.72	—	2.41	2022
					77.546669					
Tioga	East Mine Hole Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Mine Hole Run	41.578056	72.31	—	—	1.44	2022
					77.434998					
Tioga	Frying Pan Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Cedar Run	41.598646	126.84	48.45	—	2.09	2022
					77.493531					
Tioga	Mine Hole Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Cedar Run	41.554776	30.28	43.46	—	2.12	2022
					77.458914					
Tioga	West Mine Hole Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Mine Hole Run	41.578056	65.02	—	—	2.50	2022
					77.435280					

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](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.

Note that the public comment section for this notice will begin on November 25, 2022, and remain active for 30 days.

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