

Notice

Proposed Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Waters April 2017

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. 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/ac).
 - (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 April 24 and 25, 2017.

County	Stream	Section	Limits	Tributary To	Mouth Lat/Lon	Brook Trout (kg/ha)	Brown Trout (kg/ha)	Rainbow Trout (kg/ha)	Length (miles)	Survey Year
Berks	Bieber Creek	3	Dam at SR 1021 and T-593 Junction to Mouth	Manatawny Creek	40.397221 75.740555	---	40.81	---	2.04	2016
Berks	Northkill Creek	1	Headwaters to Northkill Road (T-528) Bridge	Blue Marsh Lake	40.428889 76.114444	42.94	---	---	1.92	2016
Berks	Trout Run	2	Outflow of Trout Run Reservoir to Mouth	Manatawny Creek	40.325278 75.731667	0.47	86.83	---	1.35	2016
Cambria	Chest Creek	1	Headwaters to UNT at Bradley Junction	West Branch Susquehanna River	40.876944 78.730556	39.99	---	---	3.87	2016
Cambria	Emeigh Run	1	Headwaters to UNT at RM 1.11	West Branch Susquehanna River	40.699440 78.803833	36.61	---	---	2.54	2016
Centre	Little Sandy Run	1	Headwaters to Inflow of Three Point Sportsmen Cooperative Nursery pond	North Fork Beech Creek	41.051945 77.942780	37.59	---	---	2.88	2016
Centre	Roaring Run	1	Headwaters to Sink at RM 1.38	Slab Cabin Run	40.772500 77.833889	76.82	---	---	3.92	2016

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Centre	UNT to Gap Run (RM 1.39)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Gap Run	40.853248 77.724202	82.46	---	---	0.68	2016
Clearfield	Laurel Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Clearfield Creek	40.967499 78.421944	50.51	---	---	1.94	2016
Clearfield	UNT To Bell Run (RM 4.62)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Bell Run	40.970556 78.643056	39.81	---	---	1.60	2016
Clearfield	UNT to Dale Run (RM 0.36)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Dale Run	41.013817 78.269051	83.31	---	---	0.61	2016
Clinton	Left Branch Hyner Run	2	Big Slide Hollow Run to Mouth	Hyner Run	41.380556 77.605833	32.65	38.03	---	1.70	2016
Clinton	McElhattan Creek	1	Outflow McElhattan Reservoir to Inlet of Keller Reservoir	West Branch Susquehanna River	41.147499 77.377502	17.58	24.20	---	4.12	2016
Clinton	McElhattan Creek	2	Outflow of Keller Reservoir to Mouth	West Branch Susquehanna River	41.147499 77.377502	46.85	42.39	---	3.36	2016
Crawford/ Venango	UNT to Pine Creek (RM 1.09)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Pine Creek	41.618325 79.639600	48..02	2.74	---	1.62	2016

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Fayette/ Westmoreland	Roaring Run	2	Forbes State Forest Boundary to Mouth	Indian Creek	40.074167 79.357778	32.62	8.83	---	1.90	2016
Indiana	Cush Creek	1	Headwaters to Horton Run	West Branch Susquehanna River	40.830922 78.789164	---	60.00	---	4.68	2016
Lancaster	Tucquan Creek	2	Penncroft Drive North (T-438) to Mouth	Susquehanna River	39.858056 76.350000	---	62.59	---	3.30	2016
Luzerne	Laurel Run	1	Headwaters to SR 2007 in Oliver Mills	Mill Creek	41.260556 75.857222	70.92	---	---	1.77	2016
Luzerne	Mill Creek	1	Outlet Mill Creek Reservoir to Interstate 81 at RM 4.60	North Branch Susquehanna River	41.260556 75.870556	16.36	24.29	---	4.36	2016
Lycoming	Zinck Fork	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Upper Pine Bottom Run	41.316250 77.446892	32.14	2.51	---	1.34	2016
McKean	Campbell Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to 1.6 km upstream of the Mouth	Lillibridge Creek	41.830608 78.255488	42.83	---	---	1.61	2016
McKean	North Branch Sugar Run	1	Headwaters to Railroad Run	Sugar Run	41.891945 78.888885	31.16	6.80	---	1.97	2016

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McKean	Paul Brook	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Skinner Creek	41.787715 78.302653	35.48	---	---	2.04	2016
Mifflin	UNT to Kishacoquillas Creek (RM 2.11)	2	Springhouse Lane Bridge to Mouth	Kishacoquillas Creek	40.613220 77.568298	---	66.45	---	0.58	2016
Monroe	UNT to Sugar Hollow Creek (RM 0.56)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Sugar Hollow Creek	40.953911 75.442841	---	253.76	---	1.23	2016
Pike	West Falls Creek	2	Water Fall at RM 0.73 to Mouth	Lackawaxen River	41.462744 75.047674	0.19	44.79	---	0.73	2016
Potter	Earl Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Allegheny River	41.759166 78.043596	13.17	100.17	---	1.87	2016
Potter	Lyman Creek	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Mill Creek	41.756668 77.955276	10.75	85.56	---	5.36	2016
Potter	Pump Station Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Allegheny River	41.747906 78.063881	64.43	22.65	---	1.56	2016
Potter	South Branch Pine Creek	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Pine Creek	41.733665 77.641411	39.38	15.05	---	5.09	2016
Potter	Teed Hollow Run	2	Button Hollow at RM 1.56 to Mouth	Cowanesque River	41.912865 77.607913	33.82	---	---	1.56	2016
Schuylkill	Messers Run	1	Headwaters to Lofty Reservoir at RM 3.61	Catawissa Creek	40.877500 76.096944	30.02	---	---	1.39	2016

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Schuylkill	UNT to Lizard Creek (RM 11.35)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Lizard Creek	40.734360 75.820800	9.75	43.50	---	2.43	2016
Snyder	Moyers Mill Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Walker Lake	40.806944 77.176667	48.32	17.19	---	4.57	2016
Snyder	UNT (W. Br. Bowersox Run) to UNT (Bowersox Run) to Middle Creek (RM 15.05)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	UNT (Bowersox Run) to Middle Creek (RM 15.05)	40.763178 77.060410	48.25	---	---	0.91	2016
Somerset	UNT to South Fork Bens Creek (RM 4.47)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	South Fork Bens Creek	40.225204 78.986942	---	46.50	---	1.35	2016
Sullivan	UNT to Mill Creek (Laporte)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Mill Creek (Laporte)	41.430250 76.490350	35.56	---	---	0.48	2016
Venango	Husband Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Oil Creek	41.572388 79.647117	43.31	0.40	---	1.88	2016
Warren	Roystone Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Twomile Run	41.712324 78.984141	47.81	1.31	---	1.17	2016

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York	Orson Run	2	T-654 Bridge to Mouth	Muddy Creek	39.784722 76.396667	---	52.66	---	2.27	2016

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. 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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