

NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Proposed Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Waters; April 2025

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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 this Commonwealth'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.

(1) Criteria developed for Class A Wild Trout fisheries are species specific.

(2) 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.

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 April 28, 2025.

County	Stream	Section Limits	Tributary to	Brook Trout Brown Trout Rainbow Trout				Length (miles)	Survey year
				Mouth Lat/Lon	(kg/ha)	(kg/ha)	(kg/ha)		
Cambria	Rachel Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Beaverdale Reservoir	40.265427 78.681213	38.55	—	1.75	2024
Cameron	Hubbard Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	West Creek	41.481914 78.375513	44.39	—	1.30	2024
Centre	Lick Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Rupp Hollow	40.847753 77.424998	13.71	31.87	3.89	2024
Centre	Sunnyside Hollow	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Bald Eagle Creek	40.811536 78.037941	—	53.50	3.43	2024
Centre	Unnamed tributary (UNT) to Penns Creek (RM 63.29)	1	Headwaters to Sink	Penns Creek	40.872273 77.608293	36.60	—	1.43	2024
Centre	UNT to South Fork Beech Creek (RM 4.43)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	South Fork Beech Creek	41.024454 77.903633	21.90	20.43	1.24	2024
Clearfield	UNT to Muddy Run (RM 1.01)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Muddy Run	40.811888 78.436032	62.56	4.04	1.15	2024
Elk	UNT to Byrnes Run (RM 4.34)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Byrnes Run	41.341150 78.555590	58.19	—	0.64	2024
Juniata	Copperhead Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Spigelmyer Run	40.641384 77.391633	32.38	—	1.34	2024
Lycoming	English Run (Waterville)	1	Headwaters to Broughton Hollow Run	Little Pine Creek	41.354167 77.354722	47.65	—	1.24	2024

Lycoming	English Run (Waterville)	2	Broughton Hollow Run to Mouth	Little Pine Creek	41.354167 77.354722	49.32	—	—	1.86	2024
Lycoming	Sixth Bottom Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Pleasant Stream	41.497780 76.892776	47.87	12.90	—	1.14	2024
Lycoming	UNT to North Pleasant Stream (RM 0.65)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	North Pleasant Stream	41.516029 76.820122	54.41	0.98	—	0.86	2024
Lycoming/Sullivan	North Pleasant Stream	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Pleasant Stream	41.507221 76.820274	30.89	9.67	—	2.95	2024
Lycoming/Union	Lick Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	White Deer Creek	41.064999 77.048058	59.90	—	—	2.72	2024
Mifflin	Hungry Run	1	Headwaters to first Old Park Road crossing upstream of Mouth	Kishacoquillas Creek	40.631164 77.564251	—	96.42	—	4.24	2024
Mifflin	UNT to Hungry Run (RM 3.86)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Hungry Run	40.666071 77.518569	—	43.17	—	1.04	2024
Mifflin	UNT to Laurel Creek Reservoir (RM 5.82)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Laurel Creek Reservoir	40.729424 77.638665	41.07	—	—	1.79	2024
Mifflin	UNT to Lingle Creek (RM 4.06)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Lingle Creek	40.707993 77.662195	25.88	15.65	—	0.91	2024
Potter	Bailey Run	1	Headwaters to 120 meters upstream Little Bailey Run	First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek	41.512222 78.045278	39.12	13.16	—	6.52	2023
Snyder/Union	Green Gap Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Weikert Run	40.836903 77.313240	38.24	15.07	—	2.35	2024
Tioga	Phoenix Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Mill Creek	41.880000 77.115278	33.32	—	—	1.51	2024
Union	Kettle Hole Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	White Deer Creek	41.071667 77.032776	31.68	1.33	—	1.36	2024
Venango	Lamb Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Allegheny River	41.435692 79.655968	49.23	—	—	1.96	2024
Westmoreland	UNT (RM 0.56) to UNT to Hannas Run (RM 1.43)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	UNT to Hannas Run (RM 1.43)	40.279815 79.206553	—	129.98	—	0.76	2024

Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the classification of the streams listed may submit them in writing to the Executive Director, 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, objections or suggestions also may be submitted electronically to RA-pfbcregulations@pa.gov.

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