

2013 ADULT TROUT STOCKING PROGRAM CHANGES

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Approximately 3.2 million adult trout will be stocked by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission in 2013.

In 2013, the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) will stock approximately 3.2 million adult trout in the waters of the Commonwealth open to public angling. This figure is based on trout produced at PFBC hatcheries. As with past practice, the average size of trout produced for stocking will be 11 inches long.

Changes for the 2013 season include new waters, stocking extensions on waters as a result of classification upgrades and reductions in posting, waters restored to the stocking program and the removal of waters from the stocking program.

New waters, stocking extensions and waters restored to the stocking program

Buhl Lake, Mercer County

Adult trout stocking will be initiated during the spring in this 7-acre lake located adjacent to the City of Sharon. Rainbow trout will be stocked during the preseason and inseason stocking periods.

Dutch Fork Lake, Washington County

Adult trout stocking will be reinstated in this 91-acre lake pending the restoration of water levels in the lake following the completion of maintenance repairs to the dam. Rainbow trout will be stocked during the preseason, inseason and fall stocking periods.

Harbar Acres Lake, Butler County

Inseason stocking will be restored in this 20-acre lake. Inseason stocking was cancelled in the lake during 2012 due to elevated water temperatures during the late spring.

Leaser Lake, Lehigh County

Adult trout stocking will be restored to this 117-acre lake pending the restoration of water levels in the lake following the completion of repairs to the dam. Rainbow trout will be stocked during the preseason and inseason stocking periods.

Loch Alsh Reservoir, Montgomery County

Adult trout stocking will be reinstated in this 5.4-acre lake following drawdown and dam repairs. Rainbow trout will be stocked during the preseason and inseason stocking periods.

Mahoning Creek, Carbon and Schuylkill Counties

A classification change based on an increase in human population density will lead to an increase in the number of trout allocated to a 3.0 mile section of stream extending from the Berry Road Bridge (T-954) downstream to the Mill-Fritz Valley Road (SR 3001). Brown trout and rainbow trout will be stocked during the preseason and inseason stocking periods.

Opossum Lake, Cumberland County

Adult trout stocking will be restored to this 59-acre lake pending the restoration of water levels in the lake following the completion of repairs to the dam. Rainbow trout will be stocked during the preseason and inseason stocking periods.

Piney Creek, Somerset County

A reduction in landowner posting will allow for inseason stocking to be reinstated on a 4.2 mile section of stream extending from the Pennsylvania-Maryland state line downstream to the mouth. This section of stream will be stocked with brook trout and brown trout during the preseason and inseason stocking periods.

South Branch Roaring Creek, Columbia and Northumberland Counties

A classification change stemming from an increase in human population density will lead to an increase in the number of trout allocated to the 3.1 mile section of stream extending from the Jepco Campground Road (T-335) downstream to the mouth. Brown trout and rainbow trout will be stocked during the preseason and inseason stocking periods.

West Branch Brandywine Creek, Chester County

A classification change based on an increase in human population density will lead to an increase in the number of trout allocated to the 3.8 mile section of stream extending from SR 4005 near Cedar Knoll downstream to SR 0340. Brown trout and rainbow trout will be stocked during the preseason and inseason stocking periods.

West Branch Lackawaxen River, Wayne County

A classification change resulting from an increase in human population density will lead to an increase in the number of trout allocated to the 2.6 mile section of stream extending from the outflow of Prompton Reservoir downstream to the backwaters of Seelyville Dam. Brown trout and rainbow trout will be stocked during the preseason and inseason stocking periods.

Early Warning Waters

Lake Marburg, York County

Adult trout stocking will be discontinued in this 1,275-acre lake due to low angler use. This water had been stocked on an inseason only basis.

Mill Creek, Montgomery County

Adult trout stocking will be discontinued on this 2.5 mile section of stream extending from Gulph Road downstream to the mouth due to poor instream habitat for stocked trout and access limitations for stocking. This water had been stocked on a preseason only basis.

Wapwallopen Creek, Luzerne County

Due to landowner posting adult trout stocking will be discontinued on a 0.9 mile section of stream extending from 400 yards downstream of SR 3012 downstream to 550 yards downstream of SR 3013.

West Branch Lackawaxen River, Wayne County

Adult trout stocking will be discontinued on the 2.4 mile section of stream extending from the Pleasant Mount State Fish Hatchery downstream to 0.4 miles downstream of the Hatchery Road Bridge (T-611) due to an increase in landowner posting and low angler use.



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Changes in stocking practices

Beginning with the fall of 2012 adult trout stocking has been discontinued in favor of fingerling trout stocking on five stream sections managed under Catch and Release Fly-Fishing Only regulations. Fingerling trout will be stocked during the fall on an annual basis in these stream sections from 2012 through 2014. The survival of fingerling trout will be monitored annually through the 2015 field season to determine if a fishery can be supported by stocking fingerling trout in these sections of stream.

Caldwell Creek, Warren County

1.4 miles, from SR 3004 (Selkirk Bridge) downstream to Stony Hollow Run located 0.5 miles upstream of Dotyville Bridge.

Donegal Creek, Lancaster County

2.2 miles, from 0.2 miles downstream from the SR 0772 Bridge downstream to the T-334 Bridge.

Green Spring Creek, Cumberland County

1.2 miles, from 0.4 miles upstream from T-398 (Bullshead Road) Bridge downstream to the mouth.

Little Sandy Creek, Venango County

1.3 miles, from the old bridge at Polk Center Pump House downstream to the SR 3024 Bridge on Savannah Road.

White Deer Creek, Union County

3.2 miles, from the Centre/Union County line downstream to the Cooper Mill Road Bridge. ☐

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