

## Notice

### Proposed Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Waters July 2019

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 July 15 and 16, 2019.

<b>County</b>	<b>Stream</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Limits</b>	<b>Tributary To</b>	<b>Mouth Lat/Lon</b>	<b>Brook Trout (kg/ha)</b>	<b>Brown Trout (kg/ha)</b>	<b>Rainbow Trout (kg/ha)</b>	<b>Length (miles)</b>	<b>Survey Year</b>
Centre	Rag Valley Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Fishing Creek	40.921479 77.638702	31.65	---	---	0.73	2018
Centre	UNT to Nittany Creek (RM 2.95)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Nittany Creek	40.944418 77.722511	---	100.85	---	2.45	2018
Somerset	South Fork Bens Creek	4	30 m downstream private bridge off T-590 to T-785 bridge	Bens Creek	40.272500 78.978611	---	44.03	---	3.51	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](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.

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