

Notice

Proposed Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Waters October 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 October 15 and 16, 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
Blair	Little Juniata River	3	First bridge on US HWY 220 Business just northeast from Bellwood to Confluence of the first unnamed tributary entering from the west just south of Fostoria	Juniata River	40.561111 78.068336	---	44.22	---	0.72	2017
Cambria	Little Killbuck Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Killbuck Run	40.664722 78.595278	31.57	---	---	2.30	2017
Cameron	Upper Jerry Run	1	Headwaters to Jerry Lick Draft	Sinnemahoning Creek	41.300000 78.059722	59.60	2.35	---	3.27	2017
Cameron	Upper Jerry Run	2	Jerry Lick Draft to Mouth	Sinnemahoning Creek	41.300000 78.059722	18.20	46.77	---	3.80	2017
Cameron/Elk	East Branch Hicks Run	2	Hicks Run Road (T-310) to Mouth	Hicks Run	41.377964 78.279221	55.00	21.59	---	6.80	2017
Cameron/Elk	West Branch Hicks Run	2	Middle Branch Hicks Run to Shaffer Draft Road	Hicks Run	41.377888 78.279498	7.65	46.30	---	3.05	2017

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Clearfield	Moose Creek	1	Headwaters to 1st UNT 0.7 km downstream of Moose Creek Reservoir	West Branch Susquehanna River	41.031111 78.437500	33.23	---	---	3.56	2017
Jefferson	UNT to Sandy Lick Creek (RM 14.57)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Sandy Lick Creek	41.094764 78.937265	34.53	---	---	1.26	2017
York	Leibs Creek	2	Kilgore Road (T- 558) to Mouth	South Branch Muddy Creek	39.759444 76.525556	---	59.18	---	2.05	2017
York	South Branch Muddy Creek	1	Headwaters to Alum Rock Run	Muddy Creek	39.807778 76.476389	---	40.24	---	6.16	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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