

Notice

Proposed Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Waters April 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 April 23 and 24, 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
Bedford	Ott Town Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Cove Creek	39.978611 78.440833	---	48.18	---	0.60	2017
Blair	Homer Gap Run	1	Headwaters to Inlet Homer Gap Reservoir	Little Juniata River	40.554562 78.364143	37.42	---	---	2.01	2017
Blair/Cambria	UNT to Bells Gap Run (RM 5.63)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Bells Gap Run	40.641979 78.400947	45.95	1.17	---	2.78	2017
Cambria	Beaverdam Run	1	Headwaters to Backwaters of Beaverdam Reservoir	South Fork Little Conemaugh River	40.321667 78.696667	30.42	---	---	1.94	2017
Cameron	Dark Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Upper Jerry Run	41.279756 78.096690	32.88	---	---	1.26	2017
Cameron	Jerry Lick Draft	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Upper Jerry Run	41.268333 78.106667	43.10	---	---	2.11	2017
Cameron	Middle Jerry Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Lower Jerry Run	41.290145 78.045608	67.81	---	---	1.29	2017

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Cameron/Elk	Bigger Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	East Branch Hicks Run	41.397778 78.286942	43.67	2.14	---	4.53	2017
Cameron/Elk	Sand Spring Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	East Branch Hicks Run	41.380280 78.279442	45.59	---	---	1.72	2017
Carbon	Mauch Chunk Creek	3	From the upstream face of Lentz Trail (SR3012) Bridge to Covered Sluice Way Entrance	Lehigh River	40.863056 75.737221	---	116.63	---	0.93	2017
Carbon	Silkmill Run	2	Outlet first downstream pond at RM 1.72 to Mouth	Lehigh River	40.865556 75.734444	---	60.76	---	1.94	2017
Carbon	Wild Creek	1	Headwaters to Inlet of Penn Forest Reservoir	Beltzville Lake	40.888889 75.561111	19.19	29.85	---	4.30	2017
Centre	North Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Black Moshannon Lake	40.905231 78.051476	72.81	---	---	2.12	2017
Centre	Tunis Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	White Deer Creek	41.003887 77.259720	38.50	1.11	---	1.60	2017

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Cumberland	Kings Gap Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Yellow Breeches Creek	40.111602 77.282630	38.57	2.15	---	2.92	2017
Elk	Painter Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Clarion River	41.371761 78.967247	31.32	---	---	1.49	2017
Elk	UNT to Elk Creek (RM 1.81)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Elk Creek	41.430705 78.708655	32.57	9.48	---	1.19	2017
Erie	Alder Run	1	Headwaters to Fenno Road Bridge	French Creek	41.970833 79.861111	35.18	---	---	1.87	2017
Erie	UNT to South Branch French Creek (RM 6.34)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	South Branch French Creek	41.896047 79.815787	56.42	2.04	---	0.81	2017
Fayette	UNT to Chaney Run (RM 2.97)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Chaney Run	39.830873 79.645213	34.48	---	---	0.98	2017
Forest	Tuttle Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	South Branch Tionesta Creek	41.623004 78.991269	39.71	---	---	0.87	2017
Lycoming	Upper Pine Bottom Run	2	Confluence Zinck Fork to Mouth	Pine Creek	41.321667 77.386944	11.98	43.75	---	3.48	2017

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McKean	Cady Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Allegheny Portage Creek	41.737221 78.242500	41.89	18.14	---	1.52	2017
McKean	Marvin Creek	1	Headwaters to T459 Bridge at Hazel Hurst	Potato Creek	41.808333 78.430556	35.31	0.89	---	4.65	2017
McKean	Stanton Brook	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Marvin Creek	41.734930 78.542810	48.81	---	---	2.99	2017
McKean	UNT to Knapp Creek (RM 5.32)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Knapp Creek	41.934630 78.445450	33.31	---	---	1.72	2017
McKean	UNT to Knapp Creek (RM 6.06)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Knapp Creek	41.937116 78.455290	31.14	---	---	1.24	2017
McKean	UNT to Marvin Creek (RM 9.58)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Marvin Creek	41.741470 78.536160	38.40	---	---	1.23	2017
McKean	UNT To Marvin Creek (RM 16.25)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Marvin Creek	41.698484 78.618604	30.62	---	---	1.55	2017

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McKean	UNT to Tram Hollow Run (RM 0.76)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Tram Hollow Run	41.955320 78.494530	60.79	---	---	1.02	2017
Mifflin	Panther Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Penns Creek	40.829722 77.414722	30.29	3.51	---	4.47	2017
Monroe	UNT to Pohopoco Creek (RM 22.92)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Pohopoco Creek	40.945430 75.441341	---	58.82	---	1.79	2017
Potter	Allegheny River	1	Headwaters to Seven Bridges	Ohio River	40.443333 80.013889	4.51	46.12	---	3.72	2017
Potter	Hopper House Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Pine Creek	41.677876 77.805367	43.65	6.74	---	2.06	2017
Potter	Sartwell Creek	1	Headwaters to Bear Creek	Allegheny River	41.787222 78.208333	17.15	61.47	---	3.43	2017
Potter	Wiemer Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Sartwell Creek	41.855831 78.186111	24.48	18.88	---	2.42	2017

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Snyder/Union	Lick Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Penns Creek	40.860279 77.279442	31.45	---	---	3.85	2017
Wayne	Indian Orchard Brook	1	Headwaters to UNT at RM 1.91	Lackawaxen River	41.545834 75.216942	36.28	---	---	2.64	2014

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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