

2019 Adult Trout Stocking PROGRAM CHANGES

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In 2019, the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) will stock approximately 3.2 million adult trout in the waters of the Commonwealth open to public angling. Stocked adult trout produced by PFBC hatcheries will average 11 inches in length.

Changes for the 2019 season include: stocking extensions, waters being added or reinstated to the stocking program and waters being removed from the stocking program. Also new in 2019, anglers may notice a change in the species of trout stocked in some of their favorite streams. The recent discovery of gill lice, a parasite that affects Brook Trout, in a few watersheds where wild Brook Trout occur, has resulted in PFBC adjusting the species composition of trout stocked in these watersheds, but the stocked streams in these watersheds will be stocked with other trout species that are not susceptible to gill lice infestations.

Stocking extensions and waters added or reinstated to the stocking program

Each year, PFBC adjusts its adult trout stocking program based on several factors. A waterway may be added, extended, reinstated or removed depending on existing or pending changes to angler access, changes to destinations on streams managed for wild trout populations, water quality issues that may threaten the survival of stocked trout, and maintenance being performed to dams and other infrastructure that result in the drawdown of impoundments or decreased water flow.

Chapman Dam Reservoir, Warren County

Adult trout stocking will be reinstated on this 68-acre impoundment following the completion of maintenance and repairs to the dam and spillway. Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the preseason, inseason and winter stocking periods.

Crooked Creek, Tioga County

Located near the town of Crooked Creek, a 2.5-mile section of stream extending from Hills Creek Road (SR-4039) downstream to Ives Run Lane will be added to the adult trout stocking program. Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the preseason and inseason stocking periods.

Dents Run, Elk County

Located near the town of Grant, a 2.6-mile section of stream extending from Hodag Trail Crossing downstream to the mouth will be added to the adult trout stocking program. Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the preseason period, and Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the inseason stocking period.

Fishing Creek, Perry County

Due to an increase in accessibility, the stocking limits have been extended 0.3-miles downstream. The revised stocking limits will extend for 6.0-miles from Trout Run downstream to State Route 11/15. Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the preseason and inseason stocking periods.

Furnace Creek, Berks County

Due to an increase in accessibility, the stocking limits have been extended 1.0-miles upstream and 0.2-miles downstream. The revised stocking limits will extend for 3.1-miles from Robesonia Reservoir Dam downstream to the mouth. Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the preseason period, and Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the inseason stocking period.

Lackawanna River, Lackawanna, Susquehanna and Wayne counties

Construction along the rails to trails access road has been completed, and stocking will be reinstated in a 6.4-mile section of stream extending from Old Stillwater Dam downstream to the first unnamed tributary upstream of Simpson. Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the preseason period, and Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the inseason stocking period.

Moose Creek, Clearfield County

Located near the city of Clearfield, a 2.2-mile section of stream extending from the first unnamed tributary 0.7 kilometers downstream of Moose Creek Reservoir downstream to the mouth will be added to the adult trout stocking program. Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the preseason stocking period.

Penns Creek, Union County

Due to stream re-sectioning, the stocking limits have been extended 0.8-miles upstream. The revised stocking limits will extend for 7.2-miles from the downstream extent of island near end of Jolly Grove Lane downstream to SR 235 bridge in Glen Iron. Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the preseason and inseason stocking periods.

Located near the town of Millmont, a 4.3-mile section of stream extending from the SR-235 bridge in Glen Iron downstream to Creek Road Bridge near Libby Road will be added to the adult trout stocking program. Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the preseason and inseason stocking periods.

Shaggers Inn Pond, Clearfield County

Located in Moshannon State Forest, on the headwaters of Little Medix Run, adult trout stocking will be initiated on this 27.9-acre impoundment. Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the preseason, inseason, and fall stocking periods.

Unami Creek, Bucks County

Due to an increase in accessibility, the stocking limits have been extended 0.2-miles downstream. The revised stocking limits will extend for 3.5-miles from 150 meters downstream T-477 in Milford Township Park downstream to the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the preseason period, and Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the inseason stocking period.

West Branch Hicks Run, Elk County

Located near the villages of Dents Run and Hicks Run, a 2.9-mile section of stream extending from Shafer Draft Road downstream to the mouth will be added to the adult trout stocking program. Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the preseason and inseason stocking periods.

Waters removed from the stocking program

When survey data suggests that a waterway is no longer suitable for adult trout stocking based on a loss of angler access or environmental factors, PFBC makes every attempt to reallocate fish to a comparable location nearby. When inadequate angler access is the reason for a removal, locations are monitored for improvement, so these waters can be considered for reinstatement to the stocking program.

East Branch Hicks Run, Cameron and Elk counties

Based on the presence of a Class A mixed wild Brook Trout and Brown Trout population, trout stocking will be terminated on the 6.8-mile section of stream extending from Hicks Run Road downstream to the mouth. Formerly, this water had been stocked in both the pre-season and in-season stocking periods. Fish previously stocked in this stream will now be stocked in the following waters located in Cameron and Elk counties: West Branch Hicks Run, Bennett Branch Sinnemahoning Creek and Dents Run.

Hollister Creek, Wayne County

An increase in the amount of landowner posting has led to the removal of trout stocking from a 1.8-mile section of stream extending from Stone House Road bridge downstream to Boyce Road bridge. Formerly, this water had been stocked on an in-season only basis. Fish previously stocked in this stream will be distributed to stocked trout waters in surrounding counties. A replacement stream in the immediate vicinity was not available as none meet the criteria for addition to the stocked trout program. Nearby streams could potentially be stocked as part of PFBC's Cooperative Nursery Program.

Lake Creek, Monroe County

An increase in the amount of landowner posting has led to the removal of trout stocking from a 3.7-mile section of stream extending from SR 3017 downstream to the mouth. Formerly, this water had been stocked in both the pre-season and in-season stocking periods. Fish previously stocked in this stream will be distributed to stocked trout waters in surrounding counties. A replacement stream in the immediate vicinity was not available as none meet the criteria for additions to the stocked trout program. Nearby streams could potentially be stocked as part of PFBC's Cooperative Nursery Program.

Leibs Creek, York County

Based on the presence of a Class A wild Brown Trout population, trout stocking will be terminated on the 2.1-mile section of stream extending from Kilgore Road downstream to the mouth. Formerly, this water had been stocked on a pre-season only basis. Fish previously stocked in this stream will be distributed to stocked trout waters in surrounding counties. A replacement stream in the immediate vicinity was not available as none meet the criteria for addition to the stocked trout program.

Little Juniata River, Blair County

Based on the presence of a Class A wild Brown Trout population, trout stocking will be terminated on the 0.7-mile section of stream extending from the first bridge on US Highway 220 Business just northeast from Bellwood downstream to the first unnamed tributary entering from the west just south of Fostoria. Formerly, this water had been stocked in both the pre-season and in-season stocking periods. Fish previously stocked in this stream will now be stocked in Canoe Creek Lake, Blair County.

Little Killbuck Run, Cambria County

Based on the presence of a Class A wild Brook Trout population, trout stocking will be terminated on the 2.3-mile section of stream extending from the headwaters downstream to the mouth. Formerly, this water

had been stocked on a pre-season only basis. Fish previously stocked in this stream will be distributed to stocked trout waters in surrounding counties. A replacement stream in the immediate vicinity was not available as none meet the criteria for addition to the stocked trout program.

Moose Creek, Clearfield County

Based on the presence of a Class A wild Brook Trout population, trout stocking will be terminated on the 3.6-mile section of stream extending from the headwaters downstream to the first unnamed tributary downstream of Moose Creek Reservoir. Formerly, this water had been stocked in both the pre-season and in-season stocking periods. Fish previously stocked in this stream will now be stocked in the following Clearfield County waters: Moose Creek (downstream of the reservoir to mouth) and Shaggers Inn Pond.

Penns Creek, Union County

Based on the presence of a Class A wild Brown Trout population, trout stocking will be terminated on the 3.8-mile section of stream extending from 500 meters downstream of Cherry Run downstream to the downstream extent of island near the end of Jolly Grove Lane. Formerly, this water had been stocked in both the pre-season and in-season stocking periods. Fish previously stocked in this stream will now be stocked in Penns Creek (downstream extent of island near the end of Jolly Grove Lane downstream to Creek Road Bridge near Libby Road), Union County. This will result in more fish stocked in Penns Creek in 2019 than in previous years.

Rapid Run, Union County

Based on concerns for public safety due to unsafe stocking conditions, trout stocking will be terminated on the 3.1-mile section of stream extending from the outflow of Halfway Lake downstream to the Buffalo Path trail. Formerly, this water had been stocked on a pre-season only basis. Fish previously stocked in this stream will now be stocked in Buffalo Creek, Union County.

Sartwell Creek, McKean and Potter counties

An increase in the amount of landowner posting has led to the removal of trout stocking from a 3.8-mile section of stream extending from Bear Creek downstream to the mouth. Formerly, this water had been stocked on a pre-season only basis. Fish previously stocked in this stream will now be stocked in Potato Creek, McKean County.

Upper Jerry Run, Cameron County

Based on the presence of a Class A mixed wild Brook Trout and Brown Trout population, trout stocking will be terminated on the 3.8-mile section of stream extending from Jerry Lick Draft downstream to the mouth. Formerly, this water had been stocked on a pre-season only basis. Fish previously stocked in this stream will now be stocked in the following Cameron County waters: Wykoff Run and Mix Run.

West Branch Hicks Run, Cameron and Elk counties

Based on the presence of a Class A wild Brown Trout population, trout stocking will be terminated on the 3.1-mile section of stream extending from the Middle Branch Hicks Run downstream to Shaffer Draft Road. Formerly, this water had been stocked on a pre-season only basis. Fish previously stocked in this stream will now be stocked in the downstream reaches of West Branch Hicks Run (Shaffer Draft Road to the mouth), Elk County.

Wright Creek, Luzerne County

An increase in the amount of landowner posting has led to the removal of trout stocking from a 1.5-mile section of stream extending from Penn Lake downstream to the Ice Pond and Bear Creek junction. Formerly, this water had been stocked on a pre-season only basis. Fish previously stocked in this stream will be distributed to stocked trout waters in surrounding counties. A replacement stream in the immediate vicinity was not available as none meet the criteria for addition to the stocked trout program. Nearby streams could potentially be stocked as part of PFBC's Cooperative Nursery Program. ☐