

Notice

Proposed Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Waters January 2018

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 January 22 and 23, 2018.

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
Bradford	UNT to Deep Hollow Run (RM 1.97)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Deep Hollow Run	41.623800 76.519560	44.85	---	---	0.83	2017
Cambria	Bradley Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Clearfield Creek	40.511040 78.586922	25.99	78.24	---	4.76	2017
Cambria	Clearfield Creek	1	Headwaters to unnamed tributary at Amsbry	West Branch Susquehanna River	41.024722 78.399722	0.99	57.55	---	7.25	2017
Cambria	Little Chest Creek	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Chest Creek	40.631781 78.647341	55.66	2.17	---	4.73	2017
Cambria	UNT to Chest Creek (RM 21.74)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Chest Creek	40.671159 78.664583	121.52	---	---	0.62	2017
Cambria	UNT to Clearfield Creek (RM 47.04)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Clearfield Creek	40.706615 78.513362	42.43	---	---	0.93	2017
Cambria	West Branch Susquehanna River	2	Outflow of treatment plant to upstream boundary of flood control in Cherry Tree	Susquehanna River	40.881111 76.797222	0.50	43.18	---	8.48	2017

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Cameron	East Branch Hicks Run	1	Headwaters to Hicks Run Road (T-310)	Hicks Run	41.377500 78.279722	68.66	---	---	2.15	2017
Cameron	Middle Branch Hicks Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Hicks Run	41.425278 78.360275	82.27	21.78	---	1.78	2017
Centre	Boal Gap Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Sinking Creek	40.792500 77.665278	35.87	16.44	---	4.35	2017
Centre	Penns Creek	1	Headwaters to State Route 45	Susquehanna River	40.750000 76.857780	---	95.32	2.01	6.78	2017
Centre	Railroad Creek	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Elk Creek	40.972778 77.295280	45.63	2.91	---	1.75	2017
Centre	UNT to Pine Creek (RM 5.12)	1	Headwaters to Sink at RM 2.39	Pine Creek	40.887392 77.392866	36.49	0.21	---	1.30	2017
Centre	UNT to Pine Creek (RM 7.91)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Pine Creek	40.900841 77.357306	2.17	70.14	---	1.67	2017
Clearfield	Hughey Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Bilger Run	40.999592 78.603271	61.01	---	---	1.86	2017

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Clearfield	Moravian Run	1	Headwaters to UNT to Moravian Run (RM 6.10)	West Branch Susquehanna River	41.049416 78.258591	34.66	---	---	2.59	2017
Clearfield	Poplar Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Bell Run	40.930000 78.646667	41.07	0.08	---	3.63	2017
Clinton	Drake Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Hall Run	41.286770 77.788353	42.06	0.58	---	1.06	2017
Clinton	Gravel Lick	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Hall Run	41.275555 77.769447	36.71	---	---	2.19	2017
Clinton	Hall Run	1	Headwaters to South Renovo Reservoir	West Branch Susquehanna River	41.318365 77.788674	46.92	1.72	---	2.17	2017
Clinton/ Lycoming	Dutch Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Pine Creek	41.219251 77.322188	45.18	8.97	---	2.35	2017
Clinton/Potter	County Line Branch	2	Dyer Branch to Mouth	Young Womans Creek	41.468056 77.623333	32.49	25.78	---	2.18	2017
Luzerne	Boston Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Kitchen Creek	41.296944 76.273333	30.95	---	---	1.19	2017

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Luzerne	Obendoffers Creek	1	Headwaters to Mouth	North Branch Susquehanna River	41.362500 75.808056	44.28	---	---	2.44	2017
Lycoming	UNT to White Deer Hole Creek (RM 18.61)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	White Deer Hole Creek	41.097490 77.159680	33.76	---	---	0.68	2017
Mifflin	Rock Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Swift Run	40.816944 77.417221	31.24	6.64	---	1.86	2017
Mifflin/Union	Little Weikert Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Weikert Run	40.826942 77.352219	36.20	16.59	---	3.77	2017
Potter	Wenzel Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Kettle Creek	41.627819 77.715347	54.58	3.00	---	2.06	2017
Potter	West Branch Pine Creek	1	Headwaters to Lyman Run	Pine Creek	41.733056 77.644167	22.16	34.98	---	11.08	2017
Union	Henstep Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Penns Creek	40.858612 77.245003	46.64	2.03	---	3.18	2017

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Union	Kurtz Gap Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Sand Spring Run	41.047108 77.107285	30.20	---	---	1.04	2017
Union	Lyman Gap Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	White Deer Creek	41.065720 77.045219	41.68	0.35	---	1.64	2017
Union	Mile Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	White Deer Creek	41.063056 77.067222	49.10	---	---	1.98	2017
Union	Spruce Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Laurel Run	40.889099 77.196350	11.52	29.75	---	3.62	2017

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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