

## Notice

### Proposed Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Waters January 2020

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./acre).
- (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.

At the next Commission meeting on January 27 and 28, 2020, the Commission will consider changes to its list of Class A Wild Trout Streams list. During recent surveys, Commission staff documented the following stream sections to have Class A wild trout populations. Specifically, the Commission will consider adding these waters to its Class A Wild Trout Streams list.

<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>
Cameron/ Clinton	Left Branch Montour Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Montour Run	41.309084 78.018089	57.23	---	---	1.37	2019
Cameron/ Clinton	Right Fork Beaverdam Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Beaverdam Run	41.404385 77.951365	39.29	---	---	3.49	2019
Centre	Dicks Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Bald Eagle Creek	40.894167 77.889167	---	94.28	---	5.88	2019
Centre	Laurel Run	1	Headwaters to Whetstone Run	Bald Eagle Creek	40.863333 77.936111	11.49	30.12	---	2.51	2019
Centre	Nittany Creek	2	Curtain Gap quarry discharge to I-80 east bound	Bald Eagle Creek	40.974722 77.742500	---	44.83	---	0.65	2019
Centre	UNT to Galbraith Gap Run (RM 2.60)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Galbraith Gap Run	40.764187 77.737623	52.37	3.35	---	1.19	2019
Centre	UNT to Logan Branch (RM 3.88)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Logan Branch	40.870662 77.759553	---	130.97	---	0.16	2018
Centre	UNT to Spring Creek (RM 19.60)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Spring Creek	40.783197 77.798060	---	40.41	---	0.95	2019
Centre	Whetstone Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Laurel Run	40.885864 77.975917	19.39	27.32	---	1.98	2019
Clearfield	McCloskey Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Upper Three Runs	41.165684 78.075257	58.06	---	---	1.35	2019

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Clearfield	Shaggers Inn Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Medix Run	41.219166 78.389999	39.31	---	---	1.96	2019
Clearfield	UNT to Gifford Run (RM 4.40)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Gifford Run	41.179383 78.285313	53.18	---	---	1.11	2019
Clearfield	UNT to Medix Run (RM 7.37)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Medix Run	41.214544 78.374711	33.64	---	---	2.10	2019
Clinton	Cherry Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Fishing Creek	40.988224 77.495476	17.98	32.63	---	8.63	2019
Clinton	Left Fork Beaverdam Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Beaverdam Run	41.404446 77.951668	38.50	---	---	1.67	2019
Elk	Little Wolf Lick Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Wolf Lick Run	41.337558 78.459229	16.89	55.78	---	3.29	2019
Franklin	Yankees Gap Run	2	Spring source at RM 1.29 to Mouth	Dennis Creek	39.980163 77.758518	78.80	---	---	1.29	2019
Lebanon	UNT to Swatara Creek (RM 48.00)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Swatara Creek	40.499303 76.527074	48.84	---	---	1.28	2019
Lebanon	UNT to Swatara Creek (RM 49.30)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Swatara Creek	40.503293 76.508769	42.50	---	---	2.00	2019
Lycoming	Kaiser Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Loyalsock Creek	41.316715 76.910606	---	46.09	---	3.34	2019
Lycoming/ Tioga	Morris Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Slate Run	41.523333 77.527778	31.24	26.49	---	2.80	2019
Monroe	Dotters Creek	3	Mertz Rd (T-442) bridge to Mouth	Middle Creek	40.907540 75.497263	---	61.75	---	2.56	2019

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Potter	Cross Fork	1	Confluence of Wingerter and Bolich Runs to Short Run	Kettle Creek	41.483055 77.820274	18.80	25.96	---	0.94	2019
Potter	Cross Fork	2	Short Run to Rhulo Hollow	Kettle Creek	41.483055 77.820274	19.14	31.71	---	3.04	2019
Potter	Little Indian Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Kettle Creek	41.594167 77.707500	40.52	5.82	---	2.79	2019
Potter	Little Portage Creek	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Freeman Run	41.603946 78.065550	54.92	33.81	---	3.39	2019
Potter	Nelson Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Genesee River	41.950156 77.884449	61.68	125.85	---	1.37	2019
Potter	UNT to Phoenix Run (RM 2.69)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Phoenix Run	41.776090 77.610400	35.87	---	---	1.21	2019
Potter	UNT to South Branch Oswayo Creek (RM 5.63)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	South Branch Oswayo Creek	41.874090 77.991170	4.10	40.81	---	2.19	2019
Schuylkill	UNT to Lower Little Swatara Creek (RM 0.46)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Lower Little Swatara Creek	40.536110 76.381943	50.51	---	---	1.36	2019
Schuylkill	UNT to Lower Little Swatara Creek (RM 3.97)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Lower Little Swatara Creek	40.543056 76.331390	62.07	---	---	2.16	2019
Snyder	Swift Run	2	UNT to Swift Run (RM 6.78) to T-469 bridge	North Branch Middle Creek	40.773611 77.198611	13.69	46.88	---	3.80	2018

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Somerset	Shafer Run	1	Headwaters to 400 m downstream Shafer Run Trout Hatchery	Laurel Hill Creek	40.048927 79.199402	41.23	---	---	2.31	2018
Tioga	Kettle Creek	1	Headwaters to Billings Branch	West Branch Susquehanna River	41.300556 77.838889	39.11	---	---	2.80	2019
Union	Sand Spring Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	White Deer Creek	41.059167 77.075000	18.26	32.03	---	5.69	2019
Union	UNT to Spruce Run (RM 8.25)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Spruce Run	41.024792 77.056580	48.10	---	---	1.46	2019

The Commission also will consider the following amendments to the list:

Current Sectioning Strategy						Proposed Sectioning Strategy					
County	Stream	Section	Limits	Length (miles)	Mouth Lat/Lon	County	Stream	Section	Limits	Length (miles)	Mouth Lat/Lon
Monroe	Dotters Creek	2	Monroe and Carbon County border to Unnamed tributary below Jonas	1.71	40.907540 75.497263	Monroe	Jonas Creek	1	Headwaters to Mouth	2.60	40.951100 75.522230
Monroe	Dotters Creek	3	Unnamed tributary below Jonas to Mertz Road bridge (T-442)	2.53	40.907540 75.497263	Monroe	Dotters Creek	1	Headwaters to Mertz Road bridge (T-442)	1.64	40.907540 75.497263

\* As currently listed, Dotters Creek, Section 02 and a portion of Section 03, were misidentified as Dotters Creek when the stream sections were added to the Class A Wild Trout Streams list in 1983 and 1992, respectively. Dotters Creek, Section 02, and the upstream portion of Section 03, were subsequently determined to be Jonas Creek, Section 01. The downstream portion of Dotters Creek, Section 03, is now identified as Dotters Creek, Section 01. These changes do not result in additions to the Class A Wild Trout Streams list and only serve to amend stream names once new information became available.

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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