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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

AGENDA¹

The 163rd Meeting of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission will be held on Monday, July 28, at the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission headquarters, 1601 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

The public session for review of this agenda will begin on July 28, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Daniel J. Pastore, President
John E. Mahn, Jr., Vice President
Donald K. Anderson
William C. Brock
Charles J. Charlesworth
William J. Gibney
Eric C. Hussar
Richard S. Kauffman
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Staff and Volunteer Recognition

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Executive Director's Report

Reports of Commissioner Committees

Announcement of Executive Sessions

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOTATIONAL VOTE

Disposition of Property and Consent to Enter into Irrevocable Lease, North East Marina Property, North East Township, Erie County.

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) owns +/- 17.68 -acres at 11950 East Lake Road in Northeast Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania. The area is improved with a 220-slip marina facility. The marina basin protrudes out into the lake and contains eight additional acres enclosed by 2,300 lineal feet of concrete break wall. The site is improved with a 6,386 square-foot building containing a tackle shop, boat repair garage bays, restaurant, and an office area; a 20,000-square-foot boat storage building, and a 400-square-foot fish cleaning station. The improvements are supported by an asphalt paved parking lot and on-site boat storage areas.

The property comes with three permits: one from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps) and two from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Two of the permits mandate dredging and/or movement of sand; the other DEP permit is associated with the on-lot sewage system. The cost of dredging sand in 2024 as required by the DEP permit was \$258,361 (for dredging a limited area), and the cost of moving sand as required by the Army Corps permit in 2024 was \$542,488. The Commission, as the agency who owns these permits, is responsible for these costs on an annual basis. The costs of the sand movement and dredging have become unsustainable for the Commission.

The marina infrastructure is outdated and has become unsafe such that it needs extensive repair. The south wall of the marina suffered a partial collapse in April 2025, and the marina has remained closed to the public since that time. The property was appraised in 2024 for a fair market value of \$1. The Commission has been working with a local group, the North East Community Marina Authority (NECMA), which operated the marina during the 2024 season, and which has had an option to purchase the marina by June 30, 2025.

Staff have drafted an agreement of sale to sell the property to NECMA for \$1. As part of the sale, NECMA will agree to lease a public boating and fishing access to PFBC in order to keep the boating launch access operable and open for a period of five years, with the Commission paying \$250,000 annually for the access.

Staff is seeking approval on two issues: (1) authorization of the sale of the marina property to the NECMA; and (2) consent to enter into the non-revocable lease from NECMA to PFBC for the purpose of public boat launch access.

Briefer:

Penny Ayers, Chief, Division of Public Access and Property Services

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission authorize the sale of the Marina as described in the Commentary.

Action:

As of June 18, 2025, the Commission, in a 10-0 vote, approved the items.

OTHER MATTERS

A. Threatened and Endangered Species Conservation Grant program: Grant to the Crawford County Conservation District for a stream restoration project on French Creek, Crawford County.

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) was awarded \$134,900 from the United States Department of Interior's 2023 Inflation Reduction Act Recovery Implementation Grant program to implement a stream restoration project to benefit federally protected freshwater mussel species in French Creek, Crawford County. The Crawford County Conservation District has proposed a project to restore approximately 350 feet of eroding streambank which impacts instream habitat in a portion of French Creek known to support endangered, threatened, candidate, and rare freshwater mussel species. Stream restoration will include installation of instream habitat structures to stabilize the eroding streambank, removal of a gravel bar to reestablish a natural channel cross section, and native vegetation will be planted within the riparian buffer zone to promote streambank stability. These actions will reduce sediment inputs improving the quality of benthic habitats crucial for the recovery of protected freshwater mussel species. The total estimated project cost is \$285,400. The Crawford County Conservation District is requesting \$134,900 to complete the project.

The Commission authorized the Executive Director to approve individual grants of \$100,000 or less per applicant, per year, in the Threatened or Endangered Species Conservation Grant program for projects meeting the Commission's objectives relating to the conservation of endangered, threatened, candidate, and other rare species. For grant requests of more than \$100,000, staff will seek separate commission approval.

Briefer:

Heather Smiles, Chief, Division of Environmental Services

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$134,900 to the Crawford County Conservation District as described in the Commentary.

PROPERTY SERVICES

A. Disposition of Property at Middle Creek Lake (formerly Musser Dam), Penn Township, Snyder County.

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) owns +/-143.15 acres in fee simple known as Middle Creek Lake in Washington, Penn and Union Townships, Snyder County, as depicted on Exhibit A (Location Map). The Property is located one mile south of Selinsgrove, west of old Routes 11 and 15 as depicted on Exhibit B (Site Map) and was acquired in 1956 with \$5,000 from the Fish Fund. It was formerly used as an access area for fishing and boating before the Musser Dam was removed in 1992.

Since that time, the property has not been used for boating access. While Middle Creek does run through it, the property contains dilapidated structures that the Commission does not maintain, and owning the property no longer serves the needs of the Commission.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) owns adjacent property and has indicated that it would be willing and able to manage game habitat on the property. PGC has requested to purchase the property for fair market value. PGC obtained an appraisal in May 2025, showing a fair market value of \$275,000. PGC has conducted habitat improvement projects on this property in past years, and will likely be better able to manage the lands and associated species, such as waterfowl, for hunting and game purposes. Additionally, public fishing access along Middle Creek will be maintained if PGC owns the parcel.

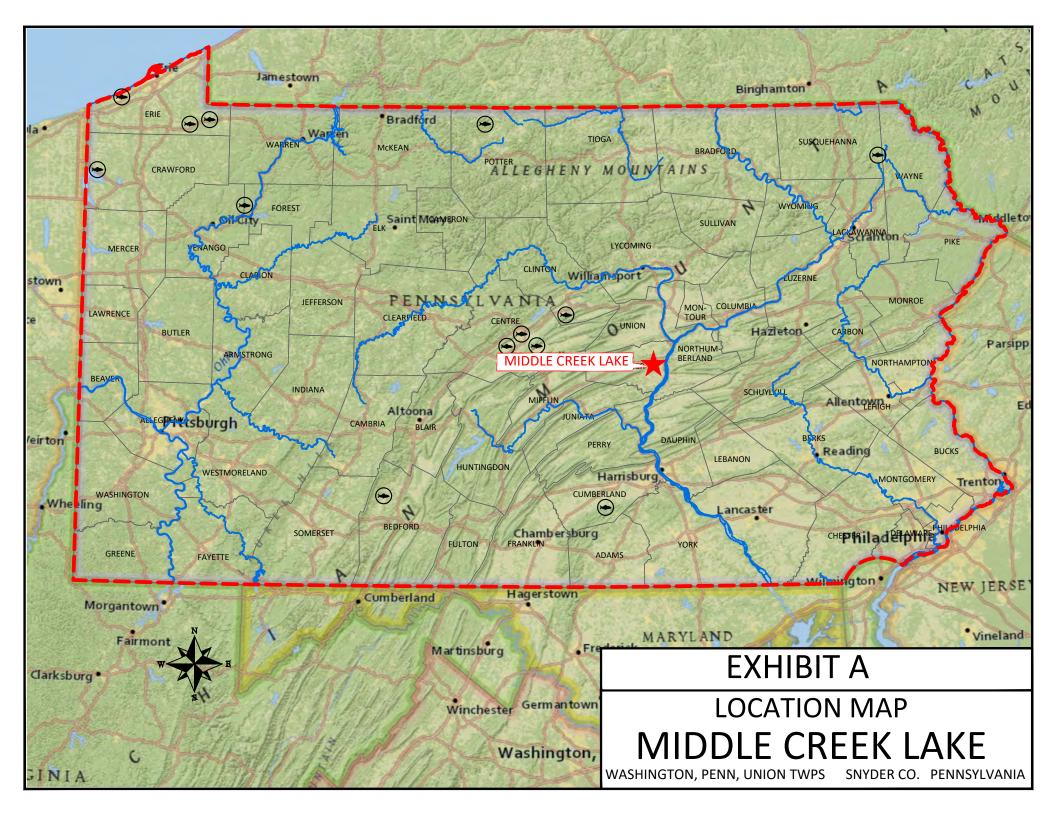
Staff recommends the sale of this property to the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

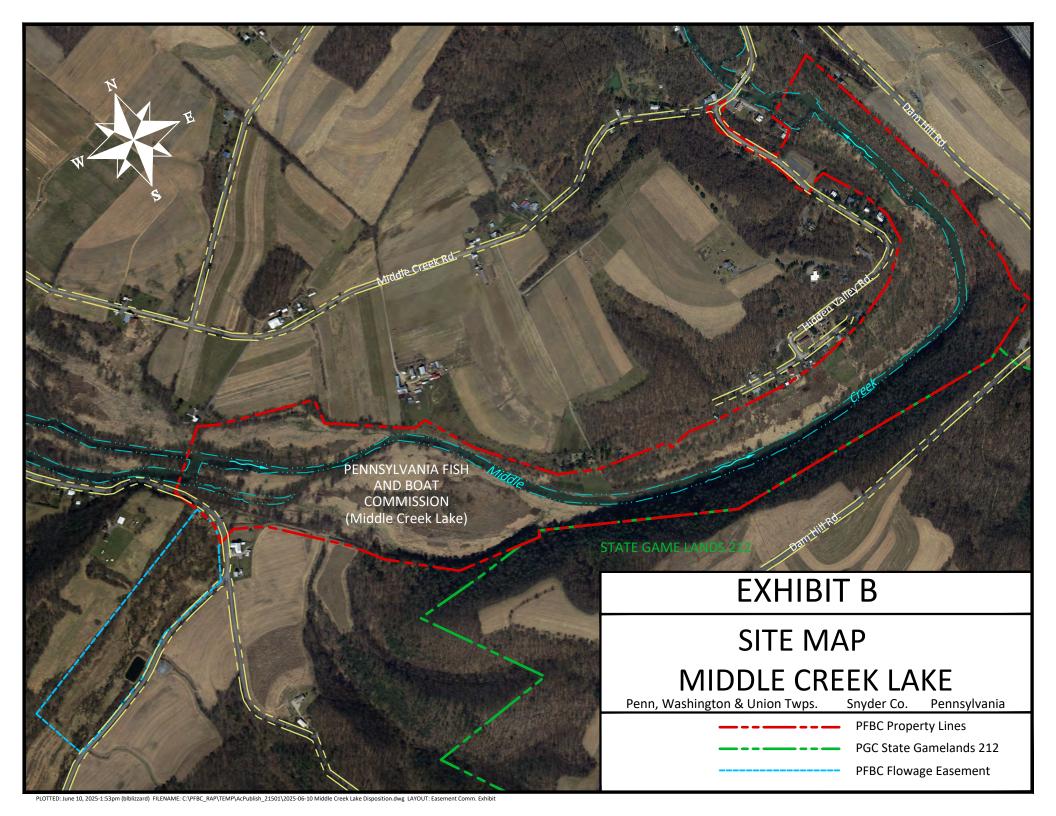
Briefer:

Penny Ayers, Chief, Division of Public Access and Property Services

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission authorize the disposition of the property to the Pennsylvania Game Commission for \$275,000 as described in the Commentary, with the proceeds to be deposited into the public access account for acquisition of additional fishing and boating access.





PROPERTY SERVICES

B. Grant of Easement along Spring Creek, Benner Township, Centre County.

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) owns +/-2.25 acres in fee simple located along Spring Creek in Benner Township, Centre County, as depicted on Exhibit C (Location Map). The property is located across from Rock Road, along Spring Creek, and near the Benner Spring Trail, as depicted on Exhibit D (Site Map) and was acquired in 2020 by donation. The property is not actively used by the Commission and is not part of any trail or fish hatchery. Its current use is solely as a forested riparian buffer.

The Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority (SBWJA) is installing a sewage project at another location in Centre County, and per Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) rules, is required to obtain a conservation easement in the nearby area as part of its permitting process. SBWJA approached the Commission and requested to obtain a perpetual conservation easement of .75 acres to protect an existing forested riparian buffer. The easement will be recorded and the protected area subject to certain covenants and restrictions. In return, SBWJA will design and permit a pump station and accompanying effluent line(s) from the Commission's Bellefonte State Fish Hatchery administration building to the Municipal Sewage Line. Importantly, the Commission conveying this easement to SBWJA will not change the Commission's use of the property and aligns with the Commission's interests in preserving the riparian buffer to Spring Creek.

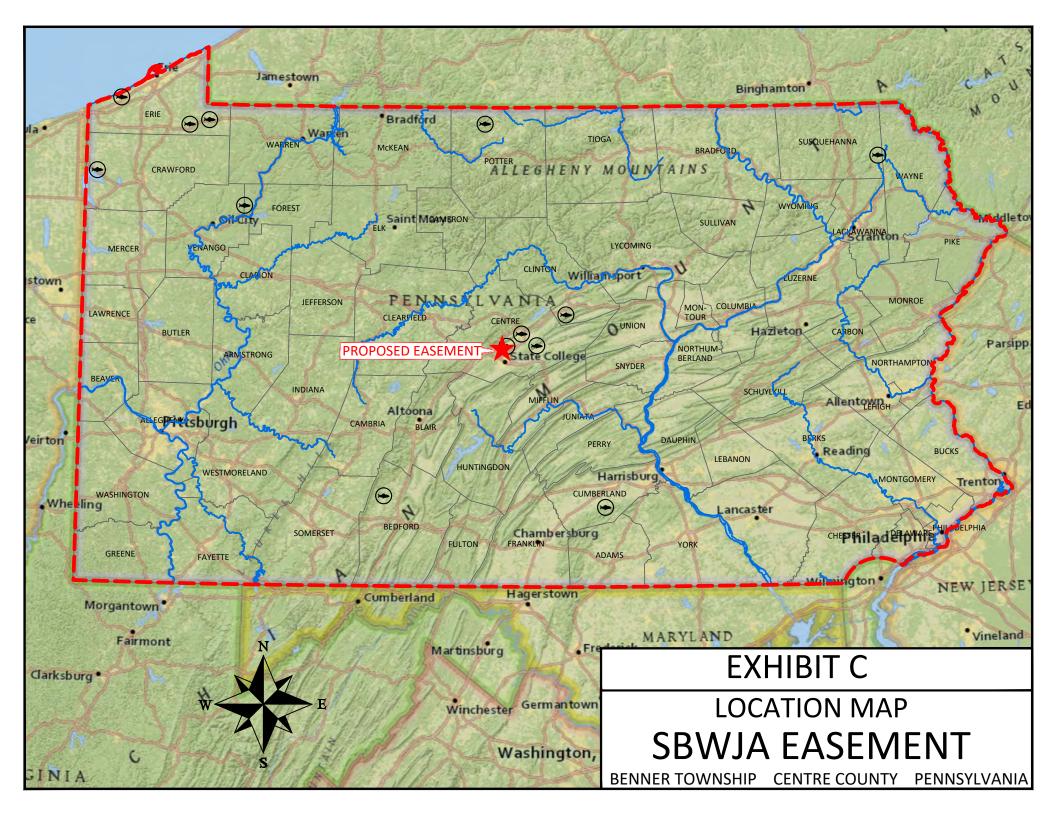
This exchange has been vetted through the Commission's Bureau of Engineering, which has given the opinion that SBWJA is performing a valuable and necessary service for the Commission in return for this easement. The conveyance of the easement will continue the Commission's goals of protecting the riparian buffer in perpetuity and will not alter the Commission's use of the property.

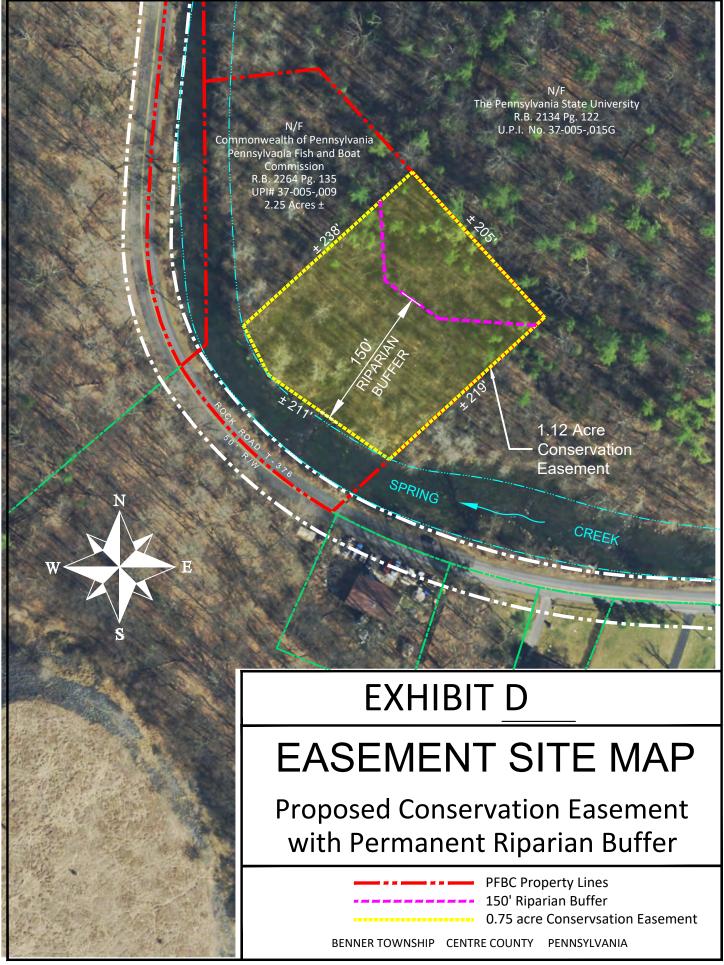
Briefer:

Penny Ayers, Chief, Division of Public Access and Property Services

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve the granting of the easement on the property in exchange for the SBWJA designing and permitting a pump station and accompanying effluent lines from the Bellefonte State Fish Hatchery administration building as described in the Commentary.





PROPERTY SERVICES

C. Acquisition of Property along Elk Creek, Girard Township, Erie County.

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) has been offered the opportunity to purchase +/- 7.52 acres along Elk Creek, located at 2175 North Creek Road in Girard Township, Erie County as depicted on Exhibit E (Location Map), for the purchase price of \$170,000 from MJS Improvements, LLC. The parcel is adjacent to a 5.5-acre Commission-owned parcel (known as the Hotchkiss property or former Coho hatchery) as depicted on Exhibit F (Site Map).

The parcel contains a small cabin and is accessed along North Creek Road and contains 410 feet of stream frontage on one side of Elk Creek and 125 feet on the opposite side. Elk Creek is located within the Lake Erie watershed. The Commission owns fishing easements along the creek in this area, although it does not have sufficient access for parking. If acquired, the Commission plans to remove all structures on the parcel and intends to develop additional parking on the site. Public access to Elk Creek will be significantly increased with the addition of this parcel, as anglers will be better able to access the easement corridor held by the Commission along Elk Creek.

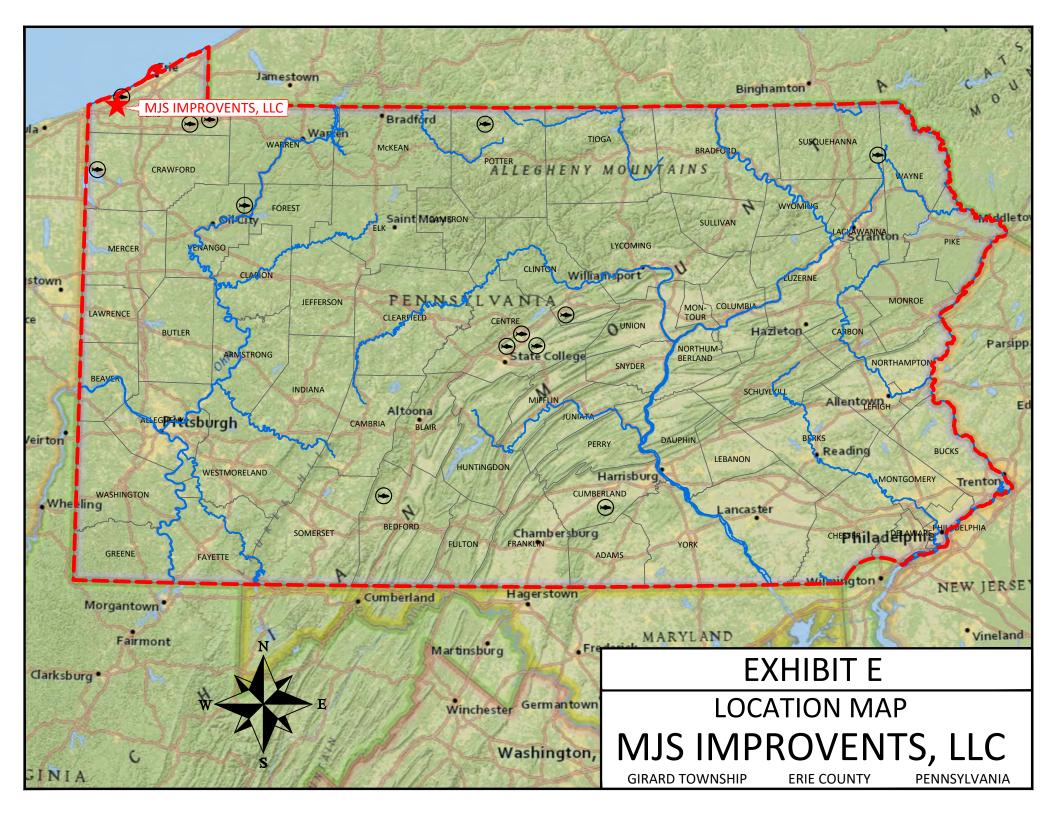
Section 2907.2 of the Fish and Boat Code, 30 Pa. C.S. § 2907.2, provides that the proceeds from the sale of the special Lake Erie fishing permits and \$6 of the fees from the sale of the combination trout permits and Lake Erie permits are to be deposited into a restricted account within the Fish Fund and that this restricted account "shall be used to provide public fishing access or to protect or improve fish habitat on or at Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay and their tributaries, including waters that flow into those tributaries. The funds may also be used for other projects that support public fishing on or at Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay and their tributaries." The funds generated through this program are deposited into the Lake Erie restricted account, where they are restricted now and into the future for their legislatively intended purposes.

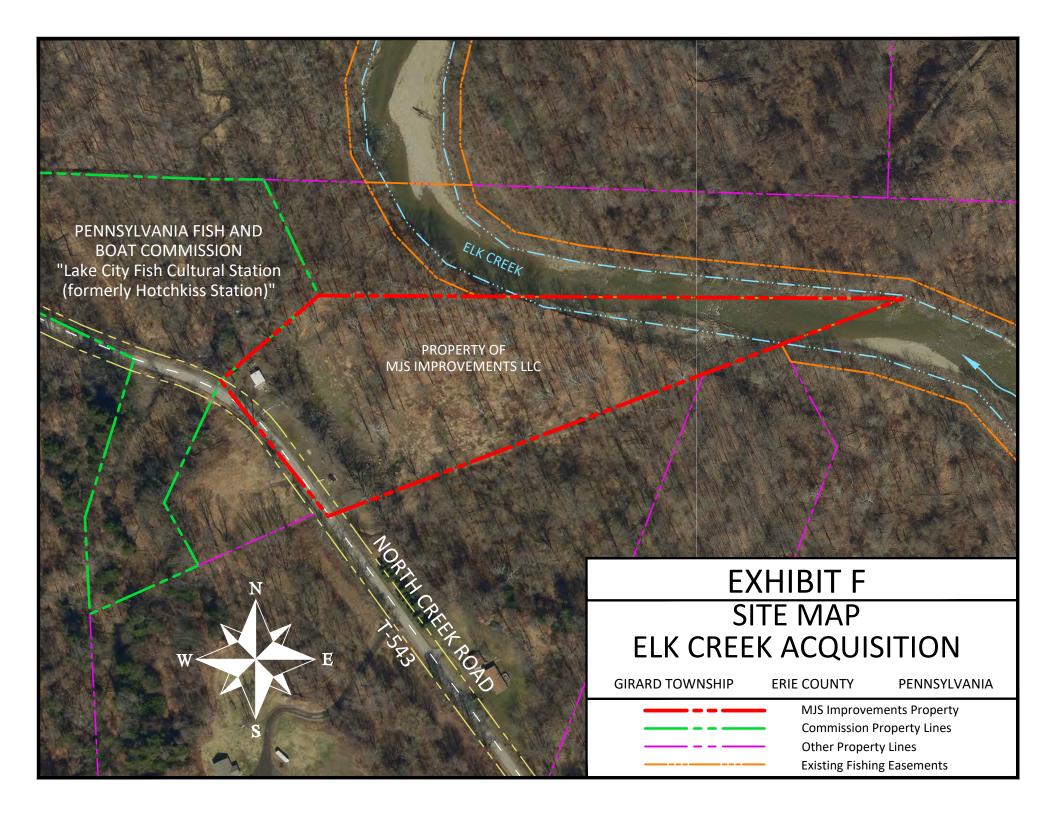
Briefer:

Penny Ayers, Chief, Division of Public Access and Property Services

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission consent to the acquisition of the parcel in Girard Township, Erie County, as described in the Commentary, for \$170,000 utilizing monies in the Lake Erie restricted account.





LAW ENFORCEMENT

FINAL RULEMAKING

A. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 69.12a (Special regulations applicable to Lake Erie tributary streams).

Commentary:

A notice of proposed rulemaking was published at 55 Pa.B. 3882 (June 7, 2025) (Exhibit G). Please review the "Summary of Proposal" in Exhibit G for further details. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) did not receive any public comment relating to this proposal.

Briefer:

Colonel Jeffrey Sabo, Director, Bureau of Law Enforcement

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission adopt the amendment as set forth in the notice of proposed rulemaking. If adopted, the amendment will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

[58 PA. CODE CH. 69]

Fishing; Fishing in Lake Erie and Boundary Lakes

[55 Pa.B. 3882] [Saturday, June 7, 2025]

The Fish and Boat Commission (commission) proposes to amend Chapter 69 (relating to fishing in Lake Erie and boundary lakes). The commission is publishing this proposed rulemaking under the authority of 30 Pa.C.S. (relating to Fish and Boat Code) (code). The proposed amendment updates the special regulations applicable to Lake Erie tributary streams.

A. Effective Date

This proposed rulemaking, if approved on final-form rulemaking, will go into effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

B. Contact Person

For further information on this proposed rulemaking, contact Christopher M. Andreoli, Esq. Acting Chief Counsel, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, (717) 705-7810. This proposed rulemaking is available on the commission's website at https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/fishandboat.html.

C. Statutory Authority

The proposed amendment to § 69.12a (relating to special regulations applicable to Lake Erie tributary streams) is published under the statutory authority of section 2102 of the code (relating to rules and regulations).

D. Purpose and Background

The specific purpose and background of the proposed amendment are described in more detail under the summary of proposal.

E. Summary of Proposal

The commission has the authority to create rules and regulations that protect the Commonwealth's aquatic resources and provide for the health and safety of those who fish on or near the waters of this Commonwealth. Lake Erie tributaries represent some of the most popular fishing areas in this Commonwealth, especially regarding steelhead trout fishing. Currently, under § 69.12a, fishing on the Lake Erie tributaries is not permitted from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following day or between 12:01 a.m. on the day after Labor Day until the opening day of regular trout fishing season in the following year. The only exception is Walnut Creek north of Manchester Road Bridge and Elk Creek north of Route 5, where there are no time restrictions on fishing.

Streamside property owners on Walnut Creek between Route 5 downstream to Manchester Road Bridge have indicated that anglers create nighttime disturbances near their residences, and anglers have suffered injuries while traveling along or in the streams during the dark nighttime hours. In addition, the commission's Bureau of Law Enforcement advises that steelhead poaching is more likely during the nighttime hours, and limiting permitted fishing times to the daylight hours supports efforts to enforce anti-poaching laws.

Commission staff seek to limit the permitted hours for fishing on Walnut Creek from Route 5 downstream to Manchester Road Bridge to a 1/2 hour before sunrise to a 1/2 hour after sunset. Walnut Creek from Manchester Road Bridge downstream to Lake Erie and Elk Creek north of Route 5 would maintain no time restrictions for fishing.

The commission proposes that § 69.12a be amended to read as set forth in Annex A.

F. Paperwork

This proposed rulemaking will not increase paperwork and will not create new paperwork requirements.

G. Fiscal Impact

This proposed rulemaking will have no adverse fiscal impact on the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions.

H. Public Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, objections or suggestions about this proposed rulemaking 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 submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

Comments also may be submitted electronically to RA-pfbcregulations@pa.gov. Electronic comments submitted in any other manner will not be accepted.

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER, Executive Director

Fiscal Note: 48A-362. No fiscal impact; recommends adoption.

Annex A

TITLE 58. RECREATION

PART II. FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Subpart B. FISHING

CHAPTER 69. FISHING IN LAKE ERIE AND BOUNDARY LAKES

Subchapter B. SPORT FISHING AND ANGLING

§ 69.12a. Special regulations applicable to Lake Erie tributary streams.

- (a) The following Lake Erie tributary streams are designated as Nursery Waters—Trout Run and its tributaries; Godfrey Run; Orchard Beach Run; and Crooked Creek (where posted). It is unlawful to fish, wade or possess fishing equipment while in or along Lake Erie tributary streams designated as Nursery Waters.
 - (b) Archery fishing or spear fishing is prohibited in or along Lake Erie tributary streams.
- (c) From 12:01 a.m. on the day after Labor Day, until the opening day of the regular season for trout of the following year, all Lake Erie tributary streams are closed to fishing from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. on the following day except for Walnut Creek [north of Manchester Road Bridge and Elk Creek north of Route 5] between Route 5 downstream to Manchester Road Bridge, which is closed to angler access and fishing from a 1/2 hour after sunset to a 1/2 hour before sunrise. Walnut Creek from Manchester Road Bridge downstream to Lake Erie and Elk Creek north of Route 5 have no time restrictions for fishing.
- (d) It is unlawful to fish from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. of the following day within 50 yards of the mouth of both Trout Run and Godfrey Run while fishing the Lake Erie shoreline.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

FINAL RULEMAKING

B. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 51.125 (Insurance).

Commentary:

A notice of proposed rulemaking was published at 55 Pa.B. 3881 (June 7, 2025) (Exhibit H). Please review the "Summary of Proposal" in Exhibit H for further details. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) did not receive any public comment relating to this proposal.

Briefer:

Colonel Jeffrey Sabo, Director, Bureau of Law Enforcement

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission adopt the amendment as set forth in the notice of proposed rulemaking. If adopted, the amendment will go into effect upon a second publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

[58 PA. CODE CH. 51]

General Provisions; Administrative Provisions

[55 Pa.B. 3881] [Saturday, June 7, 2025]

The Fish and Boat Commission (commission) proposes to amend Chapter 51 (relating to administrative provisions). The commission is publishing this proposed rulemaking under the authority of 30 Pa.C.S. (relating to Fish and Boat Code) (code). The proposed amendment relates to charter boat/fishing guide operations.

A. Effective Date

This proposed rulemaking, if approved on final-form rulemaking, will go into effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

B. Contact Person

For further information on this proposed rulemaking, contact Christopher M. Andreoli, Esq., Acting Chief Counsel, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, (717) 705-7810. This proposed rulemaking is available on the commission's website at https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/fishandboat.html.

C. Statutory Authority

The amendment to § 51.125 (relating to insurance) is proposed under the statutory authority of section 2907.3(d) of the code (relating to fishing guide and charter boat permits).

D. Purpose and Background

The specific purpose and background of the proposed amendment are described in more detail under the summary of proposal.

E. Summary of Proposal

This proposed amendment to § 51.125 expands the insurance options for charter boat operators and fishing guides to include protection and indemnity (P&I) insurance.

Currently, the regulation specifically states that charter boat operators and fishing guides shall possess and maintain general liability insurance. However, many insurance carriers will only issue P&I insurance, and not general liability insurance, to businesses that provide services on the water.

P&I insurance is a specialized type of insurance coverage that offers liability protection for shipowners and operators. P&I insurance provides coverage to shipowners and operators for their liabilities, costs and expenses arising from a variety of incidents related to the operation of their

ship, including incidents such as injury or death of crew or passengers, cargo loss or damage, pollution and collision.

The commission proposes that § 51.125 be amended to read as set forth in Annex A.

F. Paperwork

This proposed rulemaking will not increase paperwork and will not create new paperwork requirements.

G. Fiscal Impact

This proposed rulemaking will have no adverse fiscal impact on the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions.

H. Public Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, objections or suggestions about this proposed rulemaking 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 submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

Comments also may be submitted electronically to RA-pfbcregulations@pa.gov. Electronic comments submitted in any other manner will not be accepted.

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER, Executive Director

Fiscal Note: 48A-363. No fiscal impact; recommends adoption.

Annex A

TITLE 58. RECREATION

PART II. FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Subpart A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 51. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Subchapter L. CHARTER BOAT/FISHING GUIDE OPERATIONS

§ 51.125. Insurance.

Charter boat operators and fishing guides shall possess and maintain in full force and effect general liability insurance <u>or protection and indemnity (P&I) insurance</u> for all periods during which they are operating a charter boat/fishing guide operation on the waters of this Commonwealth. The minimum amount of coverage is \$250,000 for each occurrence and \$500,000 in the aggregate. Applicants and holders of charter boat/fishing guide permits shall provide proof of insurance upon the request of the **[Commission]** <u>commission</u>.

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BOATING

FINAL RULEMAKING

A. Amendments to 58 Pa. Code § 107.2 (Electric motors).

Commentary:

A notice of proposed rulemaking was published at 55 Pa.B. 3883 (June 7, 2025) (Exhibit I). Please review the "Summary of Proposal" in Exhibit I for further details. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) did not receive any public comments relating to this proposal.

Briefer:

Mark Sweppenhiser, Director, Bureau of Boating

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission adopt the amendments set forth in the notice of proposed rulemaking. If adopted, the amendments will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

[58 PA. CODE CH. 107]

Boating; Boating Restrictions

[55 Pa.B. 3883] [Saturday, June 7, 2025]

The Fish and Boat Commission (commission) proposes to amend Chapter 107 (relating to boating restrictions). The commission is publishing this proposed rulemaking under the authority of 30 Pa.C.S. (relating to Fish and Boat Code) (code). The proposed amendments relate to restrictions for boats with electric motors.

A. Effective Date

This proposed rulemaking, if approved on final-form rulemaking, will go into effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

B. Contact Person

For further information on this proposed rulemaking, contact Christopher M. Andreoli, Esq., Acting Chief Counsel, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, (717) 705-7810. This proposed rulemaking is available on the commission's website at https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/fishandboat.html.

C. Statutory Authority

The amendments to § 107.2 (relating to electric motors) are proposed under the statutory authority of section 5124(a) of the code (relating to particular areas of water).

D. Purpose and Background

The specific purpose and background of the proposed amendments are described in more detail under the summary of proposal.

E. Summary of Proposal

Currently, under § 107.2, boats with electric motors in compliance with horsepower limitations or equivalent kilowatt ratings as set forth in Chapter 111 (relating to special regulations counties) shall not operate at greater than slow, no-wake speed on commission and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) owned or controlled waterways.

The proposed changes to § 107.2(1) simplify and clarify that boats are only limited to slow, no-wake speed on commission and DCNR owned or controlled waterways that are restricted to electric motors. The proposed integration of § 107.2(1.1) and (2) provides a more complete description of restrictions for electric motor only locations.

Additionally, commission staff propose to delete § 107.2(3). At its January 5, 1981, May 30, 1981, and October 3, 1983, meetings, the commission acted under section 903 of the code (relating to delegation of enforcement powers) to approve the designation of State Park Officers, Forest Rangers and other law enforcement officers to enforce the code and regulations promulgated thereunder.

The commission proposes that § 107.2 be amended to read as set forth in Annex A.

F. Paperwork

This proposed rulemaking will not increase paperwork and will not create new paperwork requirements.

G. Fiscal Impact

This proposed rulemaking will have no adverse fiscal impact on the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions.

H. Public Comments

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TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER, Executive Director

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Annex A

TITLE 58. RECREATION

PART II. FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Subpart C. BOATING

CHAPTER 107. BOATING RESTRICTIONS

§ 107.2. Electric motors.

Except as otherwise specified in Chapter 111 (relating to special regulations counties) <u>on</u> <u>waterways owned or controlled by the commission or Department of Conservation and Natural Resources</u>:

(1) Electric motors are permitted **[on Commission owned or controlled lakes and on State park lakes]** where boating is permitted. On waters where horsepower limitations are prescribed in Chapter 111, electric motors in excess of maximum horsepower limitations or equivalent kilowatt ratings shall not be used.

- (1.1) Boats propelled by electric motors [on Commission owned or controlled lakes, State park lakes and water bodies in Chapter 111] where boating is permitted and internal combustion engines are prohibited shall not be operated at greater than slow, no-wake speed.
- (2) [On Commission and State park owned or controlled lakes, internal combustion motors] <u>Internal combustion engines</u> attached to or installed in boats need not be removed, but the operation of engines is specifically prohibited.
- (3) [Officers authorized to enforce the code and this part and, in the case of State park lakes, officers and officials of the Bureau of State Parks and operators of emergency vessels may operate boats powered by internal combustion motors in the performance of their official duties on waters otherwise restricted to electric motors only] {Reserved}.

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BOATING

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

A. Amendments to 58 Pa. Code § 111.43 (Mercer County).

Commentary:

Lake Wilhelm is an 1,860-acre impoundment in New Vernon Township, Mercer County. It is bisected by Interstate 79. The 1,440-acre portion of Lake Wilhelm southeast of Interstate 79 is within Maurice K. Goddard State Park and is owned and managed by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). DCNR permits the operation of boats powered by internal combustion motors and prohibits the use of motors in excess of 20 horsepower. As such, an amendment of 58 Pa. Code § 111.43 (Mercer County) is required to bring the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's (Commission) regulations into alignment with DCNR's posted restrictions for Lake Wilhelm.

The 240 acres of Lake Wilhelm northwest of Interstate 79 are owned and managed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) as part of State Game Lands 270. The PGC has regulations in place for State Game Lands lakes. Specifically, as stated in 58 Pa. Code § 135.41 (State Game Lands), these lakes are restricted to electric motors only, and boats may not exceed slow, no-wake speed, unless otherwise posted by PGC. Therefore, there is no need for the language already found in 58 Pa. Code § 135.41 to be made part of Chapter 111.

The Interstate 79 causeway over Lake Wilhelm is a recognizable boundary between State Game Lands 270 and Maurice K. Goddard State Park which simplifies the division of regulations for boaters. Both DCNR and PGC staff are in favor of this amendment.

Staff propose the following changes to § 111.43:

§ 111.43. Mercer County.

* * * * *

(b) Lake Wilhelm—Maurice Goddard State Park. The operation of boats powered by internal combustion motors is permitted [except from a point approximately 200 yards north of the Interstate 79 causeway over Lake Wilhelm upstream to the Game Commission Propagation Area above the Sheakleyville Causeway (State Route 1018, Milledgeville Road)] southeast of Interstate 79. The use of motors in excess of 20 horsepower is prohibited. Regulations on Lake Wilhelm northwest of Interstate 79 are as posted by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

On June 9, 2025, the Boating Advisory Board considered this proposal and recommended the Commission approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendments.

Briefer:

Mark Sweppenhiser, Director, Bureau of Boating

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendments described in the Commentary. If adopted on final rulemaking, the amendments will go into effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

FISHERIES

FINAL RULEMAKING

A. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 57.8a (Class A wild trout streams).

Commentary:

A notice of proposed rulemaking was published at 55 Pa.B. 1926 (March 8, 2025) (Exhibit J). Please review the "Summary of Proposal" in Exhibit J for further details. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) received 20 public comments relating to this proposal: one supports the proposal, one supports a specific section of the proposal, and 18 oppose the proposal. Copies of public comments were provided to the commissioners.

When presented at the April 2025 quarterly Commission meeting, the Board of Commissioners (Board) raised concern that the criteria for consideration of stocking Class A wild trout streams had not yet been updated in Appendix A of the *Operational Guidelines for the Management of Trout Fisheries in Pennsylvania Water*. The Board voted to table the agenda item and deferred consideration until the July 2025 quarterly Commission meeting. To address those concerns, staff updated the Appendix A on June 16, 2025, to allow for consideration of the proposed amendment for final rulemaking at the July 2025 quarterly Commission Meeting.

Briefer:

Kristopher Kuhn, Director, Bureau of Fisheries

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission adopt the amendment as set forth in the notice of proposed rulemaking. If adopted, this amendment will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

STATEMENTS OF POLICY FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

[58 PA. CODE CH. 57]

Class A Wild Trout Streams; Statements of Policy

[55 Pa.B. 1926] [Saturday, March 8, 2025]

The Fish and Boat Commission (commission) proposes to amend Chapter 57 (relating to statements of policy). The commission is publishing this proposed statement of policy under the authority of 30 Pa.C.S. (relating to Fish and Boat Code) (code). The proposed amendment updates the internal policy for the commission pertaining to stocking of Class A wild trout streams.

A. Effective Date

This proposed statement of policy, if approved, will go into effect upon final-form publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

B. Contact Person

For further information on this proposed statement of policy, contact Renae Kluk Kiehl, Esq., P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, (717) 705-7810. This proposed statement of policy is available on the commission's website at https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/fishandboat.html.

C. Statutory Authority

The proposed amendment to § 57.8a (relating to Class A wild trout streams) is published under the statutory authority of section 2102 of the code (relating to rules and regulations).

D. Purpose and Background

The specific purpose and background of the proposed amendment is described in more detail under the summary of proposal.

E. Summary of Proposal

Class A wild trout streams represent the best of this Commonwealth's wild trout resources, and as of November 2, 2024, approximately 4% of all flowing waters in this Commonwealth have been designated as Class A wild trout streams by the commission. Following designation by the commission, Class A wild trout streams enter a process whereby the Department of Environmental Protection will ultimately designate these stream sections as high quality, cold water fishes under 25 Pa. Code Chapter 93 (relating to water quality standards). This designation provides additional water quality protection under the Commonwealth's environmental laws and regulations. As such, a Class A designation is an important mechanism to properly protect, conserve and enhance wild trout populations and the quality of their habitats.

On September 30, 2014 (effective January 1, 2015), the statement of policy at § 57.8a was amended to require the Executive Director to obtain approval from the commission's Board of Commissioners (board) prior to granting permission to stock a Class A wild trout stream. Previously, the Executive Director had the authority to do so independently. Subsequently, 13 stream sections that supported strong Class A wild brown trout populations were designated Class A between 2015 and 2017, and commission stocking was continued. These stream sections are heavily fished waters, mostly located in high-density human population centers, and are of a size (that is, large streams) and character (that is, fertile) that can support a high-quality fishery for both stocked and wild trout.

There are very few Class A wild trout streams where supplemental trout stocking has been considered or warranted. However, there are rare circumstances beyond the original 13 stream sections where stocking a Class A could be considered. As such, commission staff developed criteria that provide direction and guide decisions regarding stocking trout in Class A wild trout streams. These criteria do not automatically result in the Executive Director granting an exemption to stock a Class A wild trout stream but rather serve as guidance for consideration. Most Class A wild trout streams are best managed solely for wild trout with no stocking.

On January 25, 2021 (effective April 3, 2021), the statement of policy was amended to reflect that the Executive Director will consult the criteria set forth in the *Operational Guidelines for the Management of Trout Fisheries in Pennsylvania Waters* (Guidelines) to consider the need for seeking Board approval for continued stocking. The criteria were published in February 2022 in the fifth edition of the Guidelines and published on the commission's website.

The criteria to be included in the sixth edition of the Guidelines will be updated to improve the process for considering Class A stockings based on lessons learned while using the original criteria and are intended to keep exemptions rare and prioritize the wild trout resource. If any of the criteria are met, the Executive Director would have the authority to grant an exemption to stock a Class A wild trout stream. However, these criteria do not account for all circumstances where stocking could be considered. To grant an exemption to stock a Class A wild trout stream section that does not meet any of the criteria, the Executive Director shall obtain the approval of the board.

The commission proposes that § 57.8a be amended to read as set forth in Annex A.

F. Paperwork

This proposed statement of policy will not increase paperwork and will not create new paperwork requirements.

G. Fiscal Impact

This proposed statement of policy will have no adverse fiscal impact on the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions.

H. Public Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, objections or suggestions about this proposed statement of policy 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 submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

Comments also may be submitted electronically to RA-pfbcregulations@pa.gov. Electronic comments submitted in any other manner will not be accepted.

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER, Executive Director **Fiscal Note:** 48A-361. No fiscal impact; recommends adoption.

Annex A

TITLE 58. RECREATION

PART II. FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Subpart A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 57. STATEMENTS OF POLICY

Subchapter A. FISHERIES POLICIES

§ 57.8a. Class A wild trout streams.

It is the policy of the Commission 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, these stream sections are managed solely for the perpetuation of the wild trout fishery with no stocking. However, there may be circumstances that justify stocking a Class A wild trout stream section.

Prior to granting permission to stock a Class A wild trout stream section under § 71a.8 (relating to stocking of designated waters), the Executive Director will consult [internal decision-making] the stocking criteria set forth in the current edition of the Operational Guidelines for the Management of Trout Fisheries in Pennsylvania Waters [to consider the need for continued stocking at newly designated Class A wild trout streams and obtain the approval of the Commission. Consideration will only be given to requests for continued stocking in stream sections within 1 year of the section being designated as Class A and posted in the Pennsylvania Bulletin; however, entities that previously received an exemption or a Special Activities Permit for continued stocking from the Commission between 2010 and the effective date of this amendment will be eligible for consideration]. If any of the stocking criteria are met, the Executive Director may grant an exemption to stock a Class A wild trout stream section. To grant an exemption to stock a Class A wild trout stream section that does not meet any of the stocking criteria, the Executive Director shall obtain the approval of the Commission. The following apply:

- (1) Criteria developed for Class A [Wild Trout] wild trout fisheries are species specific.
- (2) Wild [Trout Biomass Class Criteria] 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 shall 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 shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.
 - (E) Brown trout biomass shall 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.
- (3) A water will not be removed from the Class A **[Wild Trout Streams]** wild trout streams designation unless the cause leading to the reduction in the wild trout population has been clearly identified and it has been determined that the water is beyond remediation to re-establish the Class A wild trout population. Possible reasons include the following:

- (i) Human caused conditions or sources of pollution prevent the attainment of a Class A wild trout fishery and cannot be remedied or will cause more environmental damage to correct than to leave in place.
- (ii) Dams, diversions or other types of hydrologic modifications preclude the attainment of a Class A wild trout fishery, and it is not feasible to restore the water body to its original condition or to operate the modification in a way that will result in the attainment of a Class A wild trout fishery.

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FISHERIES

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

A. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 65.24 (Miscellaneous special regulations): Add Freeman Run, Section 04, Potter County.

Commentary:

Freeman Run, a tributary to the First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek in Potter County, Pennsylvania, is 12.23 miles in length and managed in four stream sections. The waterway is characteristic of a small, high gradient, infertile, freestone stream. Section 01 extends 2.83 miles from the headwaters to Postalweight Hollow, is managed for wild trout with no stocking, and was designated as a Class A wild trout stream in February 2019. Section 02 extends 2.00 miles from Postalweight Hollow to Bark Shanty Hollow, is managed for wild trout with no stocking, and was designated as a Class A wild trout stream in January 1983.

Section 03 extends 4.50 miles from Bark Shanty Hollow to West Branch Freeman Run, and Section 04 extends 2.90 miles from West Branch Freeman Run to the mouth. Prior to 2021, sections 03 and 04 were included in the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's (Commission) Stocked Trout Water (STW) program. Trout stocking was discontinued in 2021 following designation as Class A wild trout stream sections after wild Brown Trout biomass was estimated to be 56 kg/ha and 67 kg/ha, respectively, during 2018 surveys. To qualify for Class A wild trout stream designation based on wild Brown Trout, biomass must be greater than or equal to 40 kg/ha. Subsequent surveys conducted in 2022, two years following stocking cessation, estimated the wild Brown Trout biomass to be 94 kg/ha in Section 03 and 103 kg/ha in Section 04.

The impacts of stocking on wild trout populations are well-documented in the literature and through Commission surveys of Pennsylvania's wild trout streams. Commission monitoring and evaluation of wild trout populations in Pennsylvania demonstrates that stocking depresses wild trout populations for a variety of reasons, including competition for habitat and food, interference competition, increased harvest, increased hooking and handling, among other factors. However, we do not have strong Pennsylvaniaspecific data regarding the use of special regulations to mitigate the negative impacts of stocking over Class A wild trout populations. As such, the Commission applied a Miscellaneous Special Regulation (58 Pa. Code § 65.24) in 2024 to 12 of 13 Class A stream sections stocked by the Commission that allows for the harvest of stocked Rainbow Trout and Brook Trout but catch-and-release of the wild Brown Trout. Staff are currently monitoring and evaluating the effect of this regulation on the wild Brown Trout populations over a 5-to-7-year period at which time staff will either recommend continuing the management strategy applied to these fisheries or recommend an alternate approach to optimize these fisheries. The results of this evaluation will provide valuable management insight regarding the use of these regulations on large,

productive streams with high angler use that are of size and character sufficient to support a fishery comprised of both Class A wild trout and stocked trout components.

At the January and April 2025 Fisheries and Hatcheries Committee meetings, staff were tasked with developing an approach to evaluate a similar management strategy on small to moderate-sized, infertile, freestone streams, and Freeman Run, Section 04, was selected for this purpose. Freeman Run, Section 04, provides a unique opportunity to evaluate a stream section that was stocked previously, designated as a Class A wild trout stream section and removed from the stocking program, and then added back to the program and managed with special regulations.

To accomplish this, Freeman Run, Section 04, must be added back to the STW program beginning in 2026, and stocked only with Rainbow Trout at the same rate and frequency consistent with its resource classification from when it was last stocked in 2020. This would include re-instating Rainbow Trout-only cooperative nursery stockings. It is recommended that Section 04 then be managed under a similar Miscellaneous Special Regulation applied to the 12 Class A wild trout streams that are stocked by the Commission: catch-and-release for all trout species except Rainbow Trout. Sections 01, 02, and 03 from the headwaters downstream to the confluence of Freeman Run and the West Branch Freeman Run would continue to be managed for wild trout with no stocking under Commonwealth Inland Waters regulations (58 Pa. Code § 61.1). Staff would monitor the stream over a five-year period from 2026 through 2030 while evaluating the biological and social data against interim and final management triggers that would inform staff recommendations to the Board of Commissioners (Board) regarding the fate of continued stocking in Section 04 and application of special regulations. If wild trout abundance declines significantly, or if angler use does not justify the continued stocking during the five-year evaluation, the study could be terminated, stocking discontinued, and regulations revised. If data available during the interim evaluation is not sufficient to adequately assess trends, then the study would continue for the full five-year period and be evaluated against final biological and social management triggers, after which a recommendation would be made to the Board as to whether Section 04 should remain in the STW program and regulations revised.

To facilitate the use of special regulations to mitigate the negative impacts of stocking trout on the wild trout populations in Freeman Run, Section 04, staff propose implementing a Miscellaneous Special Regulation that would manage Brown Trout and Brook Trout with catch-and-release regulations and maintain Commonwealth Inland Waters regulations for all other species with all tackle types permitted. Should this Miscellaneous Special Regulation be adopted on final rulemaking, staff will recommend at a future meeting that the Board approve an exemption to stock trout as Freeman Run, Section 04, does not meet any of the criteria that provide direction and guide decisions regarding stocking trout in Class A wild trout streams published in the Operational Guidelines for the Management of Trout Fisheries in Pennsylvania Waters.

Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 65.24 be amended as follows:

§ 65.24. Miscellaneous special regulations.

The following waters are subject to the following miscellaneous special regulations:

County	Name of Water	Special Regulations
	* * >	* * *
Potter County	•	,
		(relating to Commonwealth inland waters).

Briefer:

Kristopher Kuhn, Director, Bureau of Fisheries

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the proposed amendment as described in the Commentary. If adopted on final rulemaking, this amendment will go into effect on January 1, 2026.

Action:

FISHERIES

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

B. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 65.24 (Miscellaneous special regulations): Remove Donegal Lake, Westmoreland County.

Commentary:

Donegal Lake, a 92-acre impoundment owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and managed by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission), is located in Donegal Township, Westmoreland County, approximately two miles northeast of the Borough of Donegal. The dam impounds Fourmile Run at river mile (RM) 13.04 upstream from its confluence with Loyalhanna Creek at RM 32.7. This reservoir was completely dewatered during spring 2016 to upgrade the dam and spillway structures per Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection dam safety standards. Following the completion of these repairs and modifications, refill occurred in 2020, and the Commission stocked the lake from 2020 through 2025 with select fish species to establish a high-quality, warm-water and cool-water fishery.

Since 2020, Donegal Lake has been managed under Miscellaneous Special Regulations (58 Pa. Code § 65.24) that allow for the harvest of trout under Commonwealth Inland Waters regulations (58 Pa. Code § 61.1) seasons, sizes, and daily limits but no harvest of other fish species. The intent was to facilitate rapid development of the warm-water and cool-water fish populations in the absence of harvest while allowing for the harvest of trout as the lake is included in the Commission's Stocked Trout Waters program. Once the warm-water and cool-water fish populations were sufficiently re-established, the lake would then be recommended for removal from the Miscellaneous Special Regulations and moved to one or more of the Commission's existing regulation programs.

The black bass and panfish populations were evaluated during 2025 to monitor progress towards the development of the warm-water and cool-water fishery. Sportfish abundance and population size structure have improved to levels where populations can now sustain harvest. As such, it is recommended that Donegal Lake be removed from Miscellaneous Special Regulations, allowing staff to consider this reservoir for management with Big Bass (58 Pa. Code § 65.9) and Panfish Enhancement (58 Pa. Code § 65.11) special regulations.

Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 65.24 be amended as follows:

§ 65.24. Miscellaneous special regulations.

The following waters are subject to the following miscellaneous special regulations:

County	Name of Water	Special Regulations			

[Westmoreland]	[Donegal Lake]	[All species except trout—catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess any fish except trout. All fish caught other than trout must be immediately returned unharmed. Trout—inland regulations apply. See § 61.1. This miscellaneous special regulation will remain in effect until further notice.]			

Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the proposed amendment described in the Commentary. If adopted on final rulemaking, this amendment will go into effect January 1, 2026.

Action:

FISHERIES

DESIGNATIONS

A. Removal of Carsonia Lake, Berks County, from the Big Bass program (58 Pa. Code § 65.9).

Commentary:

Carsonia Lake, known locally as Crystal Lake, is a seven-acre impoundment owned by the Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority (MPBMA) located in Lower Alsace Township, Berks County, approximately two miles east of the Borough of Reading. This reservoir was completely dewatered in spring 2025 to allow for the MPBMA to dredge the lake substrate.

Following the refill of the lake, the MPBMA will initiate stockings of Bluegill and Largemouth Bass and continue to stock trout for various fishing derbies that occur annually. The MPBMA, in consultation with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission), requested the lake be managed under Commonwealth Inland Waters regulations (58 Pa. Code § 61.1). Given the desire to manage the lake under Commonwealth Inland Waters regulations, this water must be removed from the Big Bass program (58 Pa. Code § 65.9).

A notice of proposed designation was published at 55 Pa.B. 4158 (June 14, 2025) (Exhibit K). The Commission did not receive any public comments relating to this proposal.

Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission remove Carsonia Lake, Berks County, from the Big Bass program (58 Pa. Code § 65.9). If approved, the designation will go into effect January 1, 2026.

Action:



NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Special Regulation Designation; Removal of Carsonia Lake; Big Bass Program

[55 Pa.B. 4158] [Saturday, June 14, 2025]

The Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) took the following action with respect to waters subject to 58 Pa. Code Chapter 65 (relating to special fishing regulations), effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

58 Pa. Code § 65.9. Big bass

The Commission removed the following water from its list of "big bass" waters regulated and managed under 58 Pa. Code § 65.9 (relating to big bass):

County Water

Berks Carsonia Lake

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER, Executive Director

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DESIGNATIONS

B. Addition of Leaser Lake, Lehigh County, to the Panfish Enhancement program (58 Pa. Code § 65.11) for sunfish.

Commentary:

Leaser Lake, a 117-acre impoundment owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and managed by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission), is located in Lynn Township, Lehigh County, approximately 20 miles west-northwest of the City of Allentown. The dam impounds two unnamed tributaries to Ontelaunee Creek at river mile 0.38 upstream from its confluence with Ontelaunee Creek. This reservoir was completely dewatered in 2009 to complete dam and spillway repairs and modifications per Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Dam Safety standards. Following completion of these repairs and modifications, refill occurred in 2013, and the Commission resumed annual adult trout stocking to provide immediate angling opportunities. Additionally, the Commission stocked the lake from 2013 through 2020 with select fish species to establish a high-quality, warm-water and cool-water fishery.

The black bass and panfish populations were evaluated from 2016 through May 2021 to monitor progress towards the development of the fishery. Sportfish abundance and population size structure improved to levels where populations could sustain limited harvest, and the reservoir was added to the Big Bass program (58 Pa. Code § 65.9) and Panfish Enhancement program (58 Pa. Code § 65.11) for crappies and Yellow Perch in 2022.

Further panfish evaluations conducted in 2024 documented a robust Bluegill population, with majority of the fish captured being greater than seven inches in total length. Given the shift in Bluegill size structure and the propensity of anglers to harvest Bluegills, a more restrictive regulation is needed to conserve and enhance the fishery. As such, it is recommended this reservoir be managed with Panfish Enhancement regulations (58 Pa. Code § 65.11) for sunfish, in addition to crappies and Yellow Perch. Panfish Enhancement regulations allow for year-round harvest of sunfish (Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, and Redear Sunfish) greater than or equal to seven inches in length with a daily limit of 20. When Panfish Enhancement regulations apply to more than one species in the same waterway, the creel limit is 20 for each species with the total creel not to exceed 50 panfish combined. All other fish species not managed under these special regulations will be managed with Commonwealth Inland Waters regulations (58 Pa. Code § 61.1).

A notice of proposed designation was published at 55 Pa.B. 4158 (June 14, 2025) (Exhibit L). The Commission did not receive any public comments relating to this proposal.

Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission add Leaser Lake, Lehigh County, to the Panfish Enhancement program (58 Pa. Code § 65.9) for sunfish. If approved, the designation will go into effect January 1, 2026.

Action:

EXHIBIT L

NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Special Regulation Designation; Addition of Leaser Lake; Panfish Enhancement Program

[55 Pa.B. 4158] [Saturday, June 14, 2025]

The Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) took the following action with respect to waters subject to 58 Pa. Code Chapter 65 (relating to special fishing regulations), effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

58 Pa. Code § 65.11. Panfish enhancement

The Commission added the following water to its list of "panfish enhancement" waters regulated and managed under 58 Pa. Code § 65.11 (relating to panfish enhancement):

County Water

Lehigh Leaser Lake

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER, Executive Director

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FISHERIES

DESIGNATIONS

C. Proposed changes to the list of Class A wild trout streams (58 Pa. Code § 57.8a).

Commentary:

During recent surveys, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) staff documented 28 additional stream sections to have Class A wild trout populations. Exhibit M provides information on the locations and a data summary for each of these waters.

A notice of proposed designation was published at 55 Pa.B. 3548 (May 17, 2025) (Exhibit N). The Commission received a total of seven public comments regarding the proposed additions: six support the full proposal and one supports specific waters in the proposal. Copies of all public comments were provided to the commissioners.

Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

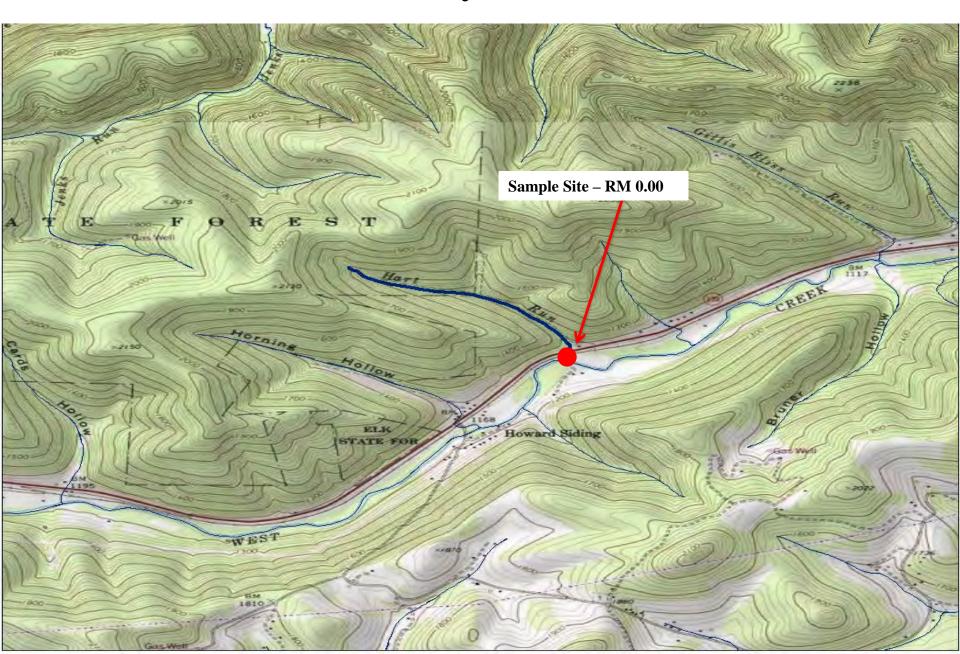
Staff recommend that the Commission add 28 stream sections to its Class A wild trout streams list as set forth in the notice of proposed changes. If approved, these additions will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

EXHIBIT M

Class A Additions

Hart Run, Cameron County



Hart Run, Cameron County

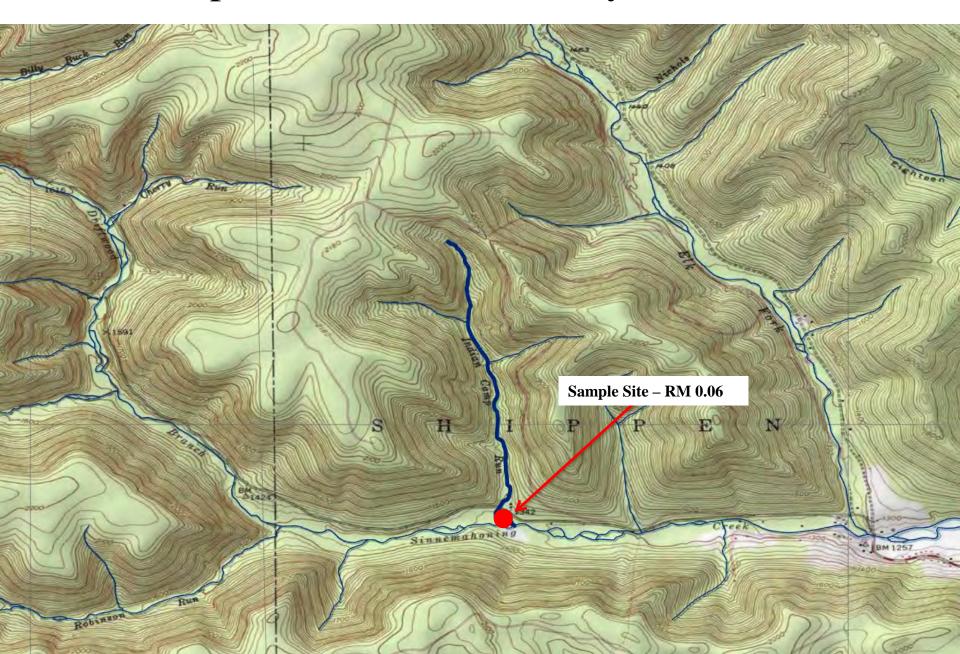
Brook Trout RM – 0.00 Site Length – 155 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	16	2.83	103
3	3	1.26	19
6	1	2.93	6
7	2	9.13	13
8	1	6.61	6
9	2	18.80	13
10	1	12.94	6
Total	26	54.50	166

Brown Trout RM – 0.00 Site Length – 155 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
5	1	1.87	6
6	1	3.13	6
11	1	16.92	6
Total	3	21.92	18

Indian Camp Run, Cameron County



Indian Camp Run, Cameron County

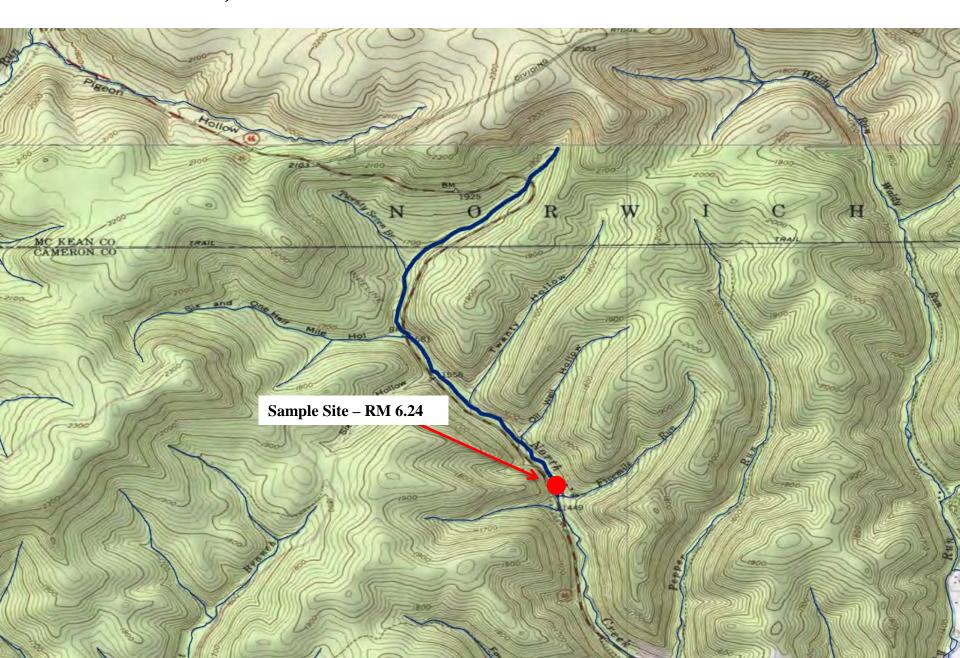
Brook Trout RM – 0.06 Site Length – 345 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	52	2.52	151
3	21	2.42	61
4	34	9.08	99
5	19	9.07	55
6	5	4.02	14
7	1	1.25	3
8	4	7.24	12
Total	136	35.60	395

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Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	5	0.25	14
3	2	0.25	6
4	7	1.96	20
6	1	0.86	3
Total	15	3.32	43

North Creek, Cameron/McKean Counties



North Creek, Cameron/McKean Counties

Brook Trout RM – 6.24 Site Length – 440 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
,	1.0	0.70	10
2	19	0.58	43
4	9	1.51	20
5	11	3.30	25
6	17	8.57	39
7	8	6.28	18
8	3	3.41	7
9	2	3.23	5
Total	69	26.88	157

Brown Trout RM – 6.24 Site Length – 440 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	2	0.03	5
2	1	0.03	2
4	1	0.18	2
5	1	0.32	2
7	2	1.65	5
8	1	1.19	2
10	3	6.72	7
13	1	4.69	2
14	1	5.81	2
16	1	8.55	2
Total	14	29.17	31

Robinson Run, Cameron/Elk Counties



Robinson Run, Cameron/Elk Counties

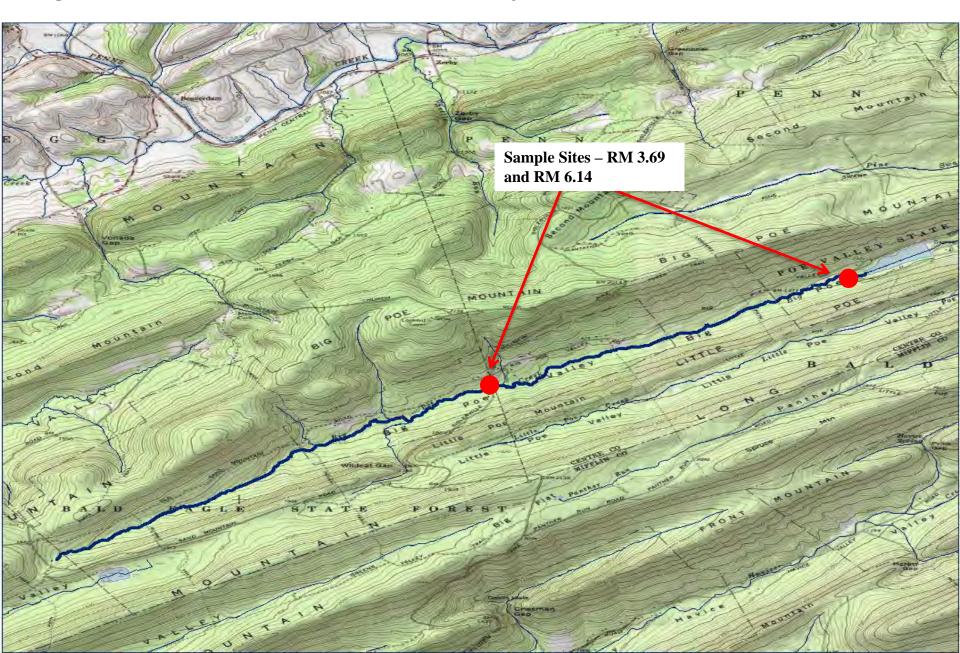
Brook Trout RM – 0.04 Site Length – 350 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	44	3.01	183
3	19	3.47	89
4	20	7.02	77
5	7	4.18	26
6	5	3.91	14
7	5	6.08	14
8	4	7.05	11
Total	104	34.72	414

Brown Trout RM – 0.04 Site Length – 350 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	35	2.47	146
3	5	0.60	14
4	7	1.91	20
5	1	0.50	3
11	1	4.51	3
12	2	11.56	6
Total	51	21.55	192

Big Poe Creek, Centre County



Big Poe Creek, Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 3.69 Site Length – 455 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	1	0.01	2
2	54	0.91	119
3	15	0.60	33
4	32	2.99	70
5	31	5.18	68
6	15	4.22	33
7	7	3.06	15
8	3	1.90	7
9	1	0.90	2
Total	159	19.77	349

Brown Trout RM – 3.69 Site Length – 455 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	1	0.01	2
3	1	0.04	2
4	5	0.49	11
5	2	0.36	4
6	3	0.90	7
8	4	2.66	9
9	2	1.85	4
10	3	3.74	7
11	2	3.24	4
12	2	4.16	4
14	1	3.24	2
Total	26	20.69	56

Big Poe Creek, Centre County

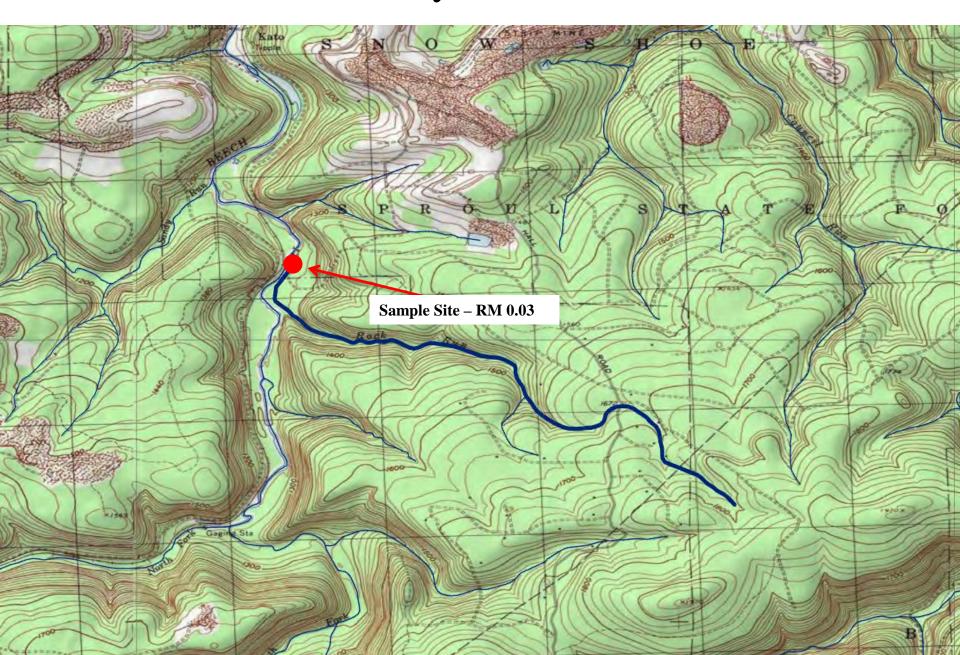
Brook Trout RM – 6.14 Site Length – 455 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	24	0.59	53
3	1	0.06	2
4	24	3.24	53
5	17	4.11	37
6	6	2.44	13
7	3	1.90	7
8	1	0.92	2
Total	76	13.26	167

Brown Trout RM – 6.14 Site Length – 455 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	10	0.10	22
2	6	0.15	13
3	10	0.63	22
4	27	3.83	59
5	18	4.68	40
6	8	3.47	18
7	11	7.31	24
8	3	2.88	7
9	6	8.03	13
10	2	3.61	4
Total	101	34.69	222

Rock Run, Centre County

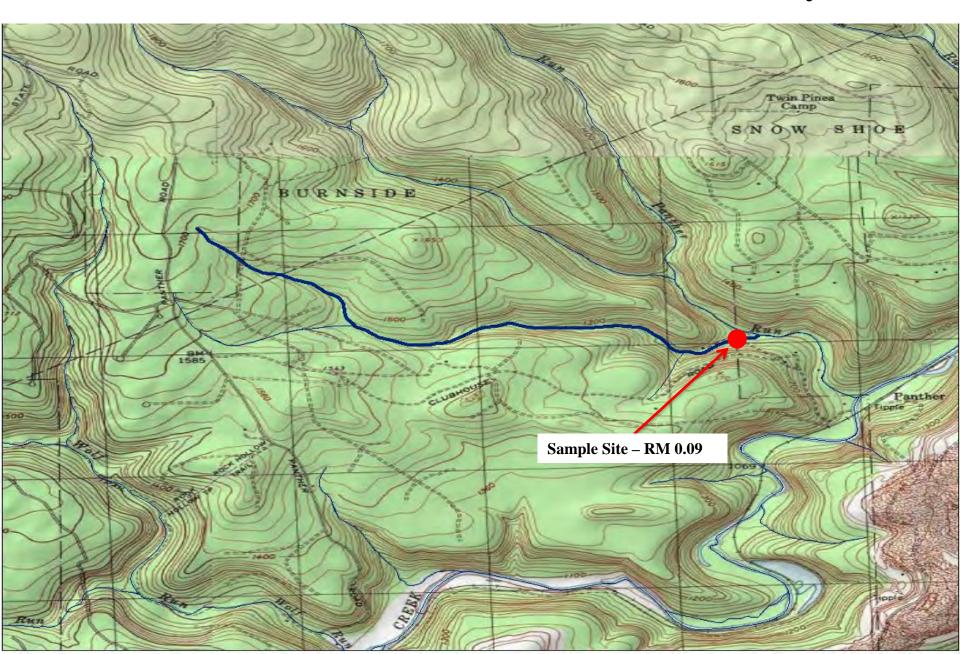


Rock Run, Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 0.03 Site Length – 450 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	118	4.44	262
3	41	3.67	91
4	57	11.84	127
5	24	8.91	53
6	11	6.87	24
7	1	0.97	2
Total	252	36.70	559

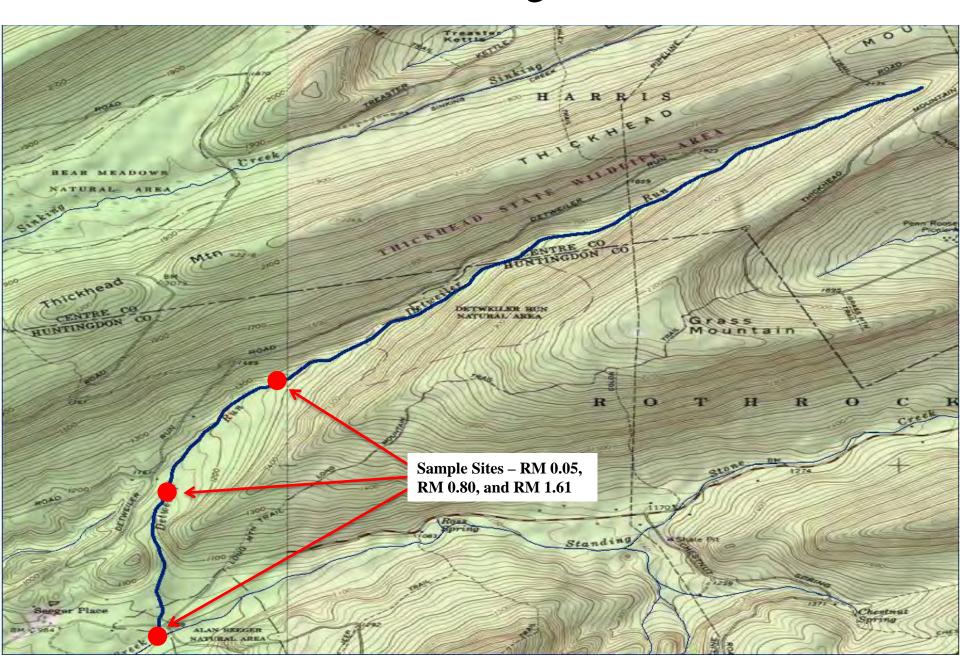
UNT to Panther Run (RM 0.57), Centre County



UNT to Panther Run (RM 0.57), Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 0.09 Site Length – 375 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	17	0.33	45
2	17	0.77	45
3	51	5.48	136
4	49	12.20	131
5	20	8.91	53
6	9	6.74	24
7	3	3.50	8
8	1	1.69	3
Total	167	39.62	445



Brook Trout RM – 0.05 Site Length – 250 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	22	0.91	88
3	12	1.18	48
4	13	2.96	52
5	10	4.07	40
6	11	7.53	44
7	1	1.06	4
Total	69	17.71	276

Brown Trout RM – 0.05 Site Length – 250 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	6	0.25	24
4	10	2.39	40
5	3	1.31	12
6	1	0.73	4
7	1	1.12	4
8	1	1.62	4
9	1	2.25	4
Total	23	9.67	92

Brook Trout RM – 0.80 Site Length – 230 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	28	1.41	122
3	7	0.84	30
4	14	3.88	61
5	15	7.44	65
6	3	2.50	13
7	3	3.89	13
Total	70	19.96	304

Brown Trout RM – 0.80 Site Length – 230 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	3	0.16	13
3	3	0.39	13
4	4	1.17	17
5	12	6.40	52
6	3	2.67	13
7	4	5.46	17
8	2	3.95	9
9	4	10.98	17
13	1	7.77	4
Total	36	38.95	155

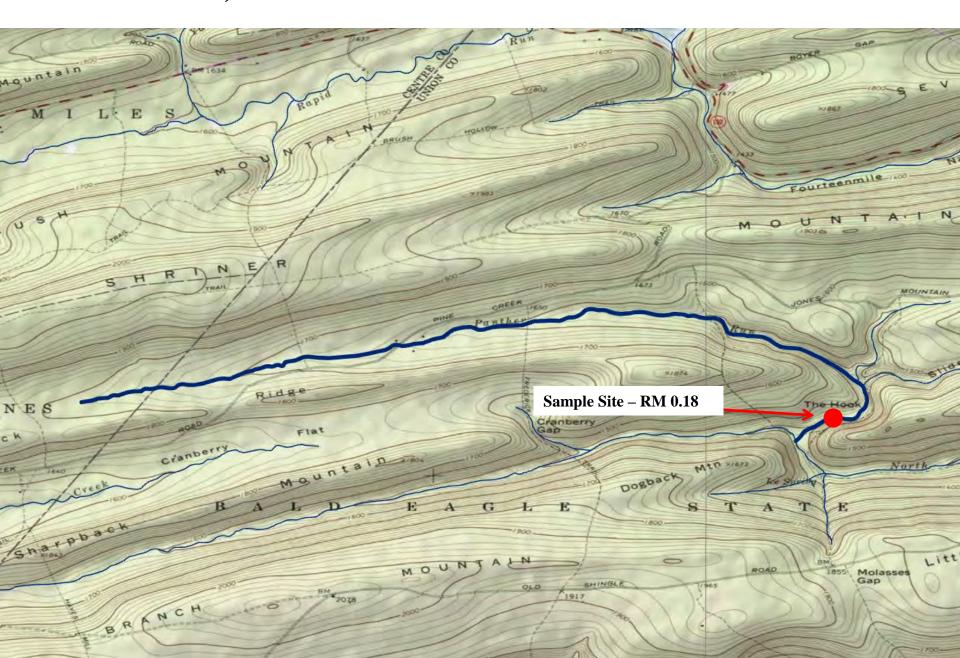
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Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	12	0.61	48
4	11	3.10	44
5	20	10.06	80
6	4	3.39	16
7	3	3.95	12
9	2	5.43	8
Total	52	26.54	208

Brown Trout RM –1.61 Site Length – 250 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
4	2	0.59	8
5	2	1.08	8
6	1	0.90	4
7	2	2.77	8
10	1	3.76	4
11	2	9.77	8
Total	10	18.87	40

Panther Run, Centre/Union Counties



Panther Run, Centre/Union Counties

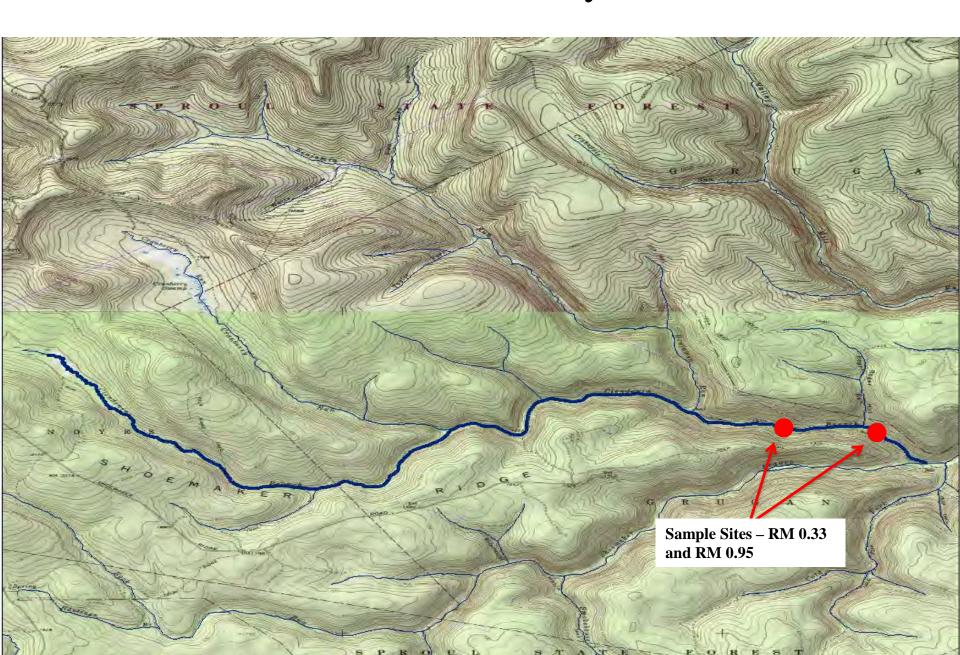
Brook Trout RM – 0.18 Site Length – 500 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	23	0.49	46
3	56	2.84	112
4	71	8.35	142
5	66	13.88	132
6	29	10.26	58
7	10	5.51	20
8	5	3.99	10
Total	260	45.32	520

Brown Trout RM – 0.18 Site Length – 500 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	1	0.02	2
5	1	0.23	2
12	2	5.23	4
13	1	3.29	2
Total	5	8.77	10

Clendenin Branch, Clinton County



Clendenin Branch, Clinton County

Brook Trout RM – 0.33 Site Length – 550 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	19	0.17	35
3	3	0.06	5
4	50	3.18	116
5	26	2.84	58
6	14	2.99	36
7	14	4.41	35
8	8	3.03	16
Total	134	16.68	301

Brown Trout RM -0.33Site Length -550 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	1	0.00	2
3	3	0.07	5
4	11	0.57	20
5	6	0.57	11
6	12	2.23	25
7	10	2.93	22
8	16	6.36	33
9	11	6.39	24
10	8	5.97	16
11	4	3.45	7
12	2	2.21	4
Total	84	30.75	169

Clendenin Branch, Clinton County

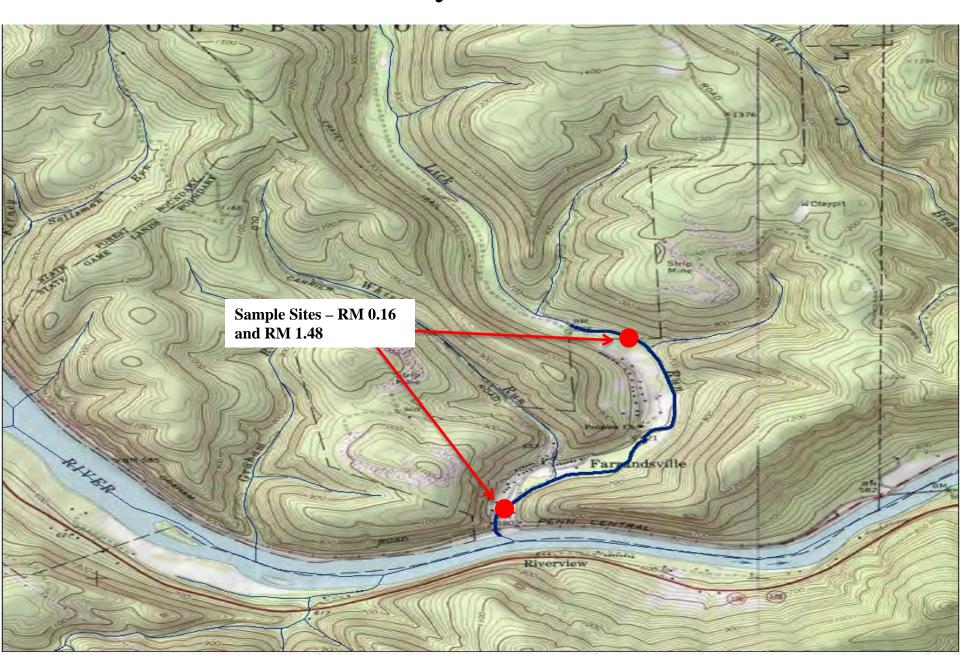
Brook Trout RM – 0.95 Site Length – 555 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	51	0.48	92
3	13	0.29	23
4	80	4.17	144
5	46	4.28	83
6	19	2.98	34
7	15	3.66	27
8	13	4.59	23
9	3	1.51	5
Total	240	21.96	431

Brown Trout RM – 0.95 Site Length – 555 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	2	0.01	4
2	1	0.01	2
3	15	0.36	27
4	12	0.66	22
5	5	0.50	9
6	5	0.84	9
7	5	1.28	9
8	5	1.85	9
9	4	2.06	7
10	5	3.48	9
11	6	5.43	11
Total	65	16.48	118

Lick Run, Clinton County



Lick Run, Clinton County

Brook Trout RM – 0.16 Site Length – 185 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	2	0.04	11
7	1	0.52	5
8	1	0.75	5
Total	4	1.31	21

Brown Trout RM – 0.16 Site Length – 185 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	1	0.02	5
6	3	1.06	16
7	5	2.71	27
8	5	3.92	27
9	2	2.18	11
10	2	2.94	11
11	1	1.91	5
12	3	7.34	16
13	2	6.16	11
14	4	15.26	22
15	1	4.66	5
16	1	5.61	5
19	1	9.68	5
Total	31	63.45	166

Lick Run, Clinton County

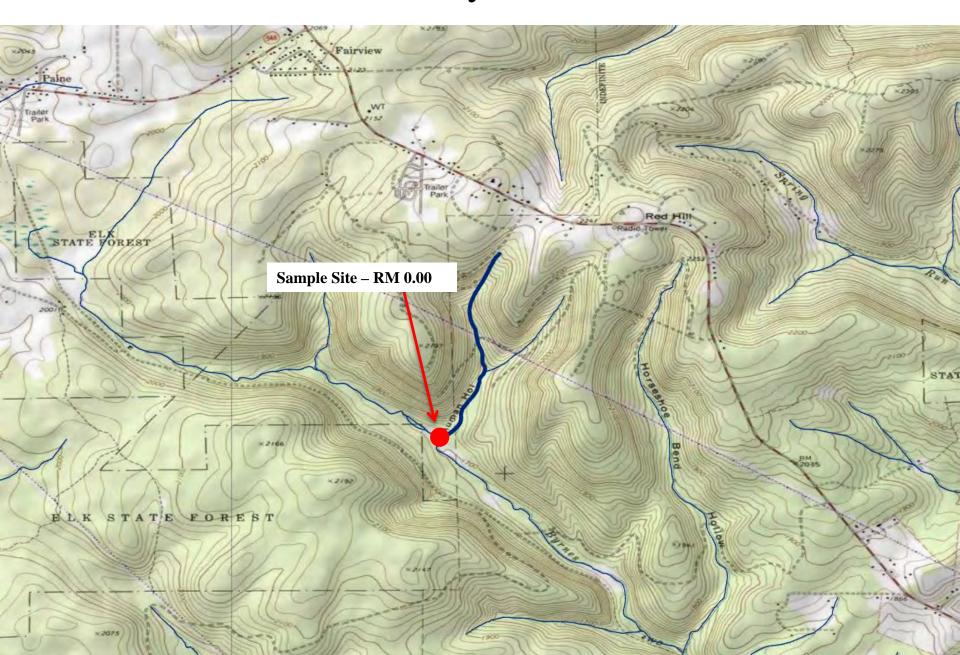
Brook Trout RM – 1.48 Site Length – 160 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	3	0.07	19
4	1	0.12	6
5	6	1.31	38
6	2	0.73	13
7	2	1.14	13
Total	14	3.37	89

Brown Trout RM – 1.48 Site Length – 160 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	2	0.05	13
4	5	0.64	31
5	14	3.75	100
6	3	1.17	19
7	7	4.20	44
8	3	2.60	19
9	2	2.41	13
10	1	1.63	6
11	2	4.23	13
12	2	5.42	13
13	1	3.41	6
14	2	8.45	13
18	1	9.36	6
Total	45	47.32	296

Auman Hollow, Elk County



Auman Hollow, Elk County

Brook Trout RM – 0.00 Site Length – 175 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	1	0.05	6
2	39	5.00	223
3	4	1.22	23
4	29	20.51	166
5	9	11.38	51
6	3	6.38	17
7	1	3.31	6
Total	86	47.85	492

Billy Buck Run, Elk County



Billy Buck Run, Elk County

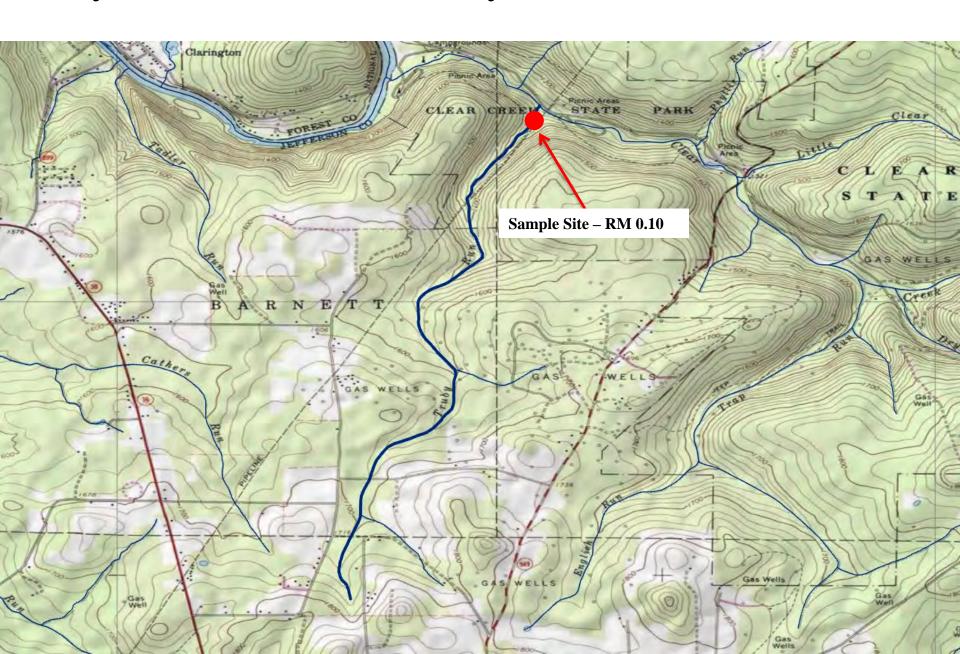
Brook Trout RM – 0.22 Site Length – 250 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	6	0.39	24
3	19	2.96	76
4	9	3.25	36
5	11	7.10	44
6	4	4.34	16
7	5	8.45	20
8	2	4.90	8
9	2	6.96	8
Total	58	38.35	232

Brown Trout RM – 0.22 Site Length – 250 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
5	2	1.39	8
7	1	1.78	4
8	2	5.14	8
Total	5	8.31	20

Truby Run, Jefferson County

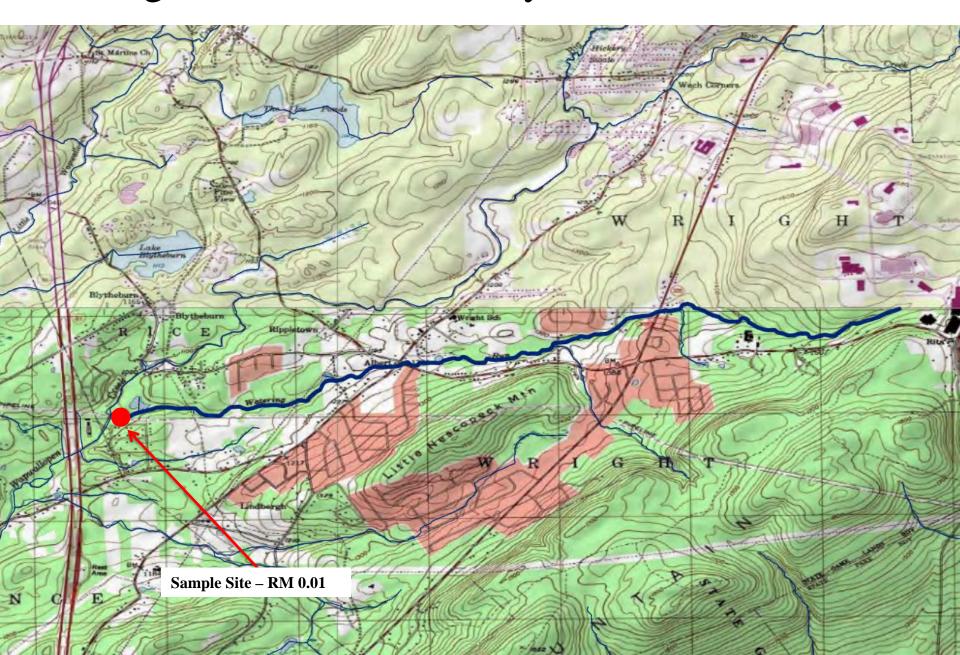


Truby Run, Jefferson County

Brook Trout RM –Site 0.10 Length – 495 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	7	0.06	14
2	60	1.23	121
3	5	0.24	10
4	77	8.74	156
5	53	10.75	107
6	25	8.53	51
7	1	0.53	2
8	1	0.77	2
Total	229	30.85	463

Watering Run, Luzerne County

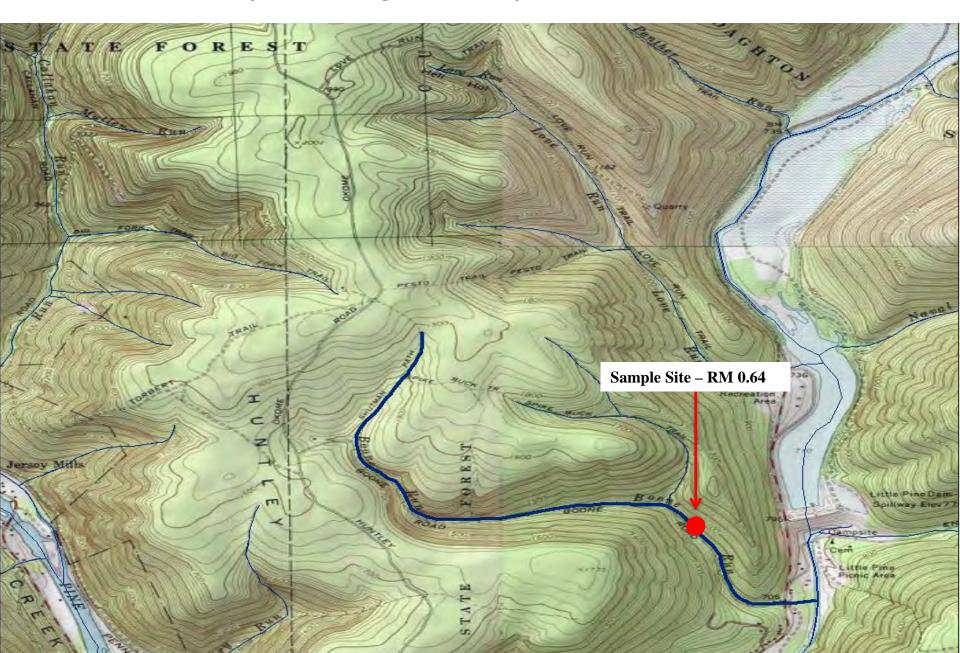


Watering Run, Luzerne County

Brown Trout RM – 0.01 Site Length – 420 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	61	0.98	145
3	22	0.88	52
5	27	4.48	64
6	30	8.31	71
7	9	3.82	21
8	18	11.04	43
9	7	5.97	17
10	2	2.30	5
11	4	5.99	10
12	1	1.92	2
14	2	5.98	5
17	1	5.43	2
Total	184	57.10	437

Boone Run, Lycoming County

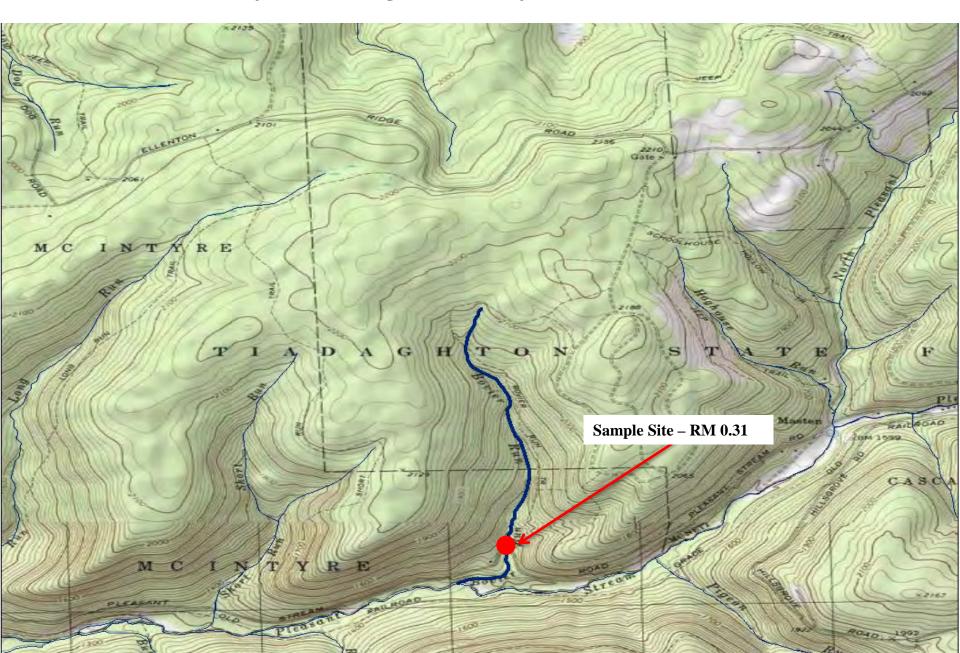


Boone Run, Lycoming County

Brook Trout RM – 0.64 Site Length – 450 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	28	1.00	62
3	7	0.59	16
4	64	12.60	142
5	34	11.97	76
6	14	8.29	31
7	4	3.69	9
Total	151	38.14	336

Bovier Run, Lycoming County



Bovier Run, Lycoming County

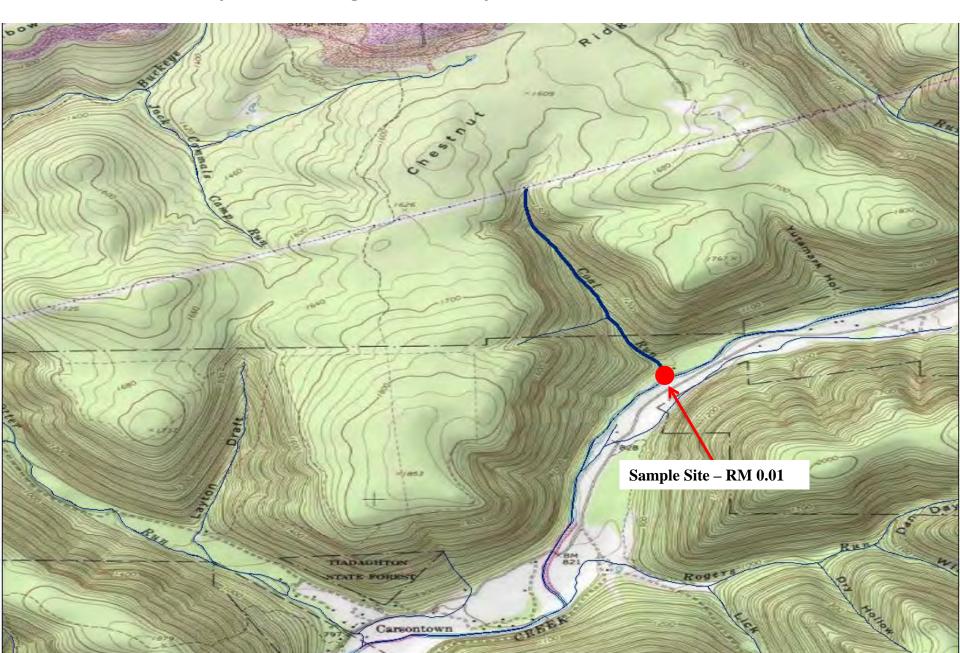
Brook Trout RM – 0.31 Site Length – 260 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	23	0.56	88
2	32	1.80	123
3	14	1.88	54
4	29	10.26	127
5	10	7.23	50
6	10	12.16	50
7	1	1.46	4
8	1	2.11	4
Total	120	37.46	500

Brown Trout RM – 0.31 Site Length – 260 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	1	0.14	4
Total	1	0.14	4

Coal Run, Lycoming County



Coal Run, Lycoming County

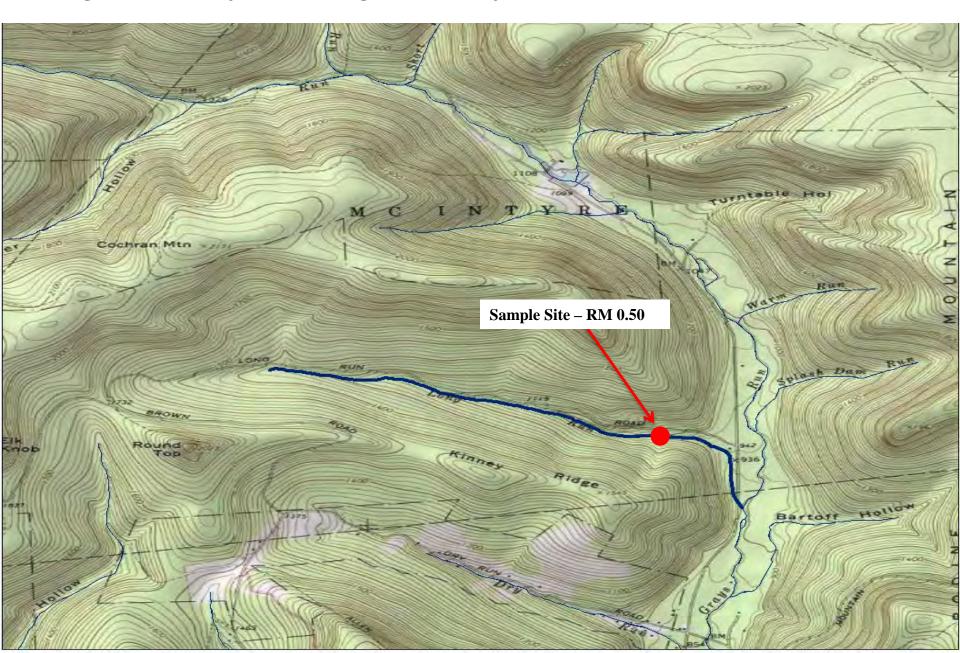
Brook Trout RM – 0.01 Site Length – 190 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	75	10.74	453
3	20	6.54	116
4	5	3.45	26
5	1	1.23	5
6	3	6.22	16
7	1	3.23	5
Total	105	31.41	621

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Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	5	0.64	26
3	2	0.64	11
Total	7	1.28	37

Long Run, Lycoming County



Long Run, Lycoming County

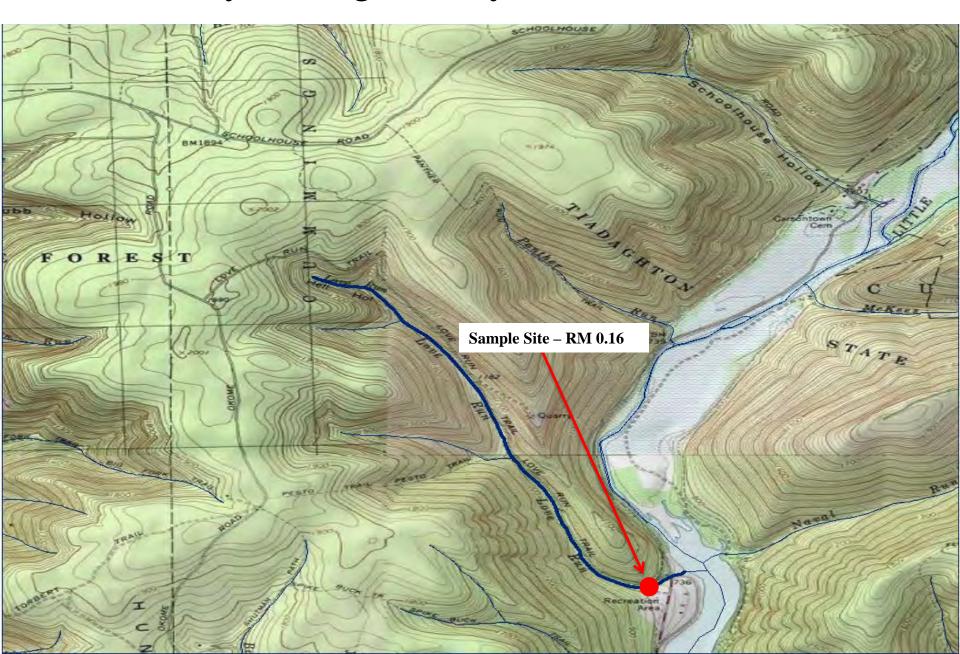
Brook Trout RM – 0.50 Site Length – 325 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	7	0.11	22
2	37	1.41	114
4	26	5.48	80
5	14	5.28	43
6	5	3.17	15
7	6	5.92	18
Total	95	21.37	292

Brown Trout RM – 0.50 Site Length – 325 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	2	0.20	6
4	7	1.55	22
5	1	0.41	3
6	4	2.71	12
7	2	2.08	6
9	1	2.09	3
10	1	2.82	3
11	2	7.32	6
13	1	5.91	3
Total	21	25.09	64

Love Run, Lycoming County



Love Run, Lycoming County

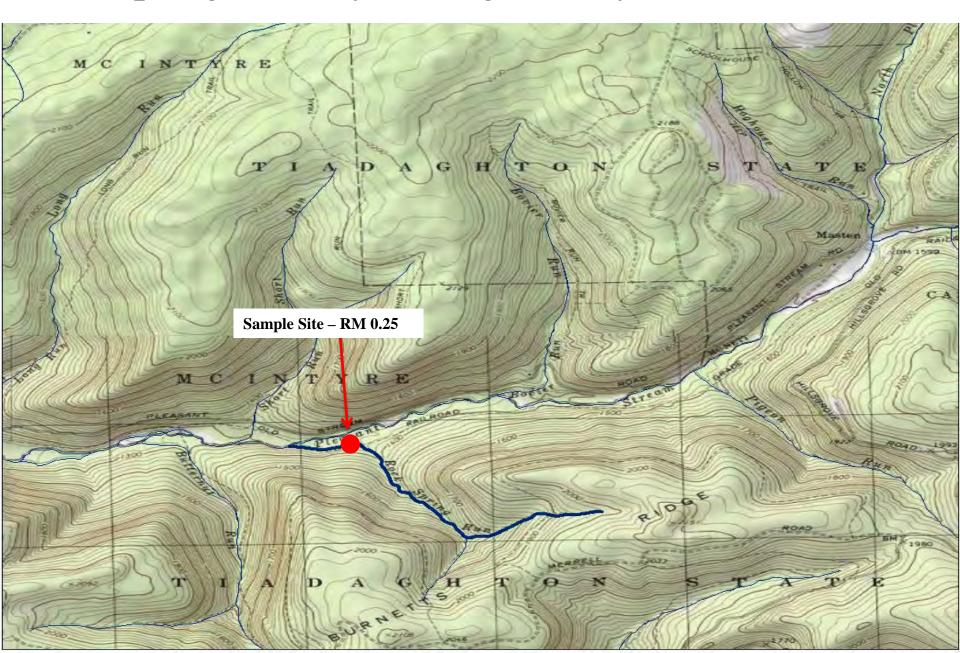
Brook Trout RM – 0.16 Site Length – 365 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	44	4.25	397
3	28	3.00	118
4	39	7.61	129
5	17	6.08	58
6	7	3.90	22
7	2	1.52	5
8	5	6.59	16
9	1	1.56	3
Total	143	34.51	748

Brown Trout RM – 0.16 Site Length – 365 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	1	0.03	3
3	13	1.35	49
4	2	0.34	5
5	1	0.31	3
Total	17	2.03	60

Rock Spring Run, Lycoming County

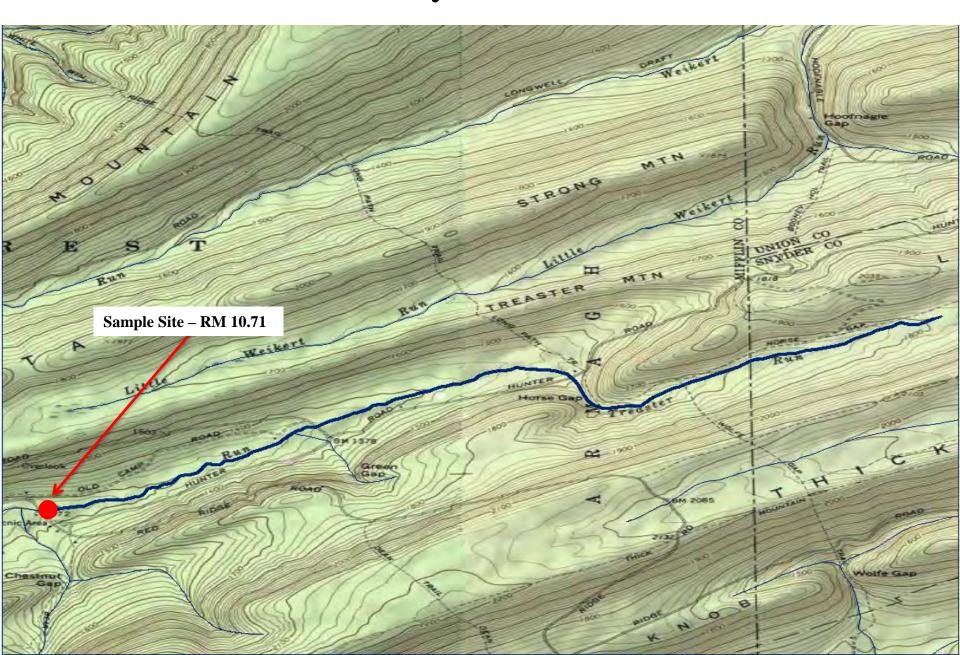


Rock Spring Run, Lycoming County

Brook Trout RM – 0.25 Site Length – 230 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	12	0.35	52
2	35	2.37	152
3	1	0.16	4
4	14	5.22	61
5	18	12.00	78
6	3	3.37	13
7	4	6.98	17
Total	87	30.45	377

Treaster Run, Mifflin/Snyder Counties



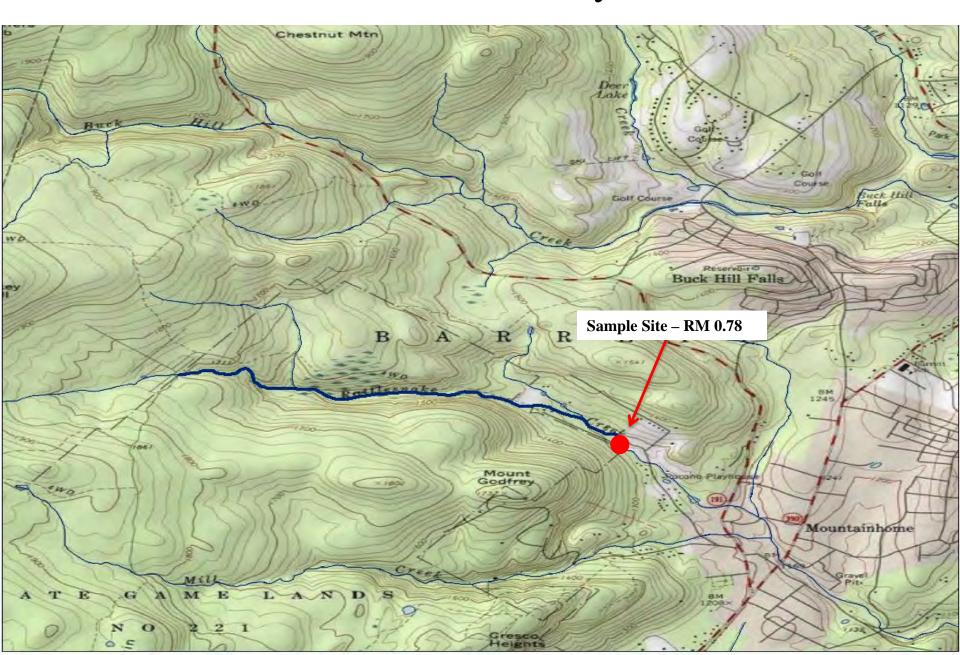
Treaster Run, Mifflin/Snyder Counties

Brook Trout RM – 10.71 Site Length – 555 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	85	4.96	546
3	7	0.27	13
4	59	7.23	144
5	27	5.17	58
6	20	10.60	70
7	4	1.69	7
8	1	0.61	2
Total	203	30.53	840

Brown Trout RM – 10.71 Site Length – 555 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	3	0.02	5
2	9	0.15	16
3	21	1.26	54
4	49	5.89	112
5	26	5.74	59
6	18	6.10	38
7	4	1.78	7
8	5	3.86	11
9	3	2.68	5
10	3	3.62	5
14	1	3.13	2
Total	142	34.23	314

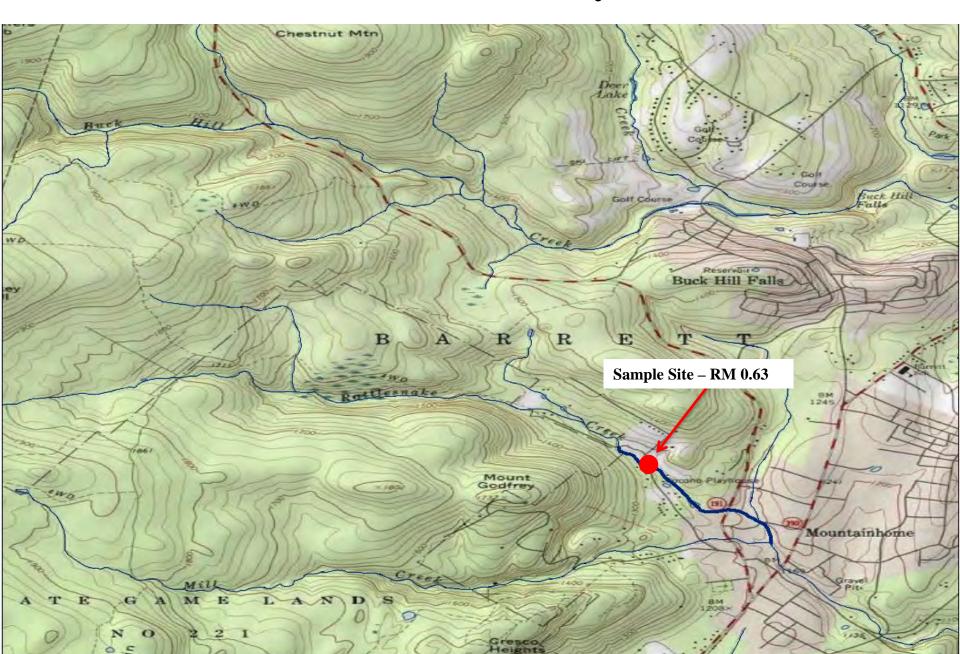


Brook Trout RM – 0.78 Site Length – 283 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	1	0.03	4
3	7	0.48	25
4	28	4.46	99
5	24	6.83	85
6	12	5.75	42
7	5	3.73	18
8	4	4.32	14
9	1	1.54	4
10	1	2.11	4
Total	83	29.25	295

 $\begin{array}{c} Brown \ Trout \ RM - 0.78 \\ Site \ Length - 283 \ meters \end{array}$

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	1	0.03	4
3	7	0.52	25
4	17	2.84	60
5	9	2.76	32
6	10	5.12	35
7	7	5.49	25
8	3	3.40	11
Total	54	20.16	192



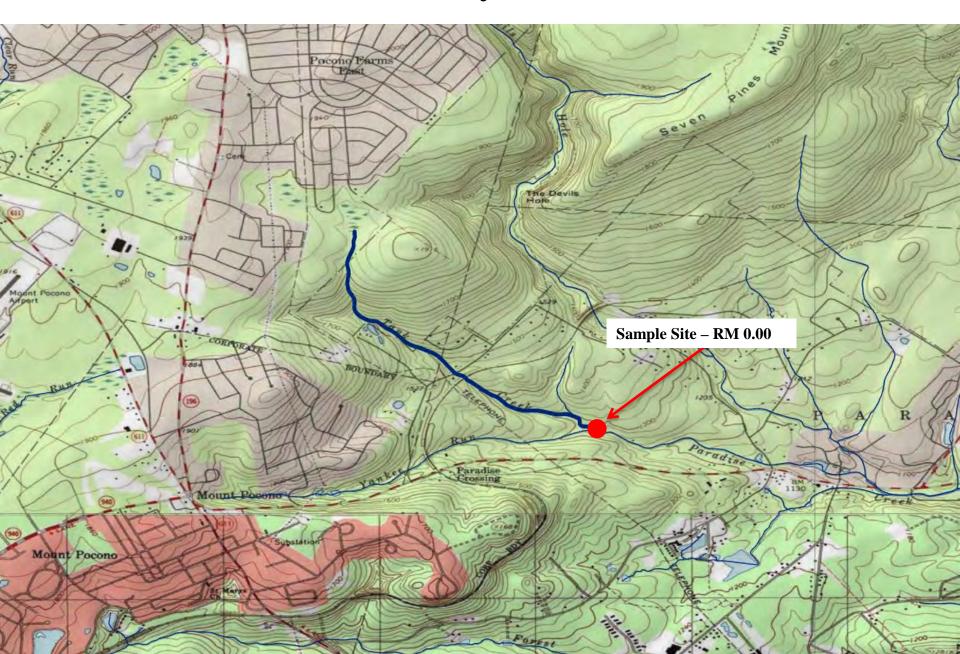
Brook Trout RM – 0.63 Site Length – 134 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	2	0.13	15
3	1	0.15	7
4	15	7.05	149
5	4	2.52	30
6	7	9.55	67
7	2	3.30	15
Total	31	22.70	283

 $\begin{array}{c} Brown\ Trout\ RM-0.63 \\ Site\ Length-134\ meters \end{array}$

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	31	13.28	604
4	32	17.04	343
5	17	20.35	224
6	3	3.40	22
7	1	1.74	7
8	1	2.51	7
11	2	12.25	15
Total	87	70.57	1222

Tank Creek, Monroe County

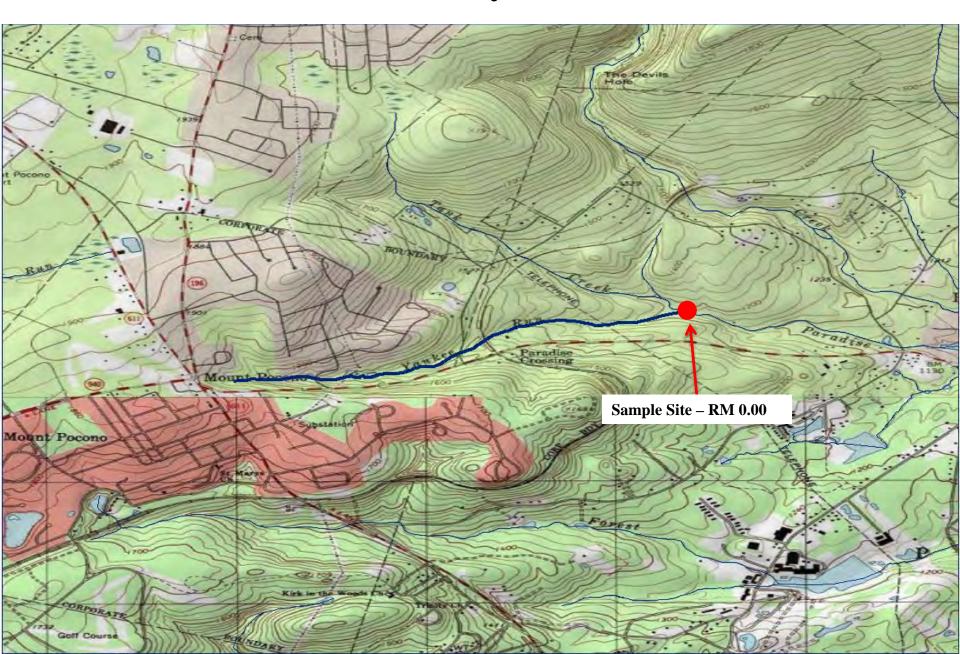


Tank Creek, Monroe County

Brown Trout RM – 0.00 Site Length – 260 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	49	2.77	188
4	82	10.47	315
5	51	11.92	196
6	46	17.96	177
7	18	10.76	69
8	14	12.10	54
9	2	2.41	8
10	2	3.25	8
12	1	2.70	4
Total	265	74.34	1019

Yankee Run, Monroe County



Yankee Run, Monroe County

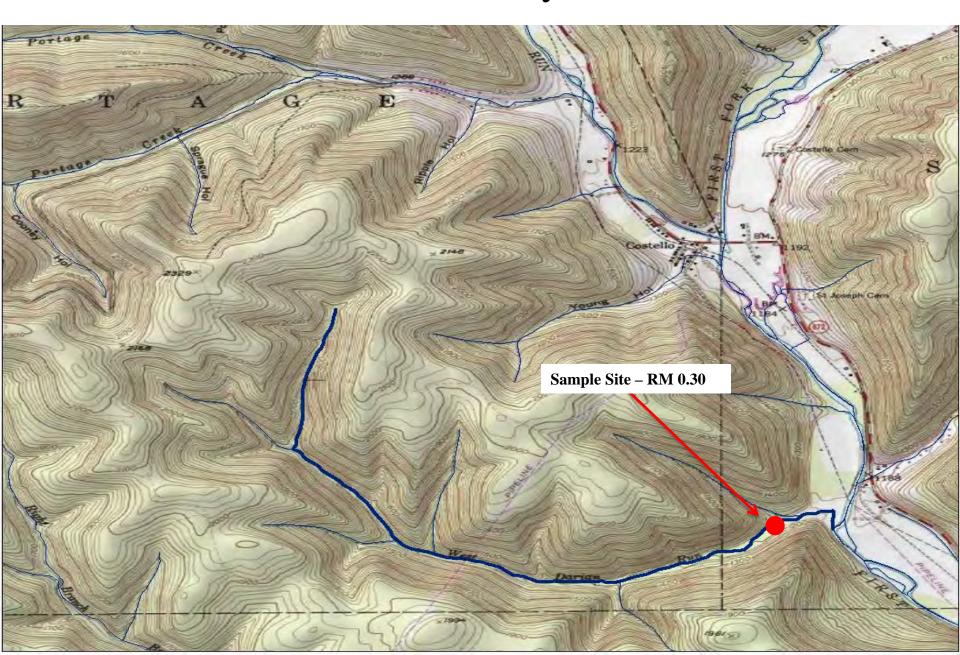
Brook Trout RM – 0.00 Site Length – 405 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
5	1	0.24	2
6	1	0.40	2
Total	2	0.64	4

Brown Trout RM - 0.00Site Length -405 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	6	0.37	15
4	32	4.42	79
5	42	10.63	104
6	36	15.22	89
7	32	20.72	79
8	14	13.11	35
9	4	5.21	10
10	4	7.03	10
Total	170	76.71	421

West Darian Run, Potter County



West Darian Run, Potter County

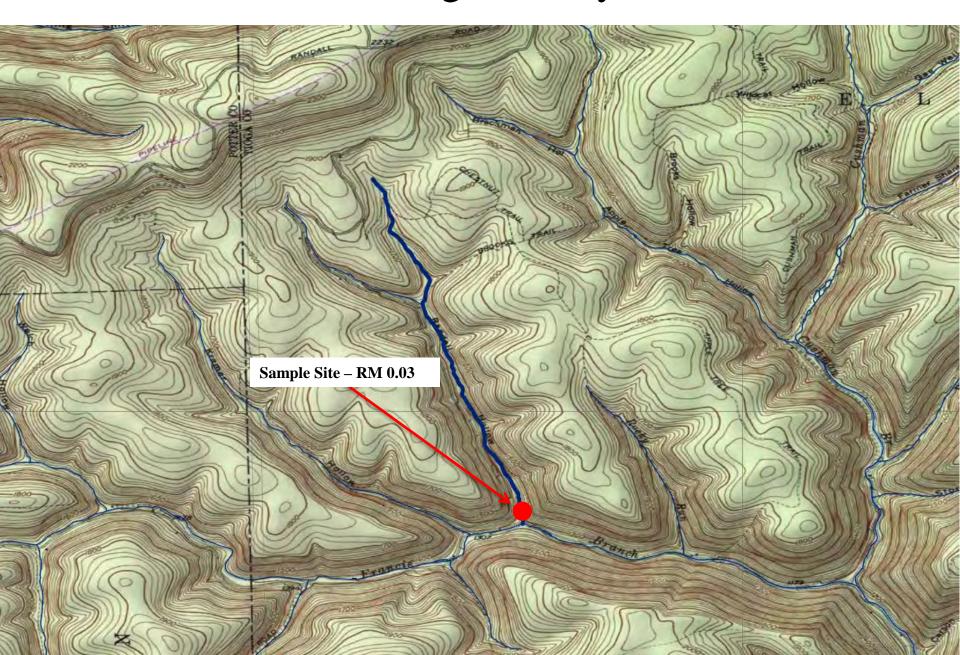
Brook Trout RM – 0.30 Site Length – 530 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch Estimated Kg/Ha		Estimated Number/Km							
2	49	2.14	170							
3	80	5.83	194							
4	56	8.41	121							
5	23	6.34	51							
6	13	5.93	28							
7	4	3.07	9							
8	1	0.89	2							
9	5	7.60	11							
Total	231	40.21	586							

Brown Trout RM – 0.30 Site Length – 530 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km		
2	2	0.05	4		
3	4	0.24	8		
Total	6	0.29	12		

Randall Hollow Run, Tioga County



Randall Hollow Run, Tioga County

Brook Trout RM – 0.03 Site Length – 330 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	29	1.83	121
3	2	0.22	6
4	49	14.88	179
5	18	9.02	61
6	11	9.11	36
7	2	2.36	6
Total	111	37.42	409



NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Proposed Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Streams; July 2025

[55 Pa.B. 3545] [Saturday, May 17, 2025]

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 July 28, 2025.

County	Stream	Section	Limits	Tributary to	Mouth Lat/Lon	Trout	Trout			Survey year
Cameron	Hart Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	West Creek	41.482460 78.317917	54.50	21.92	_	0.94	2024
Cameron	Indian Camp Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Driftwood Branch Sinnemahoning Creek	41.555041 78.400239		3.32	_	1.59	2024
Cameron/McKean	North Creek	1	Headwaters to Fivemile Run		41.527778 78.273611	26.88	29.17	_	2.62	2024
Cameron/Elk	Robinson Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Driftwood Branch Sinnemahoning Creek	41.555000 78.418335	34.72	21.55	_	2.13	2024
Centre	Big Poe Creek	1	Headwaters to Poe Lake	Penns Creek	40.834722 77.415556		27.72	_	4.40	2024
Centre	Rock Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Beech Creek	41.068611 77.863052	36.70	— -		2.75	2024
Centre	Unnamed tributary to Panther Run (RM 0.57)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Panther Run	41.111810 77.840690	39.62		_ -	2.21	2024
Centre/Huntingdor	n Detweiler Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Standing Stone Creek	40.694444 77.758333	21.40	22.51		4.41	2024
Centre/Union	Panther Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	North Branch Buffalo Creek	40.960833 77.180278	45.32	8.77		3.03	2024
Clinton	Clendenin Branch	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Baker Run	41.230278 77.643889	19.32	23.62		6.15	2024
Clinton	Lick Run	3	Hazard Road Bridge at State Game Lands 89 to Mouth	West Branch Susquehanna River	41.169444 77.515833	2.34	55.39	-	1.55	2024

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Elk	Auman Hollow	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Byrnes Run	41.336150 47.85 78.546390		— <u>-</u>	1.03	2024
Elk	Billy Buck Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Driftwood Branch Sinnemahoning Creek	41.583450 38.35 78.443203	8.31		1.50	2024
Jefferson	Truby Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Clear Creek	41.327221 30.85 79.092499		— -	3.06	2024
Luzerne	Watering Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Big Wapwallopen Creek	41.115556 —- 75.958056	57.10		4.25	2024
Lycoming	Boone Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Pine Creek	41.349167 38.14 77.355278			2.67	2024
Lycoming	Bovier Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Pleasant Stream	41.495625 37.46 76.844131	0.14	_	1.61	2024
Lycoming	Coal Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Pine Creek	41.425316 31.41 77.314911	1.28	— -	1.11	2024
Lycoming	Long Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Grays Run	41.459785 21.37 77.017756	25.09		1.88	2024
Lycoming	Love Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Pine Lake	41.366390 34.51 77.356110	2.03		2.19	2024
Lycoming	Rock Spring Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Pleasant Stream	41.491943 30.45 76.857224			1.35	2024
Mifflin/Snyder	Treaster Run	1	Headwaters to Treaster Valley Road	Honey Creek	40.709722 30.53 77.528056	34.23		3.41	2024
Monroe	Rattlesnake Creek	: 2	bridge Upstream boundary of State Game Lands 221 to second upstream bridge crossing on Pleasant Ridge Road	Mill Creek	41.170278 29.25 75.273889	20.16		1.63	2024
Monroe	Rattlesnake Creek	: 3	Second upstream bridge crossing on Pleasant Ridge Road to Mouth	Mill Creek	41.170278 22.70 75.273889	70.57		0.77	2024
Monroe	Tank Creek	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Paradise Creek	41.132265 —- 75.330681	74.34		1.59	2024
Monroe	Yankee Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Paradise Creek	41.131387 0.64 75.329077	76.71	— -	1.58	2024
Potter	West Darian Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek	41.572498 40.21	0.29		3.03	2024
Tioga	Randall Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Francis Branch	41.554266 37.42 77.578978		_	1.93	2024

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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.

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER, Executive Director

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DESIGNATIONS

D. Proposed changes to the list of wild trout streams (58 Pa. Code § 57.11).

Commentary:

During recent surveys, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) staff documented wild trout populations in 72 new waters and in eight waters that are currently listed, qualifying them for listing or limit revision as wild trout streams under 58 Pa. Code § 57.11. Exhibit O provides information on the locations and a data summary for each of these waters.

A notice of proposed additions and revisions was published at 55 Pa.B. 3548 (May 17, 2025) (Exhibit P). The Commission received a total of seven public comments regarding the proposed additions: six support the full proposal and one supports specific waters in the proposal. Copies of all public comments were provided to the commissioners.

Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

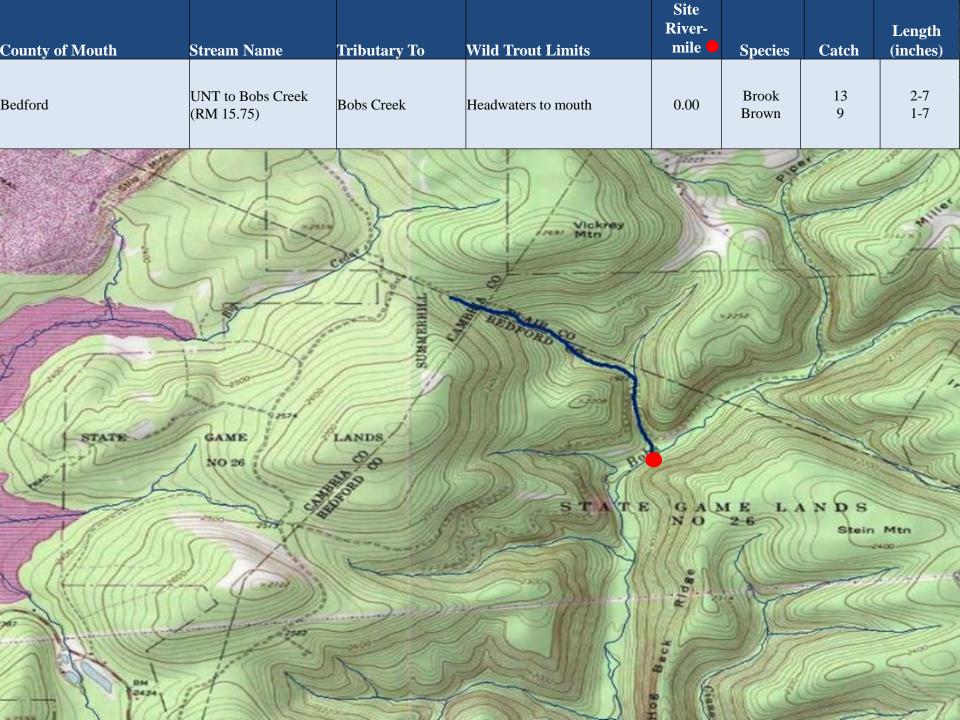
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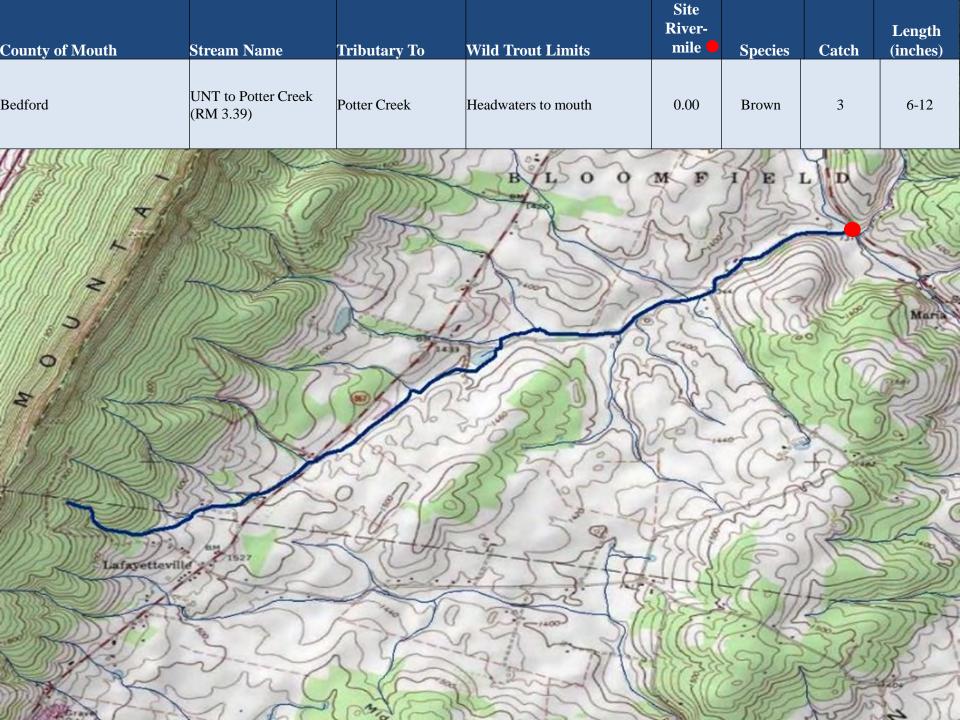
Staff recommend that the Commission add 72 streams or portions of streams to its list of wild trout streams and revise the section limits of eight waters that are currently listed as set forth in the notice of proposed changes. If approved, these additions and revisions will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

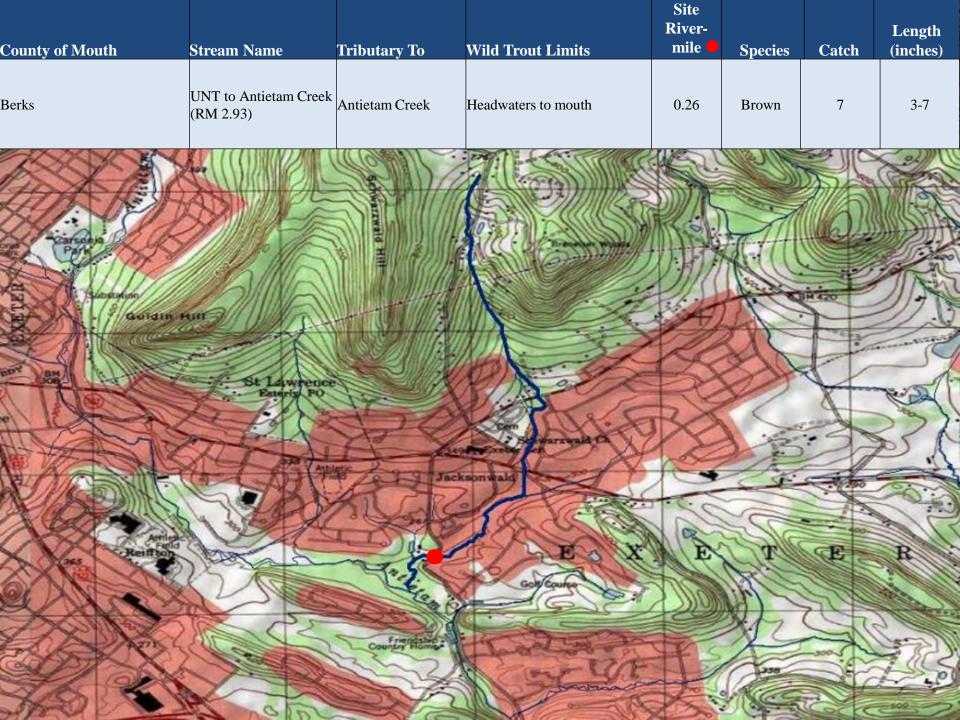
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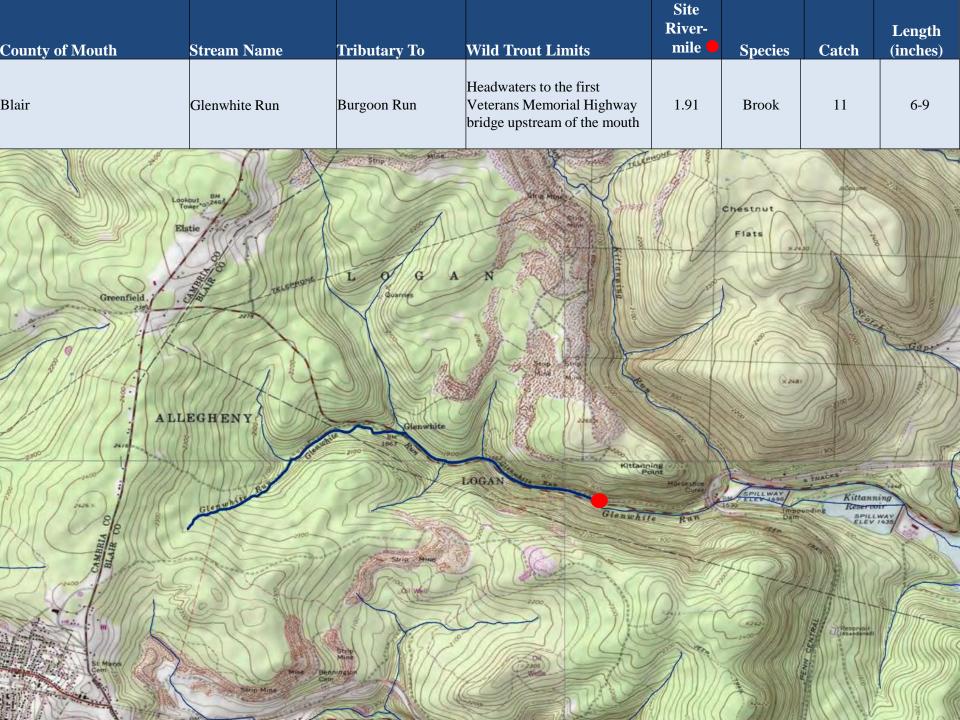
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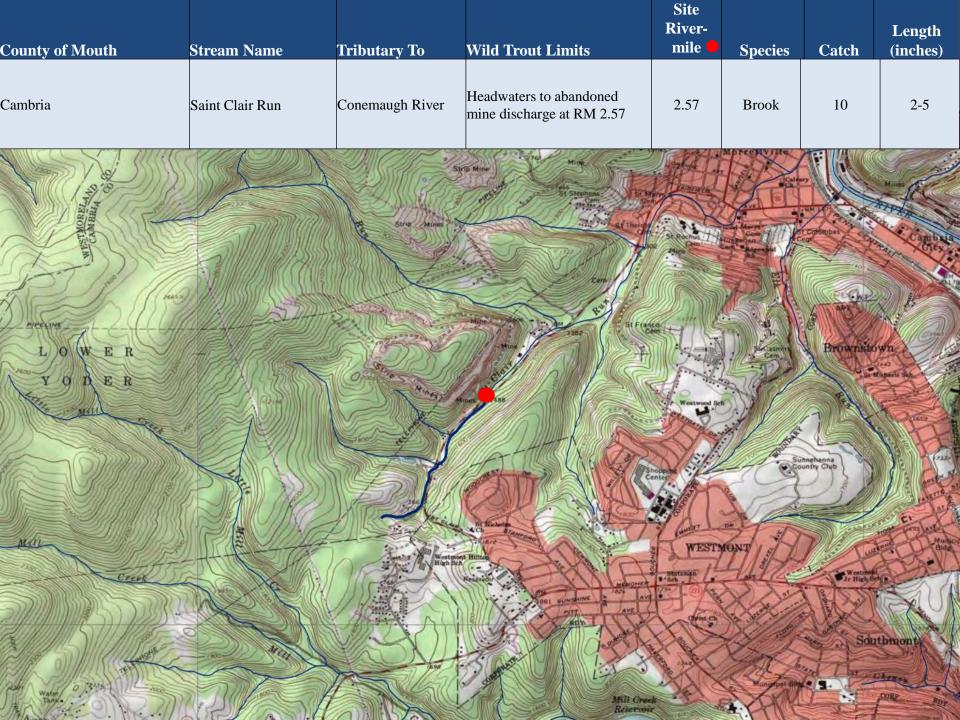
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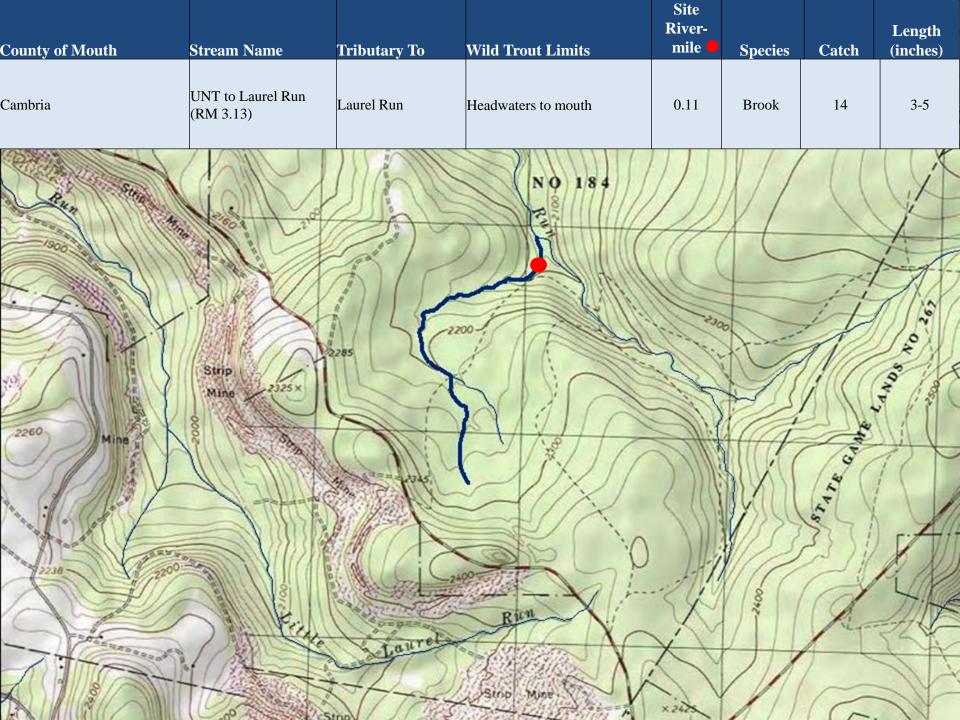


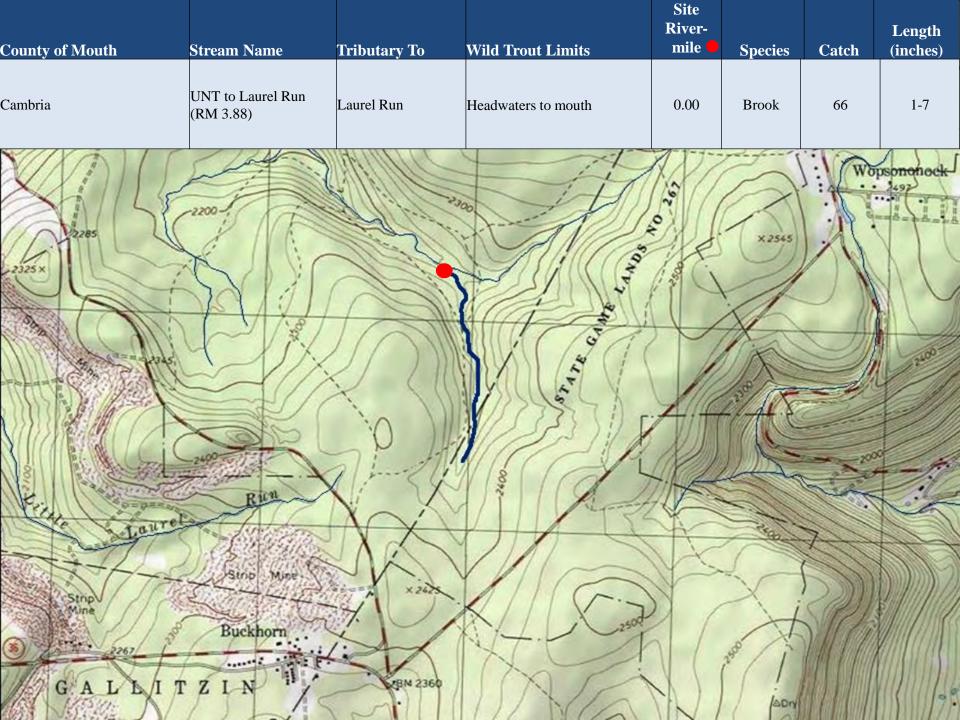


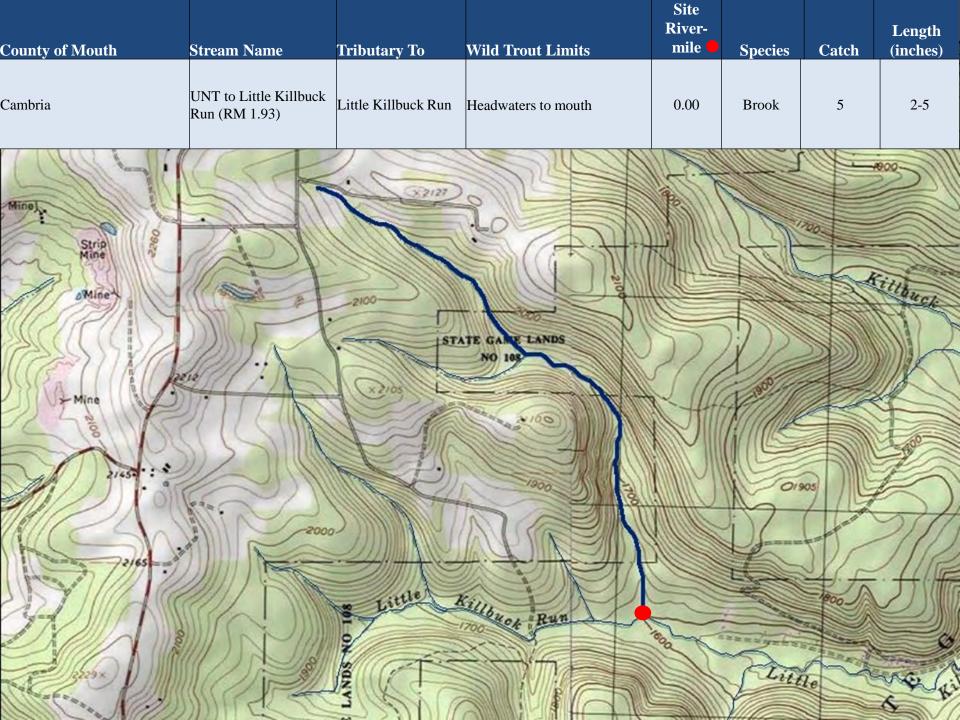




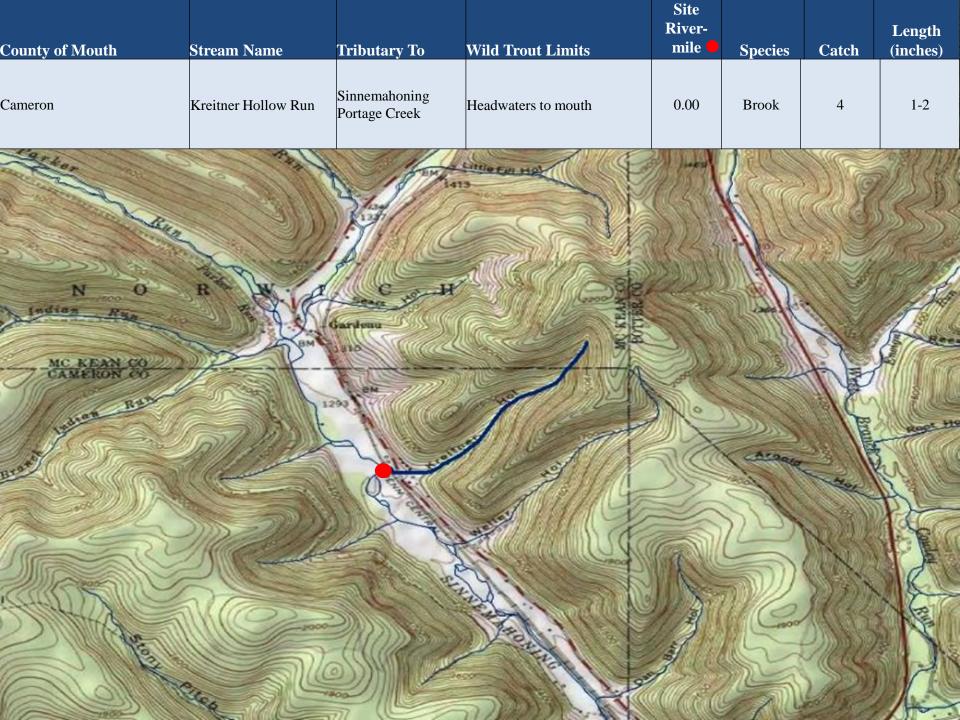




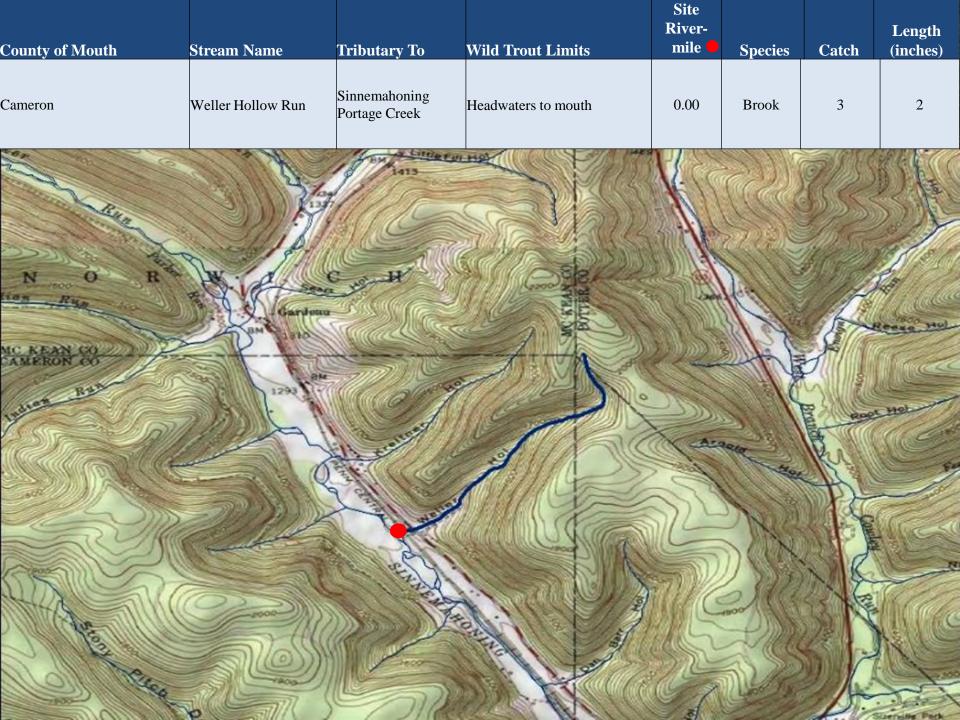


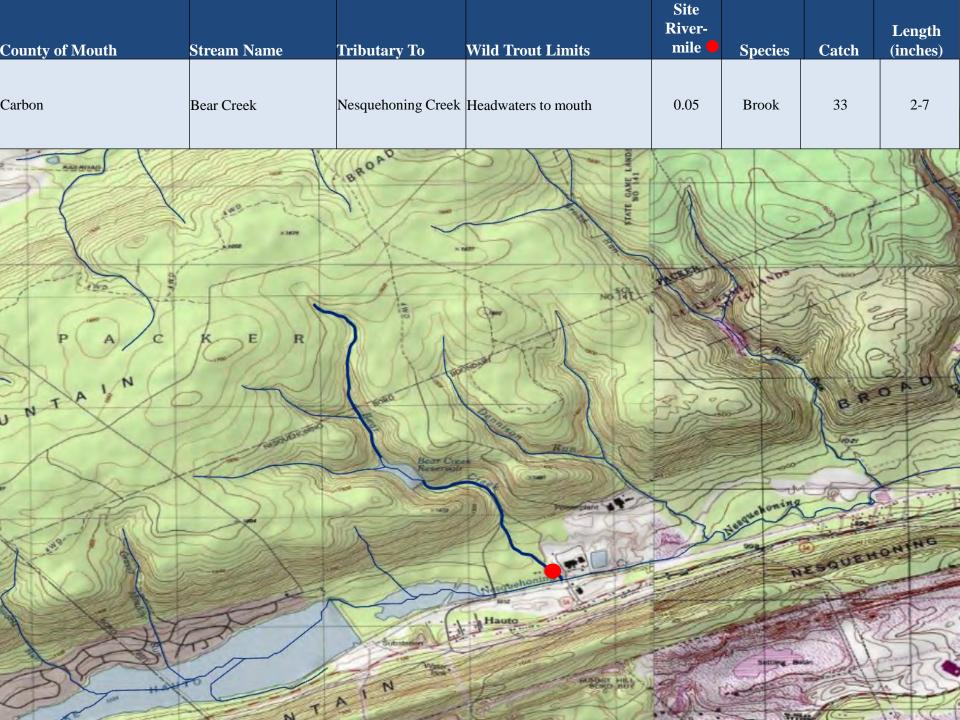


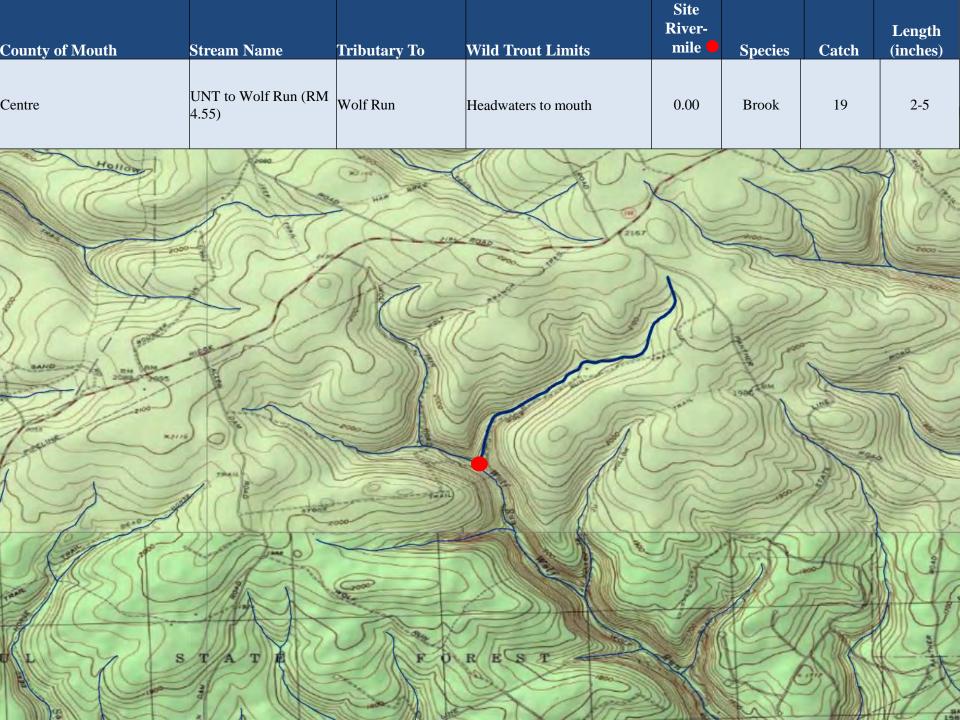
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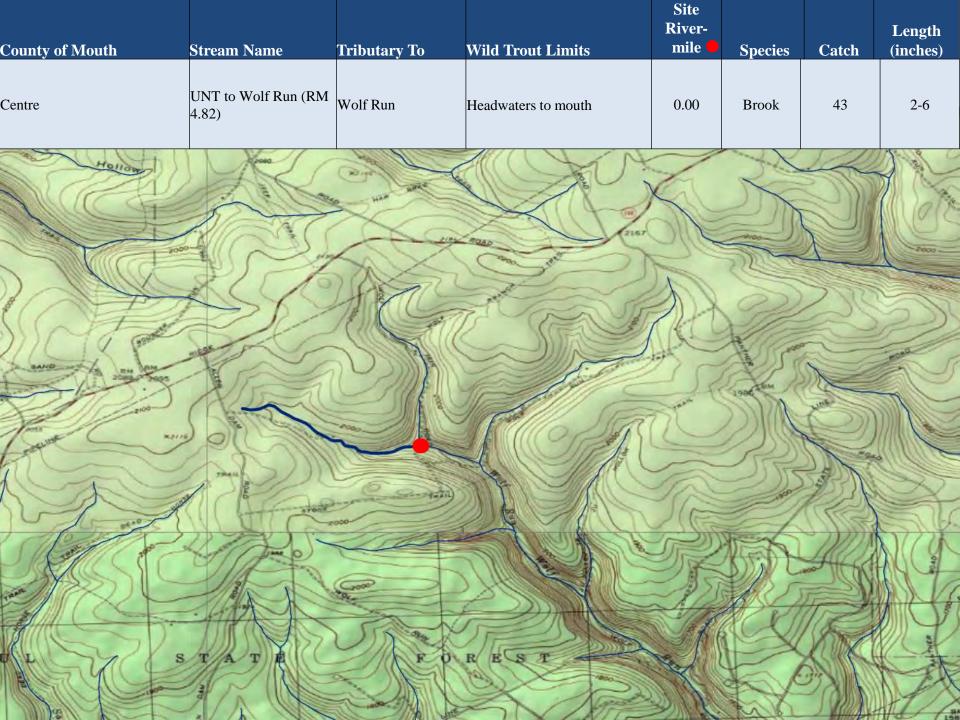


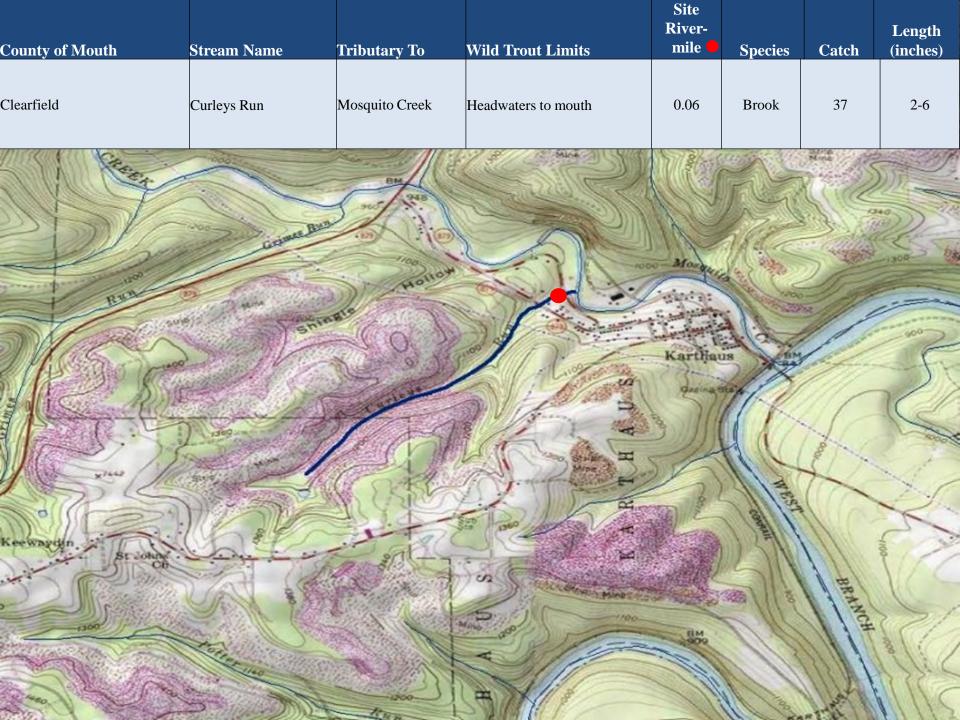
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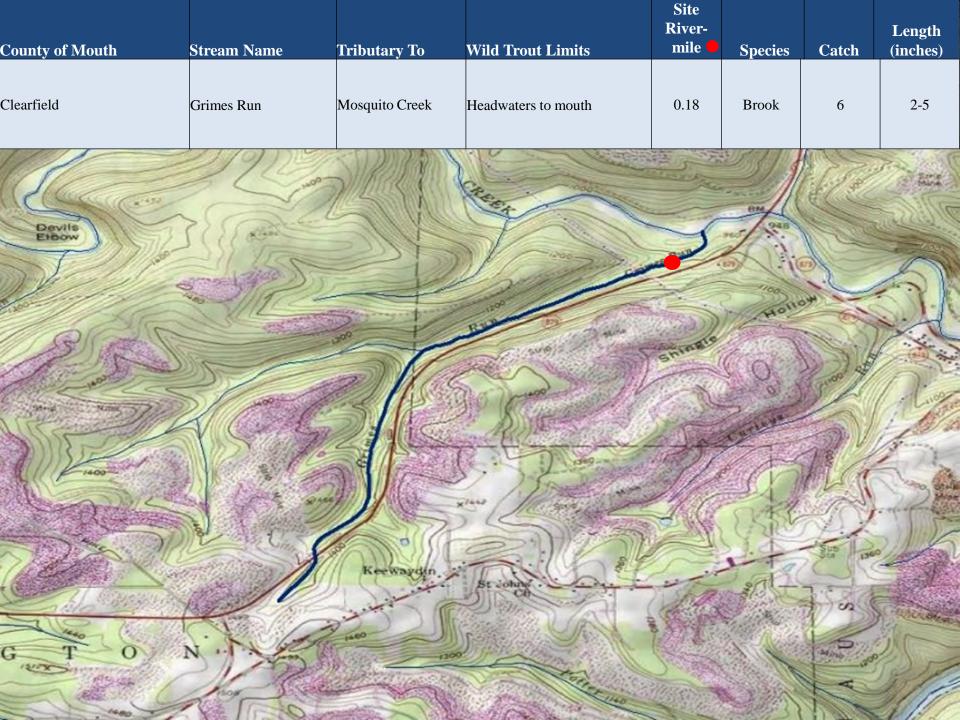


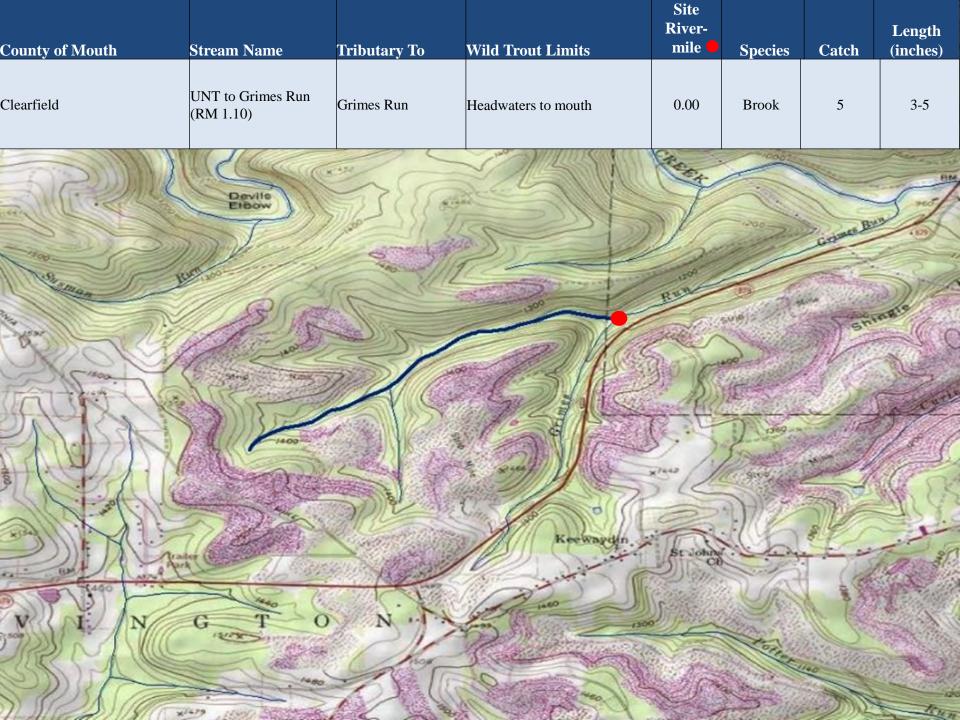


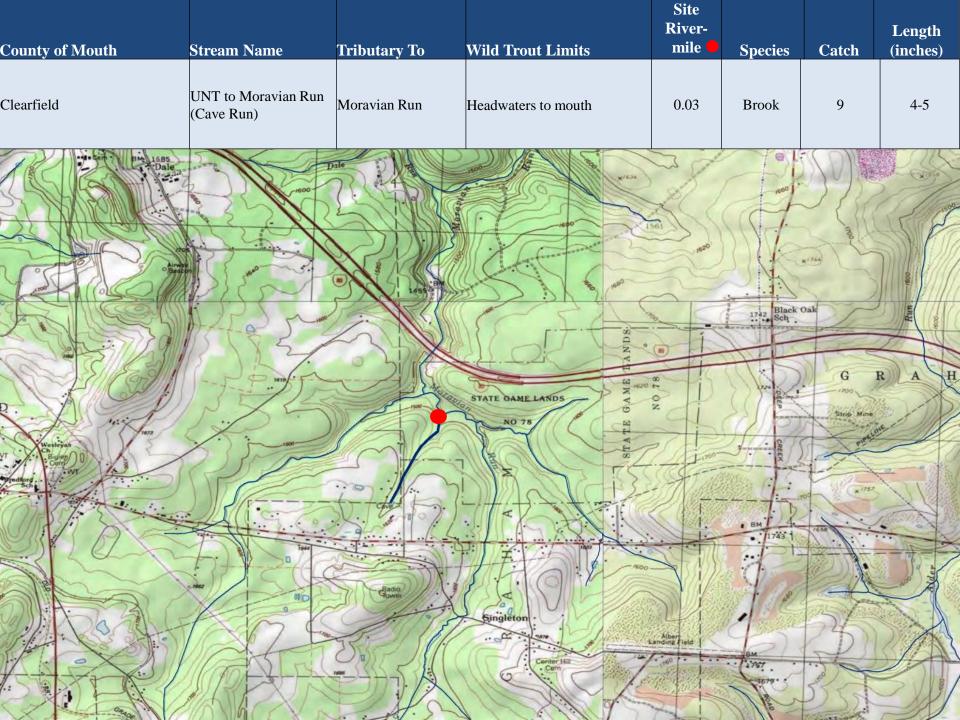


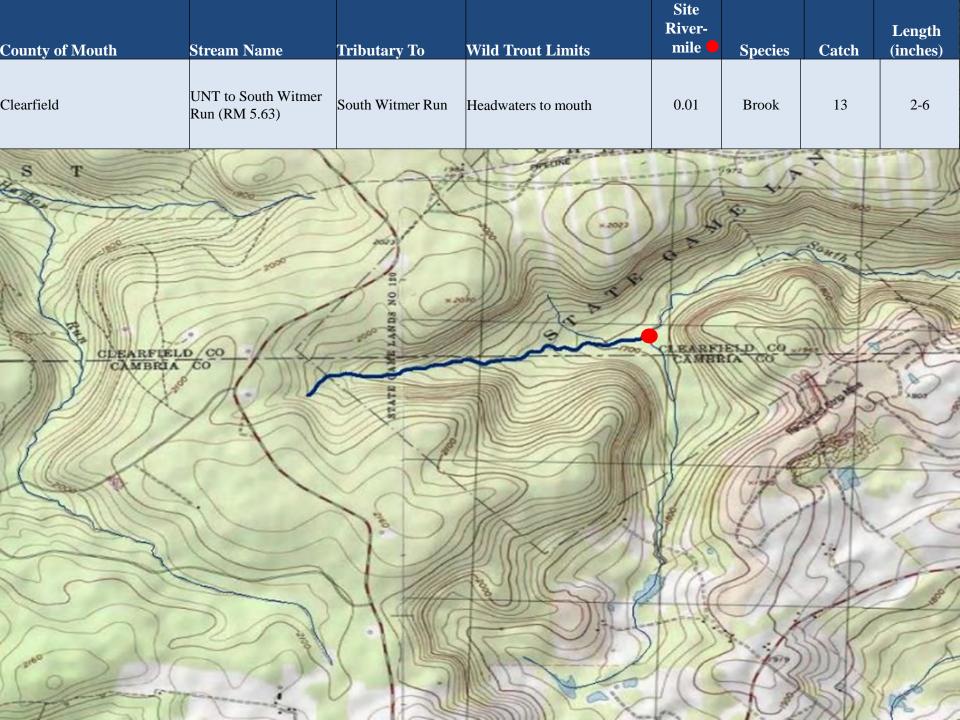


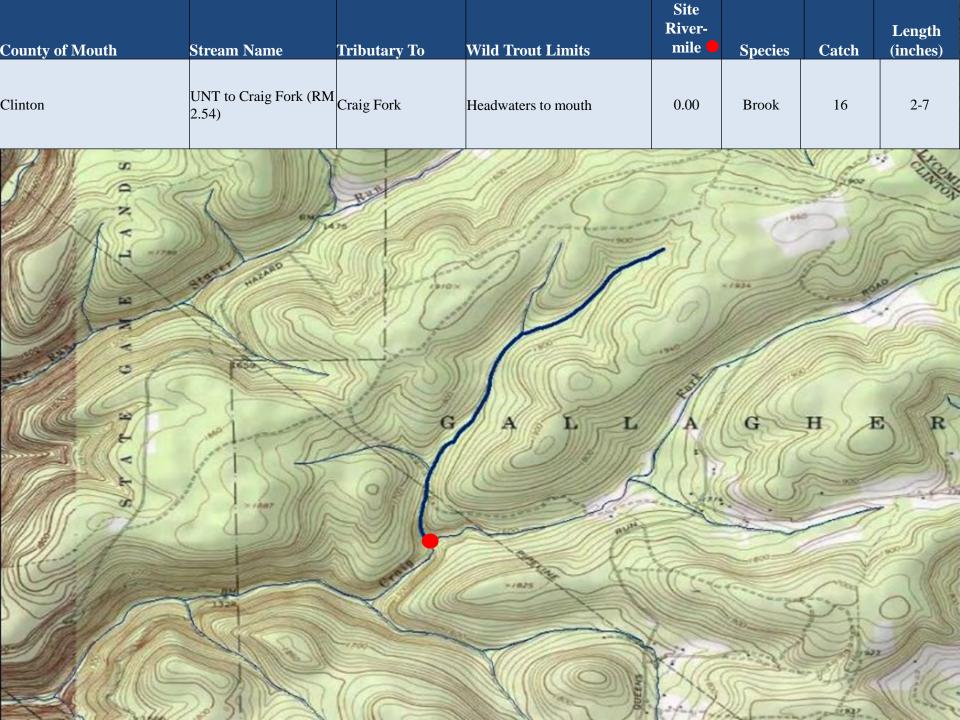


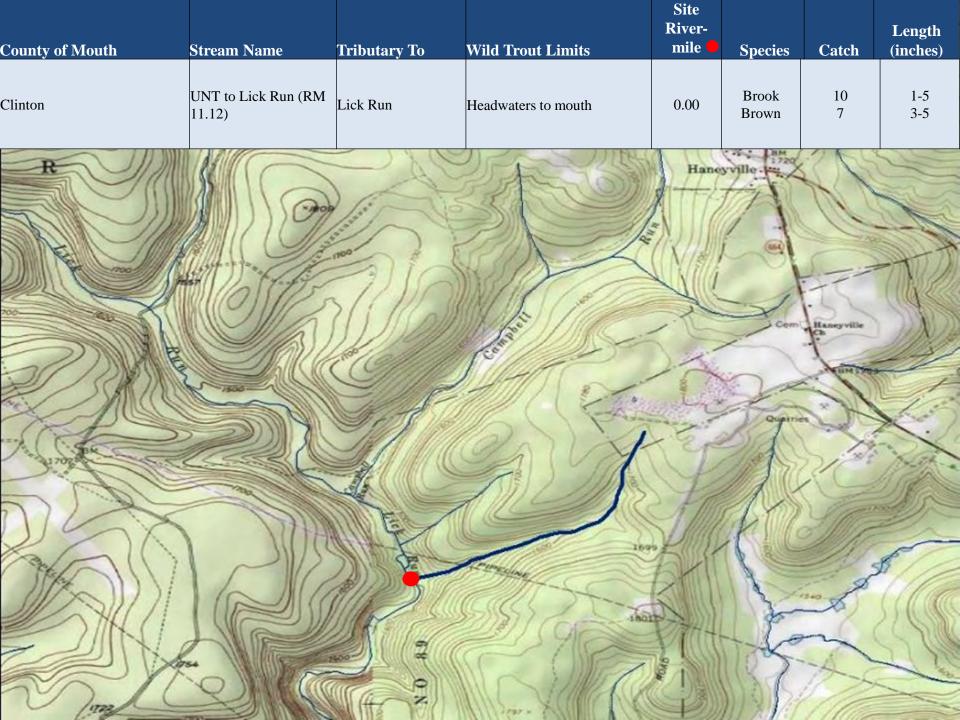


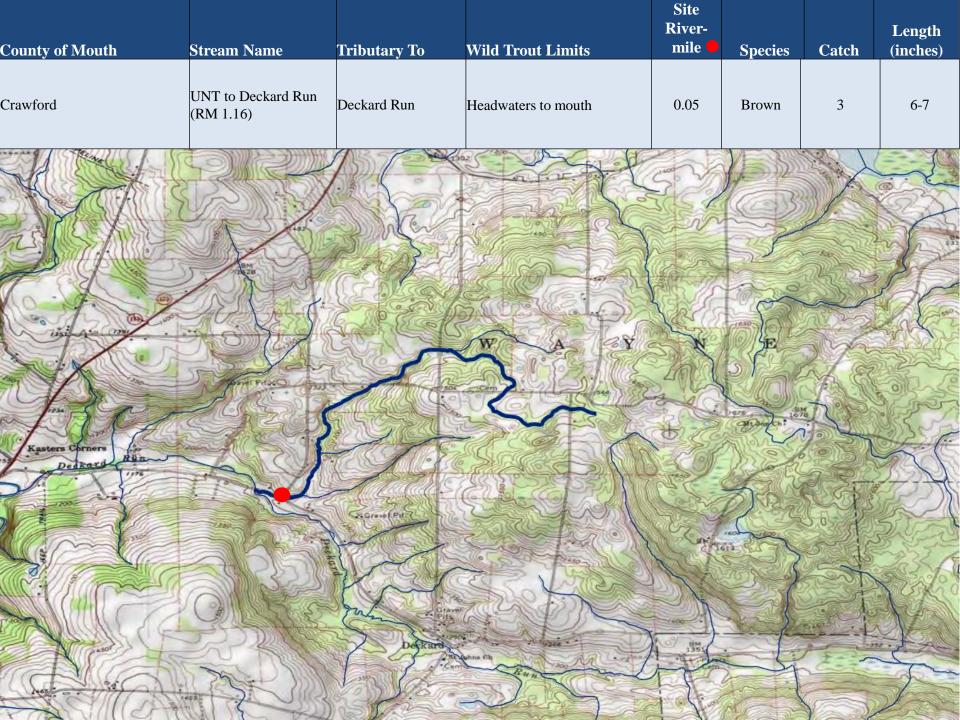


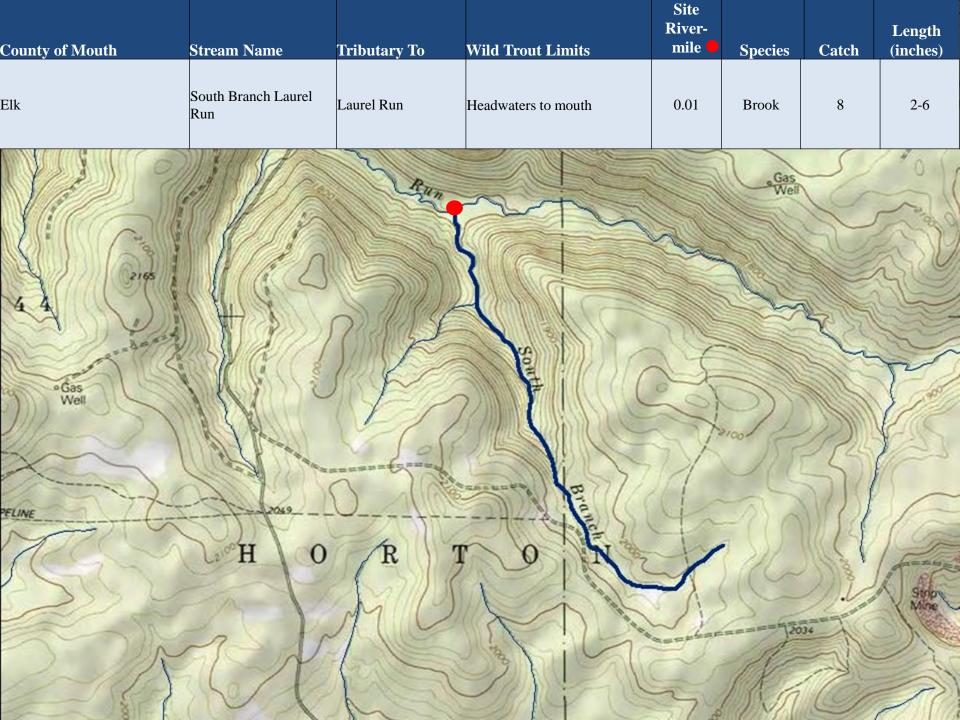


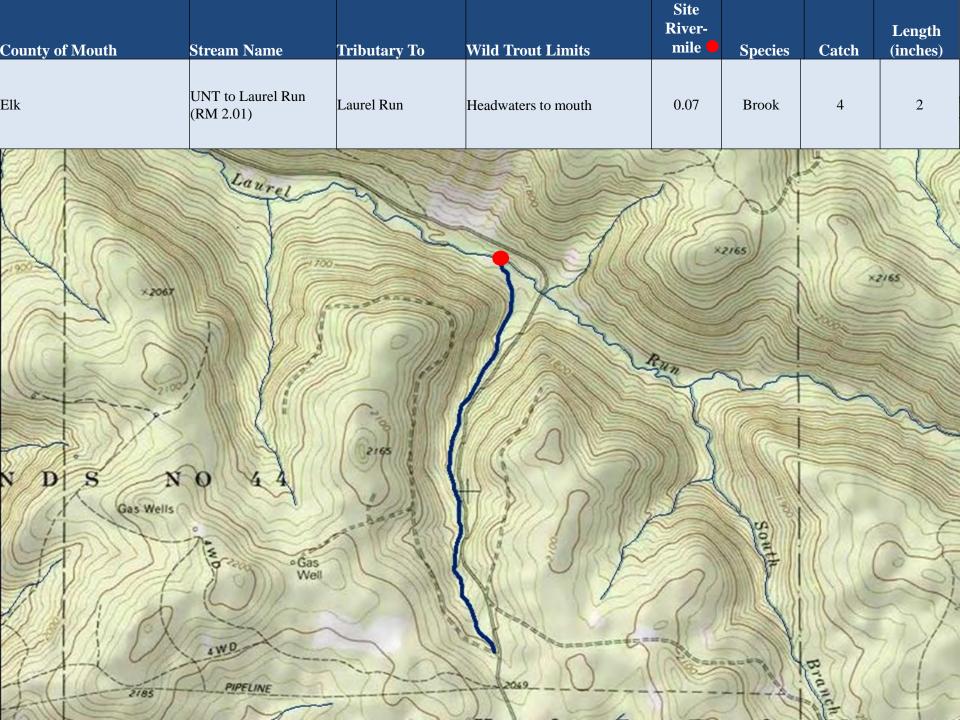


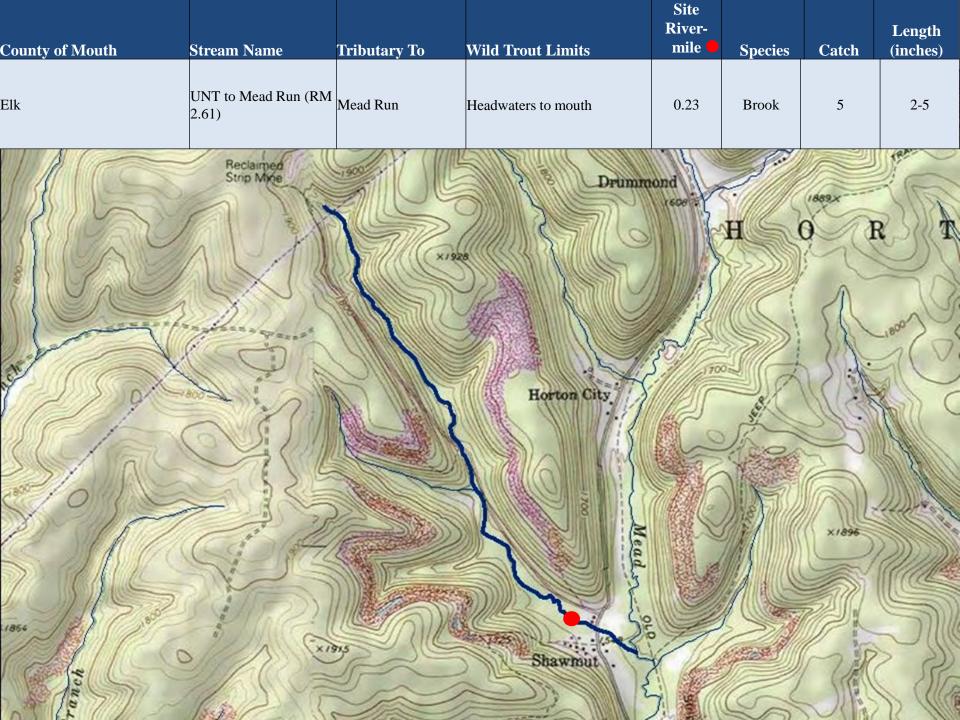


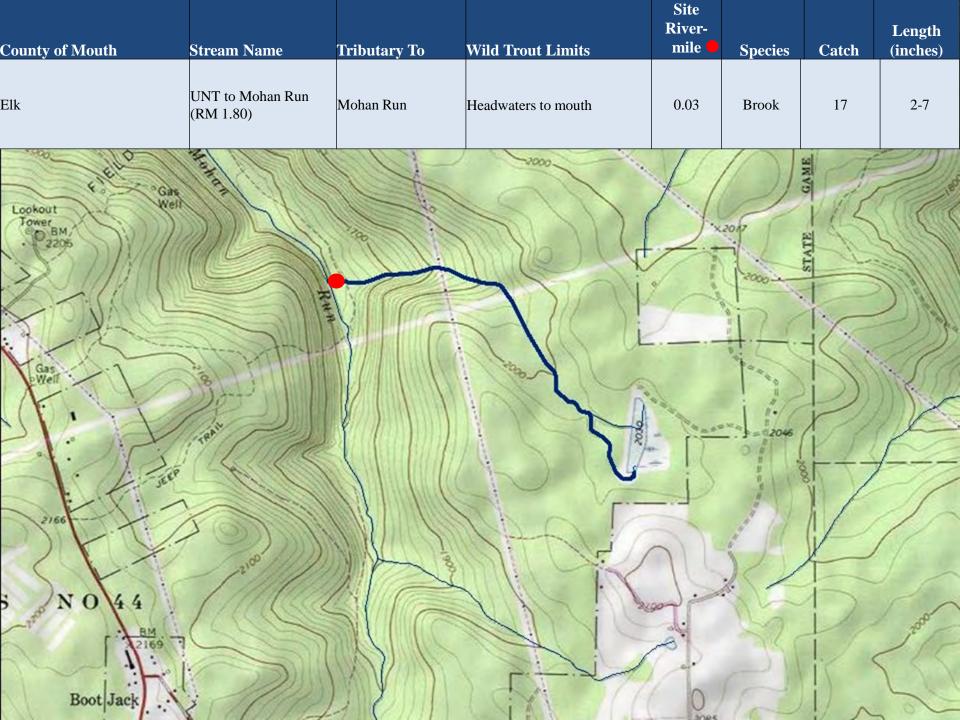


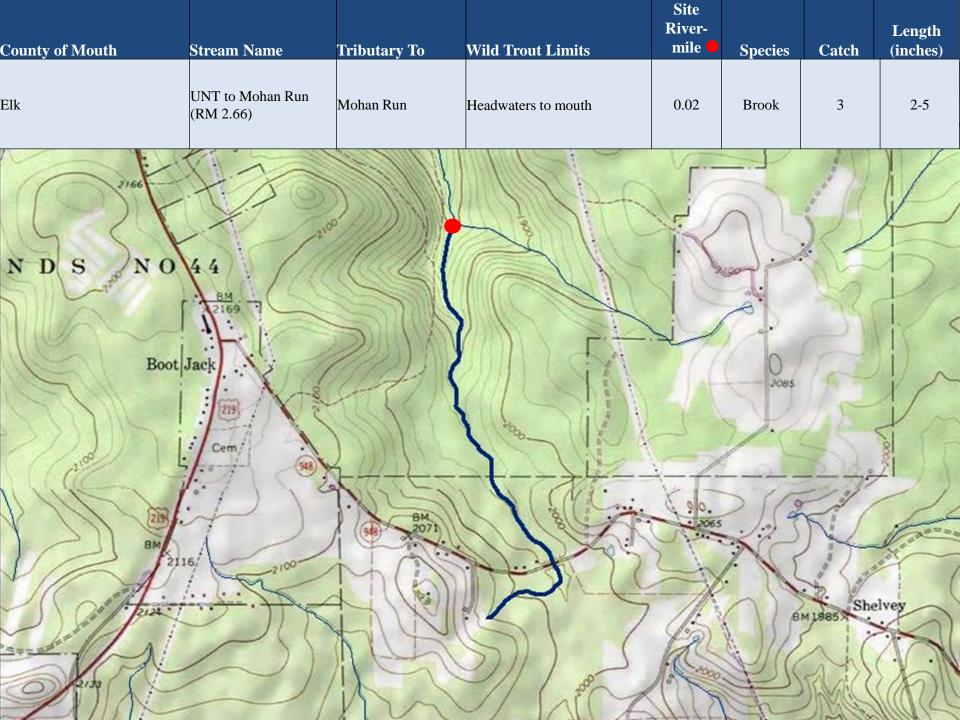


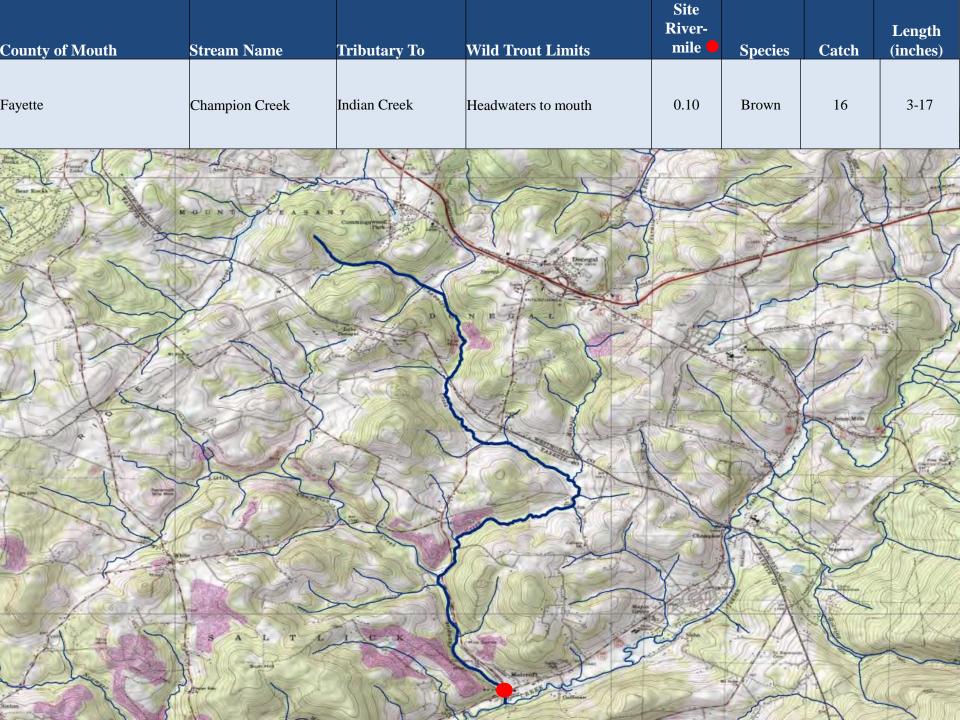


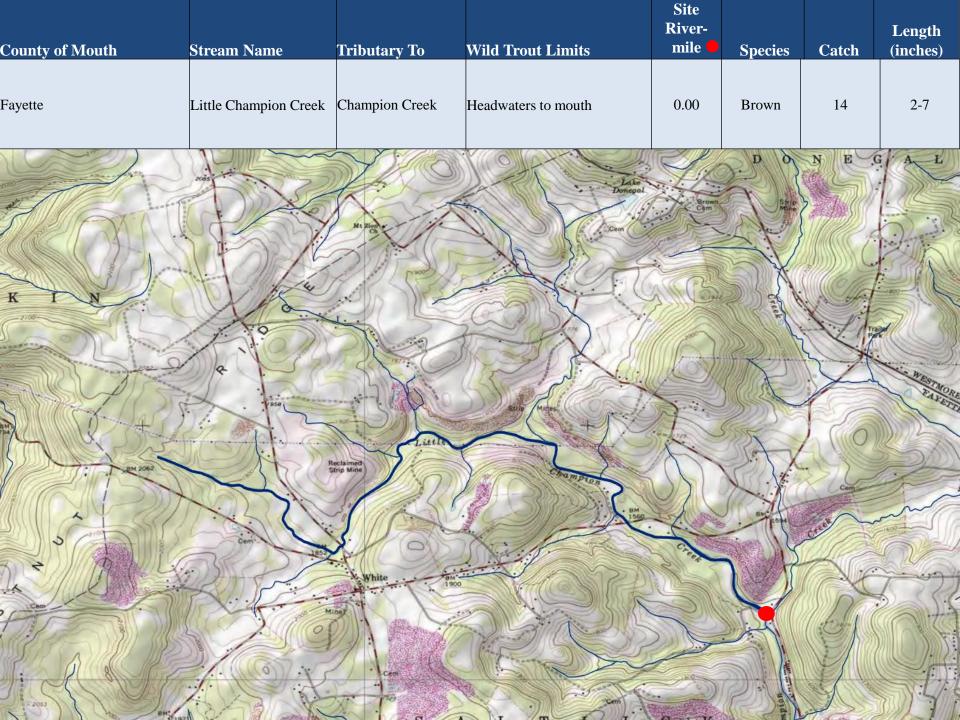


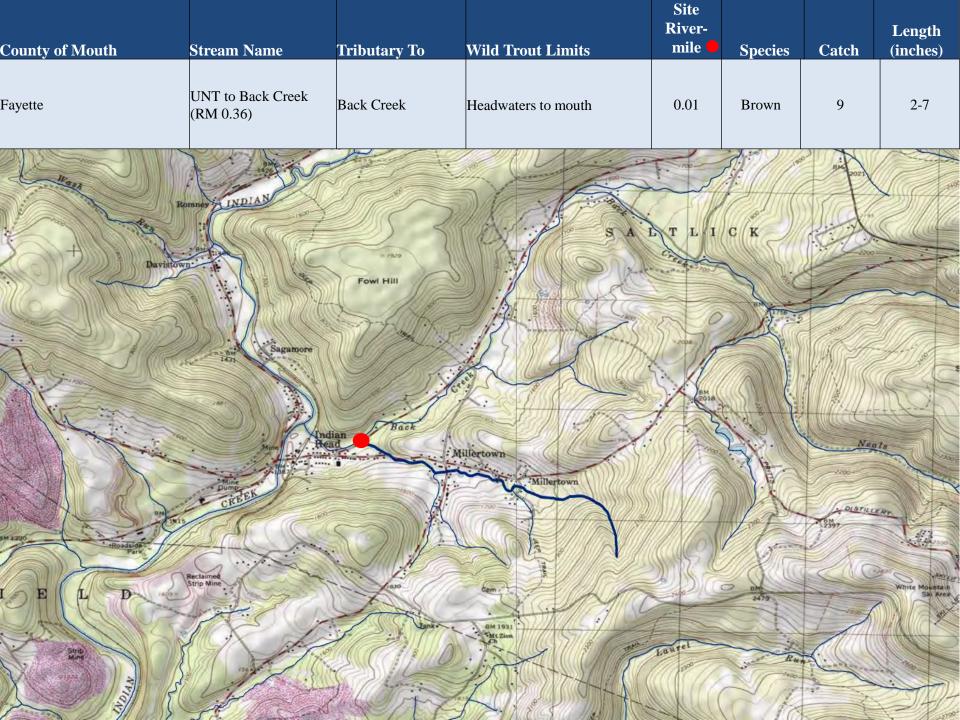


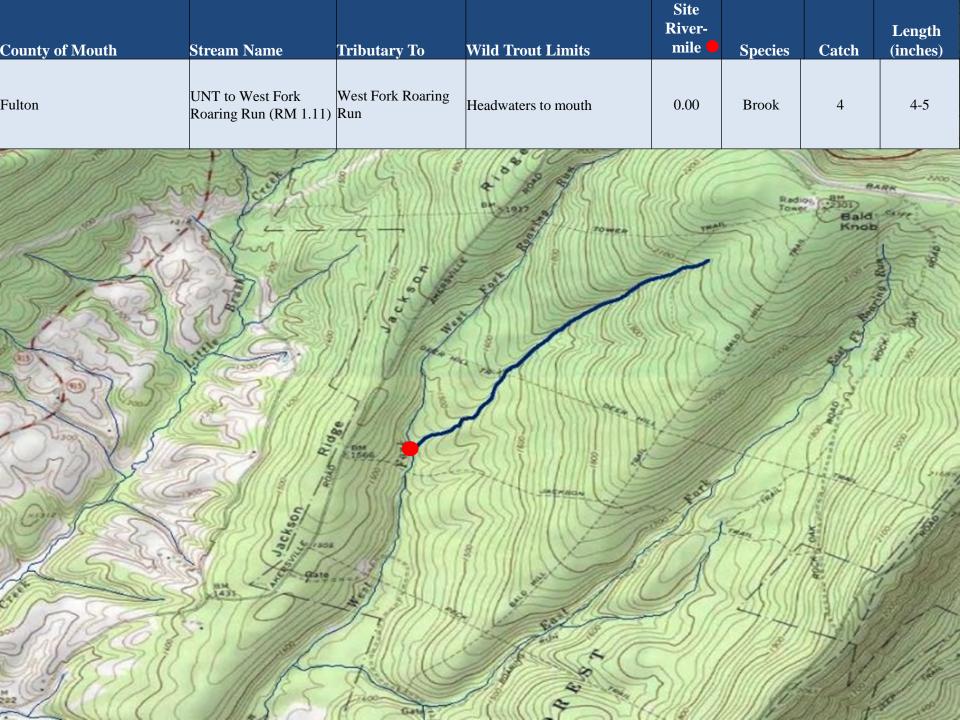


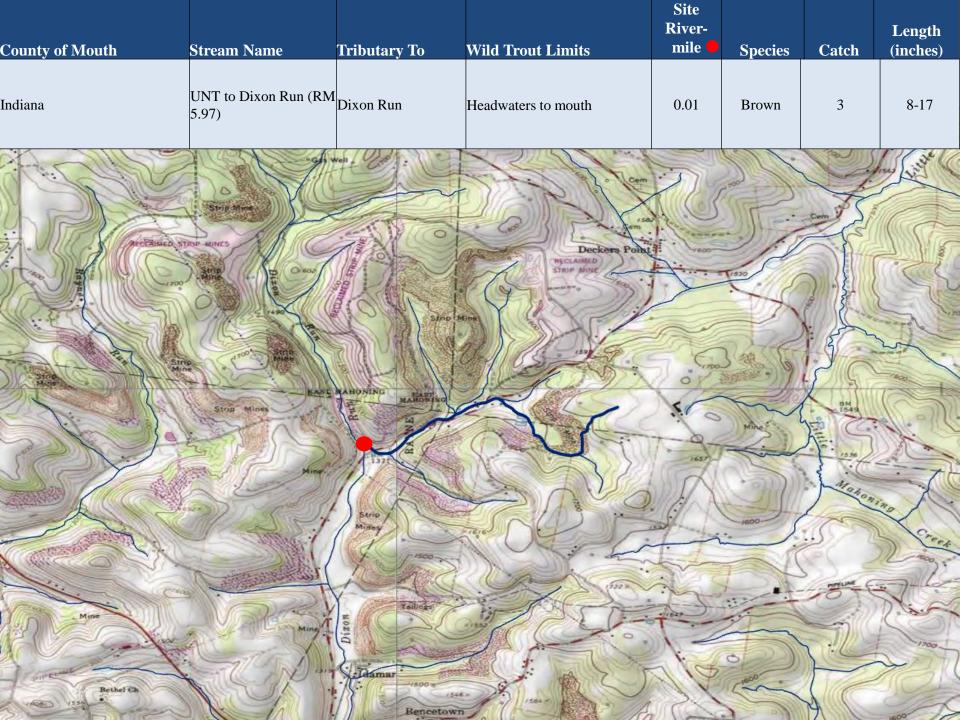




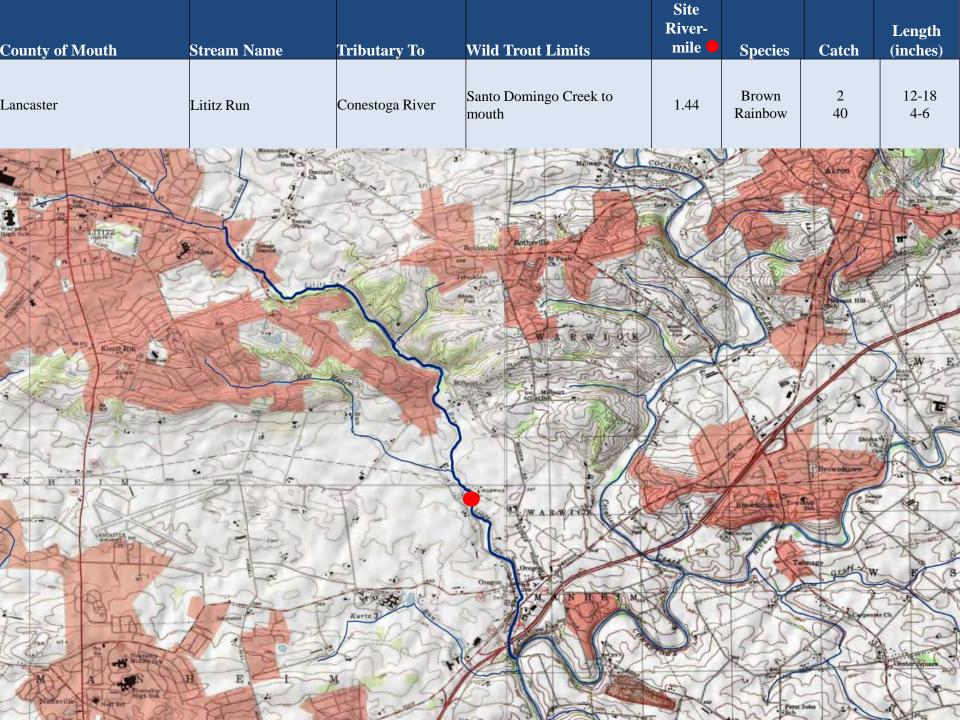


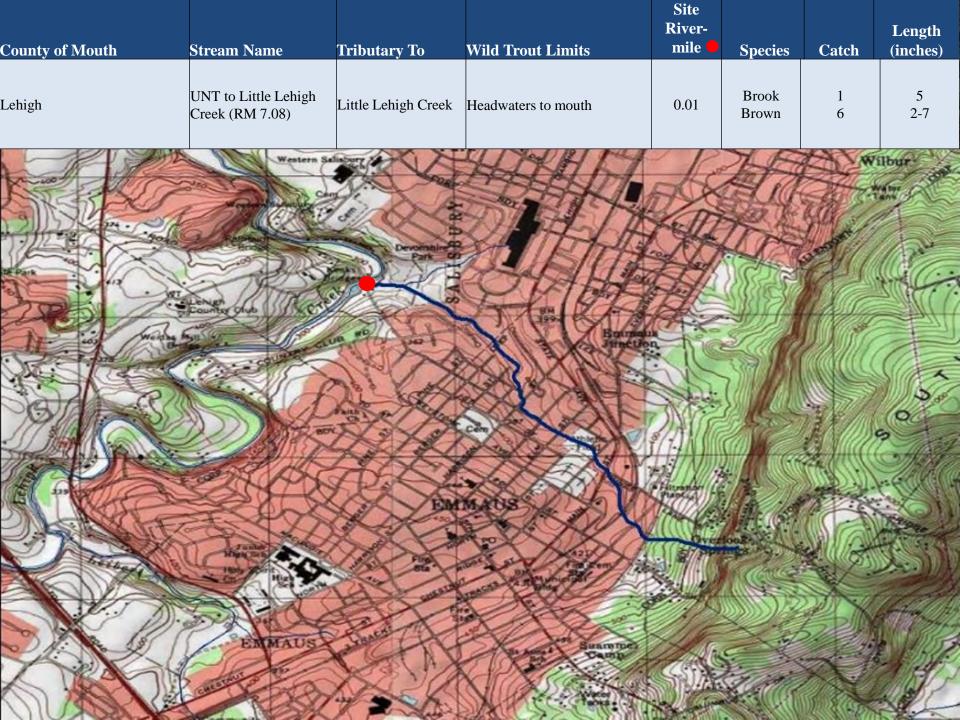


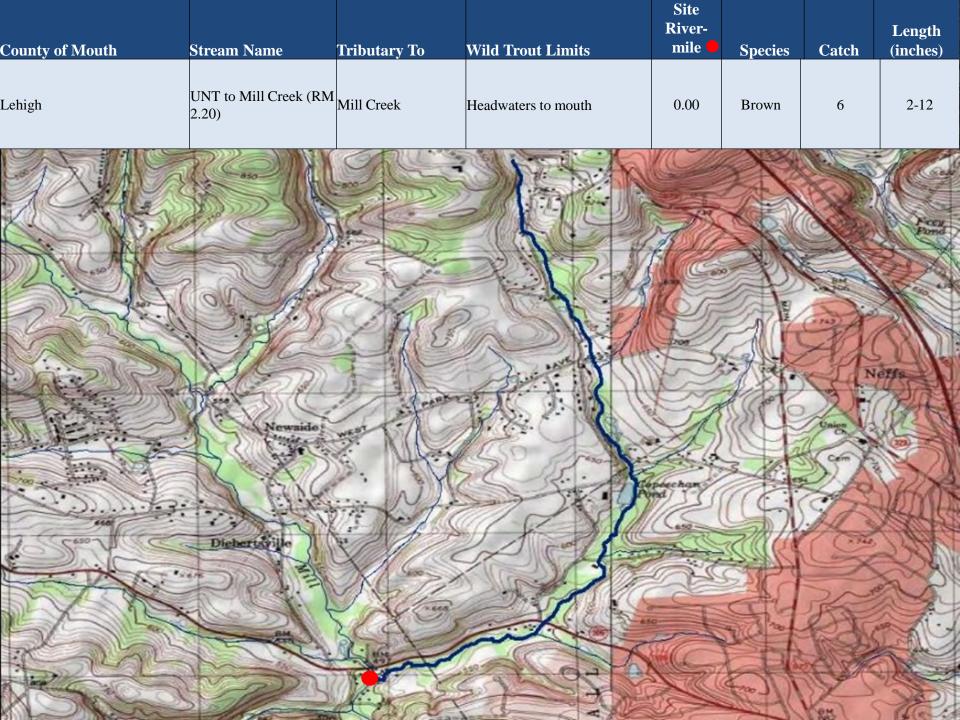


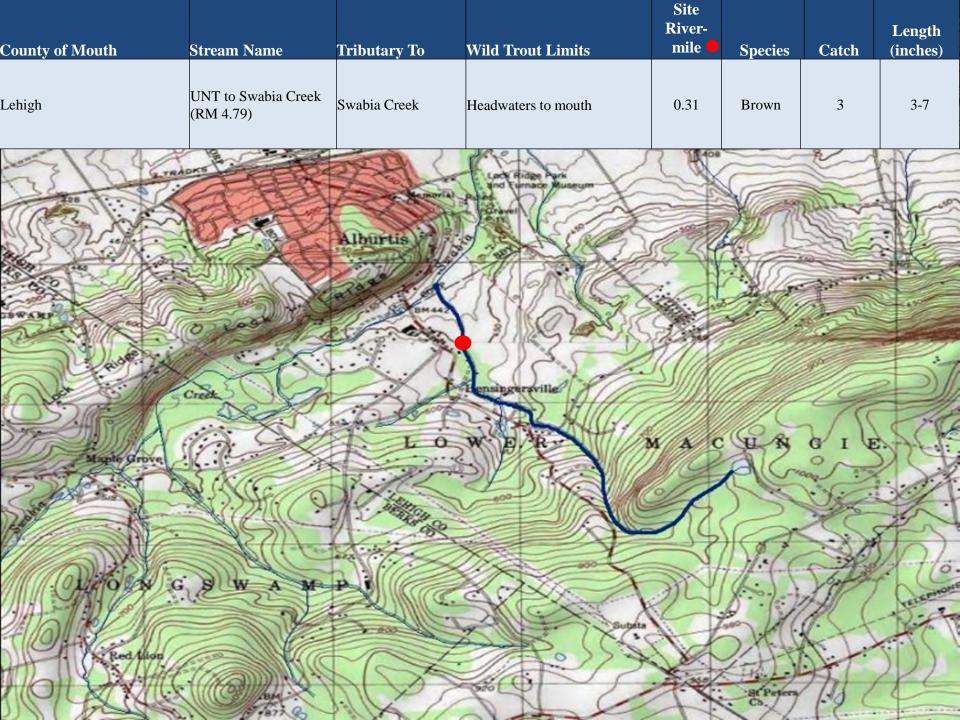


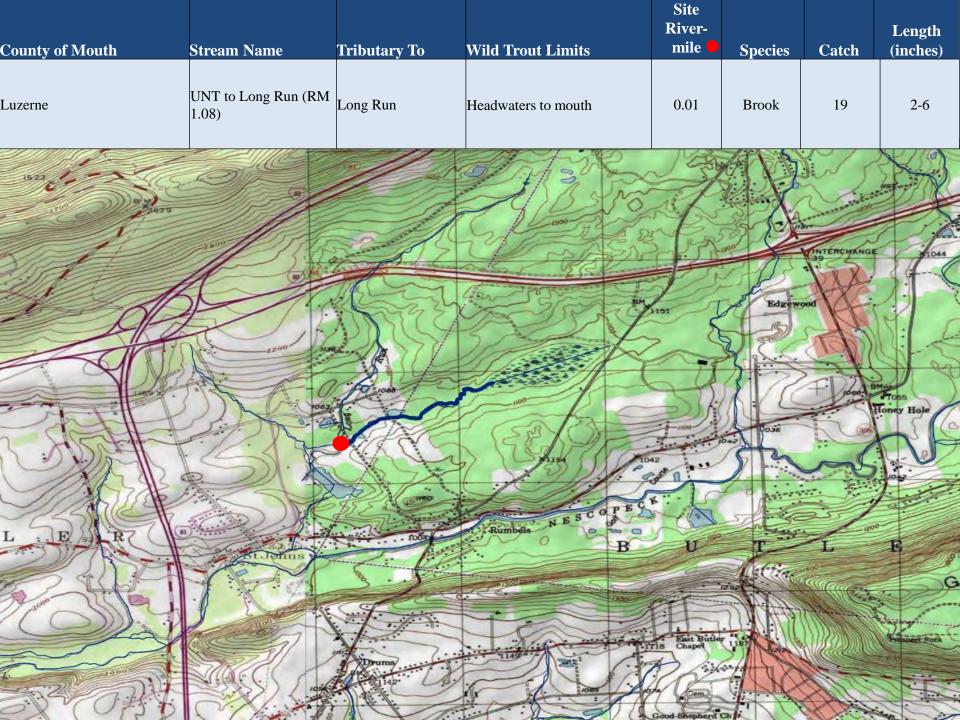


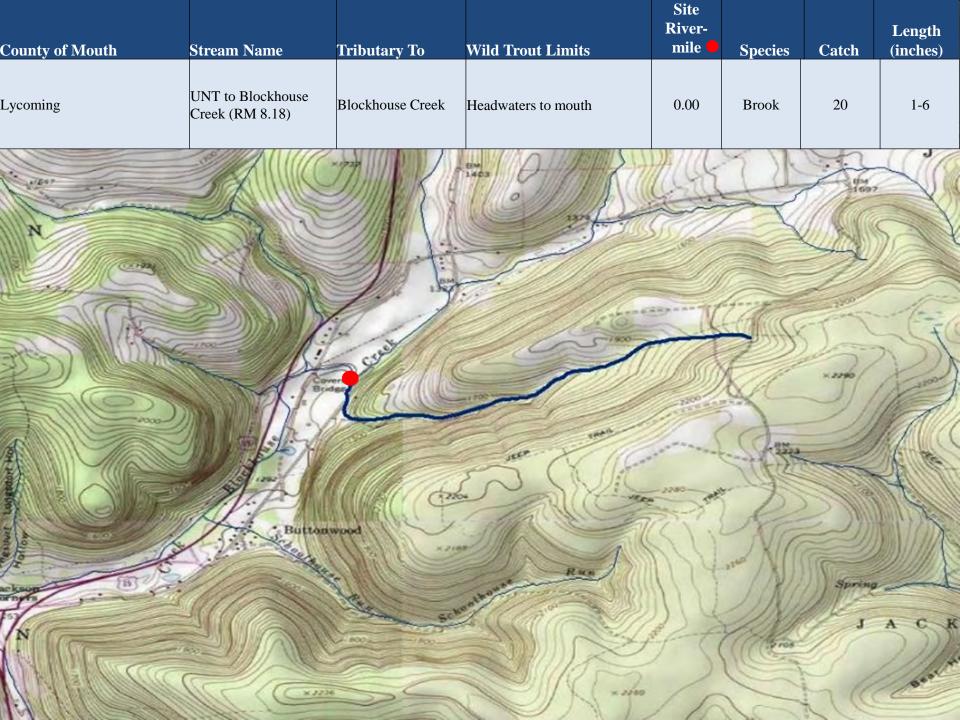






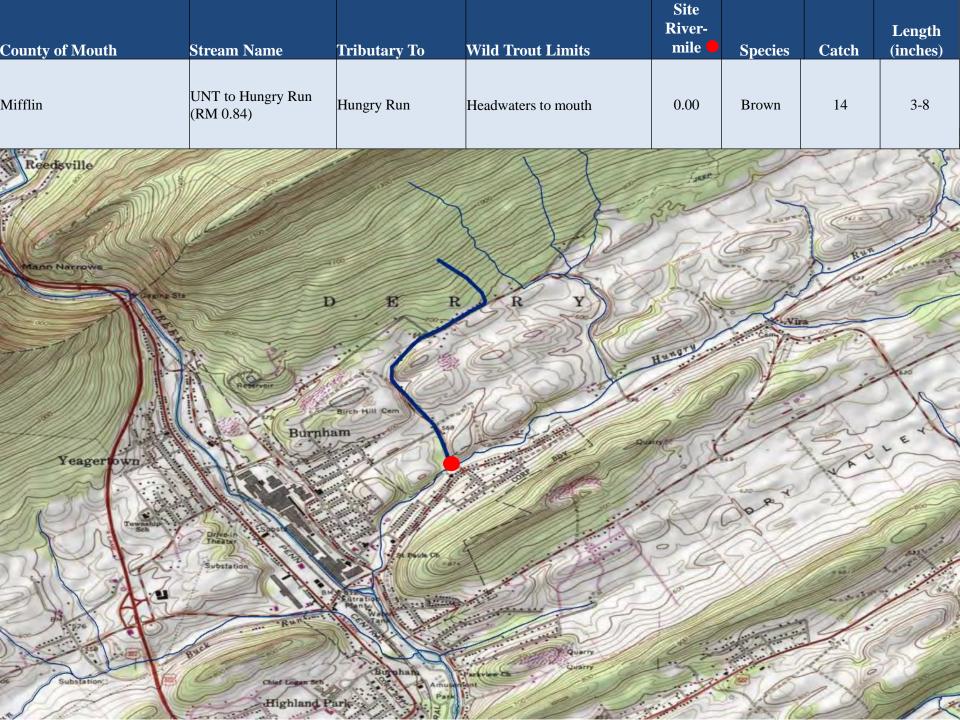


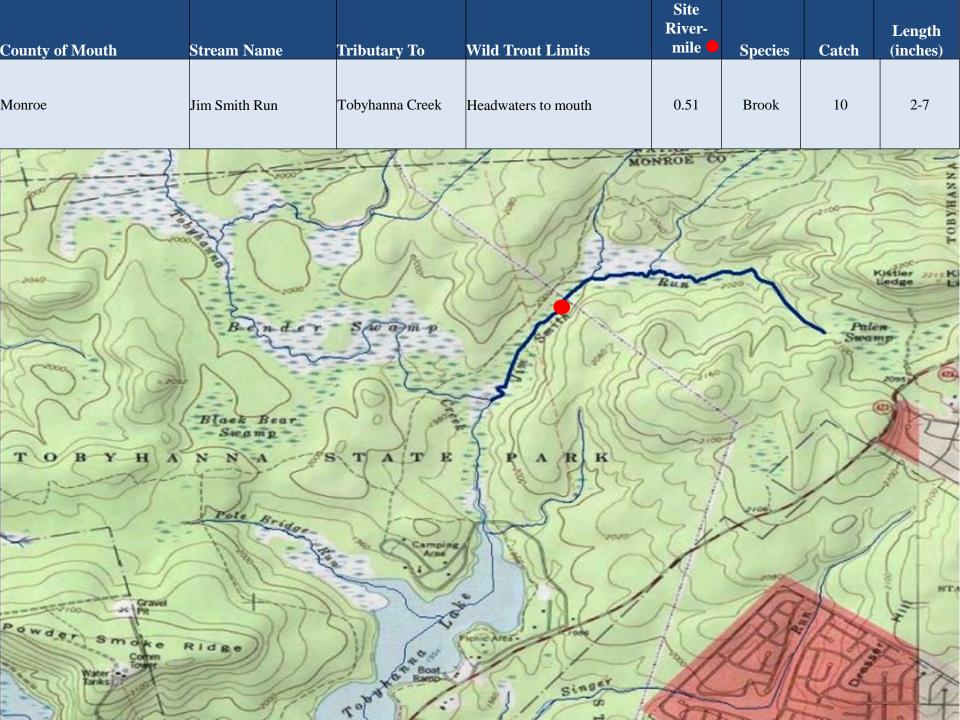


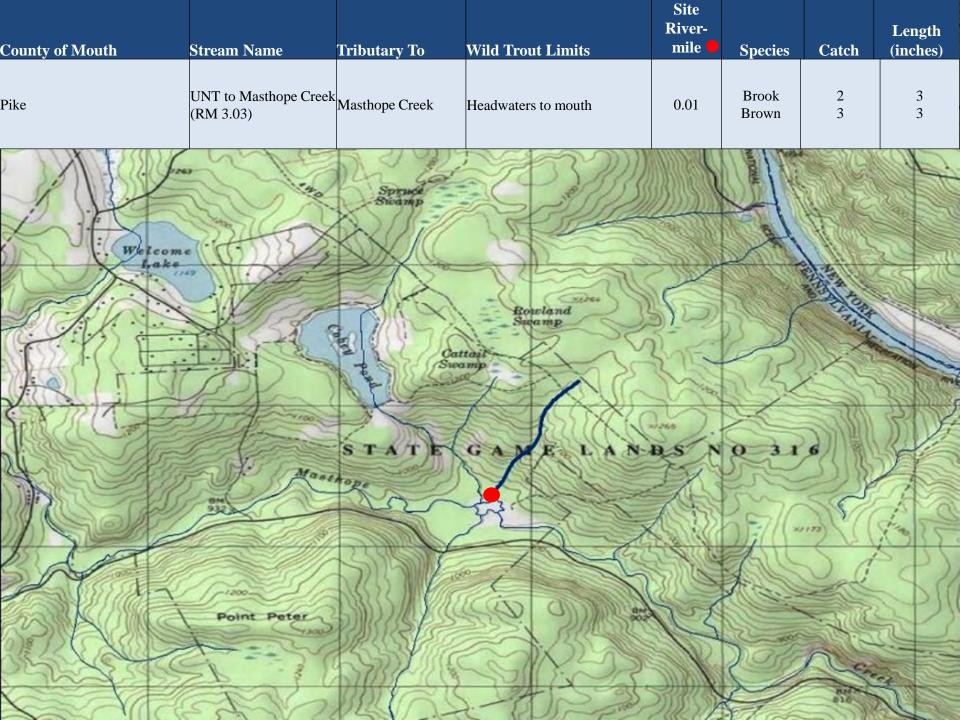


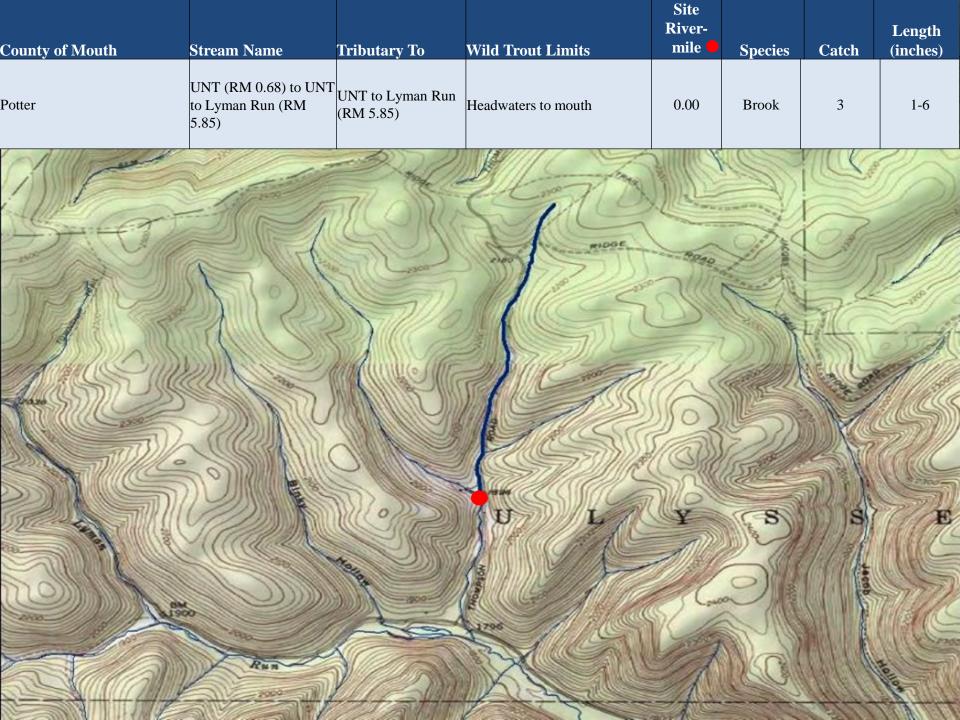


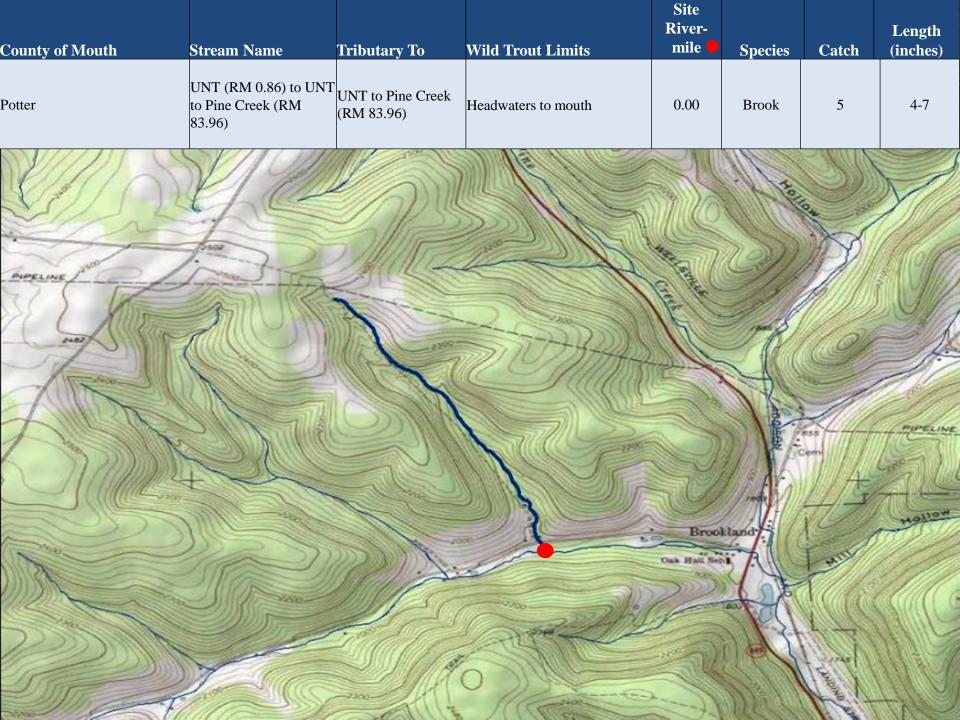
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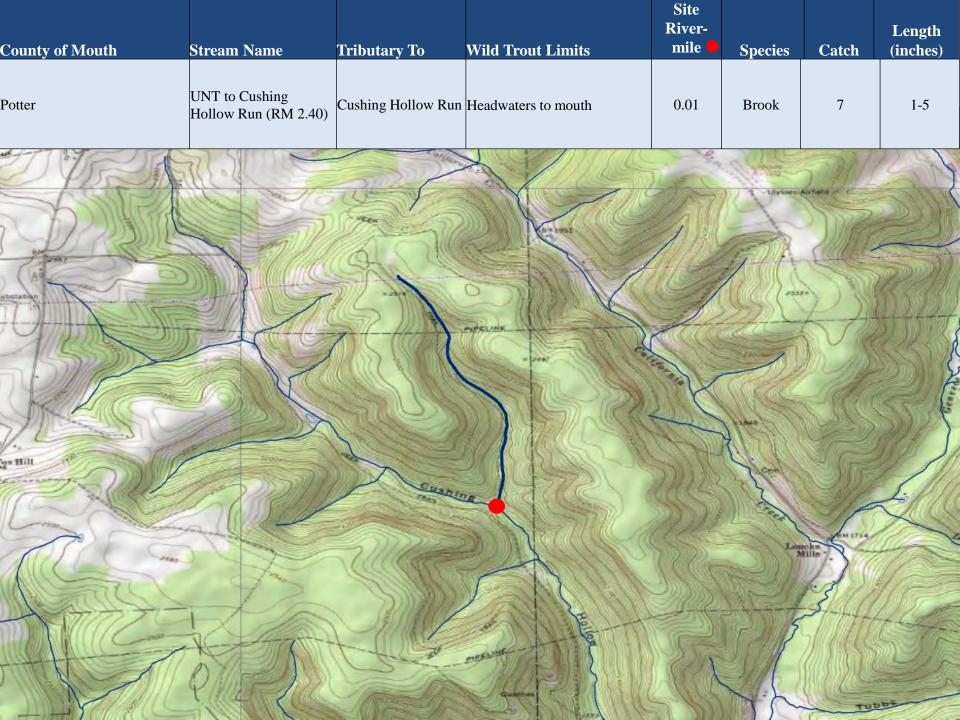


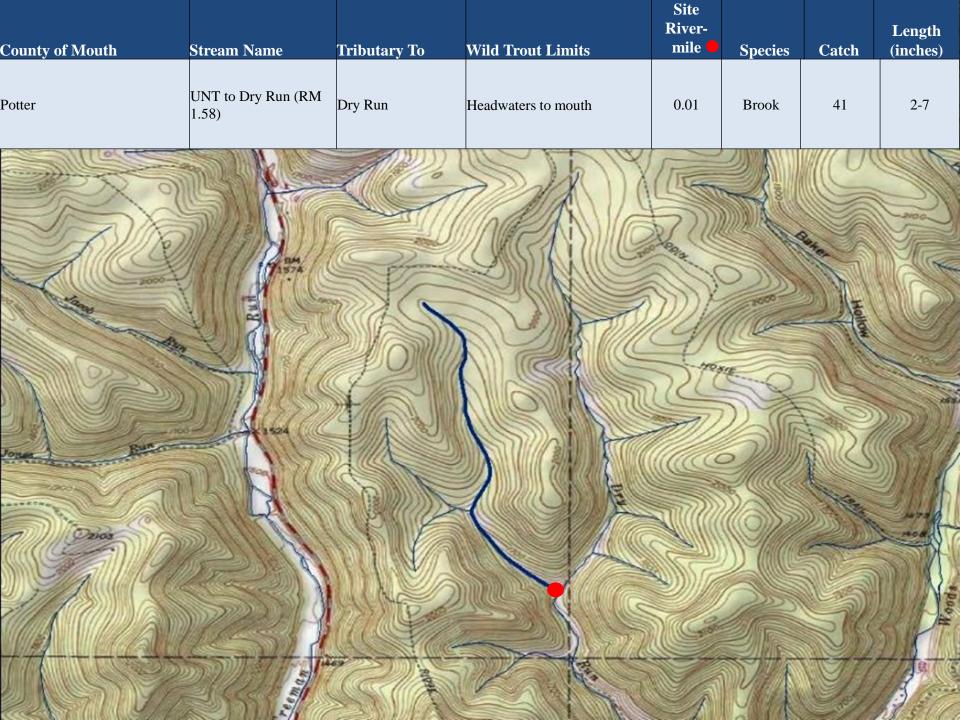


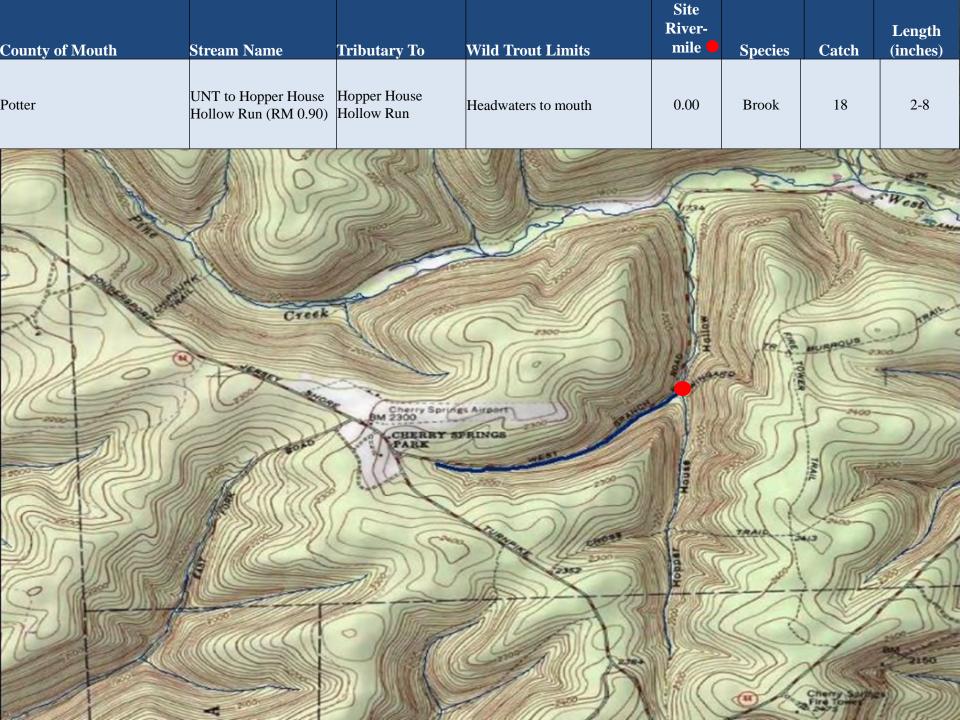


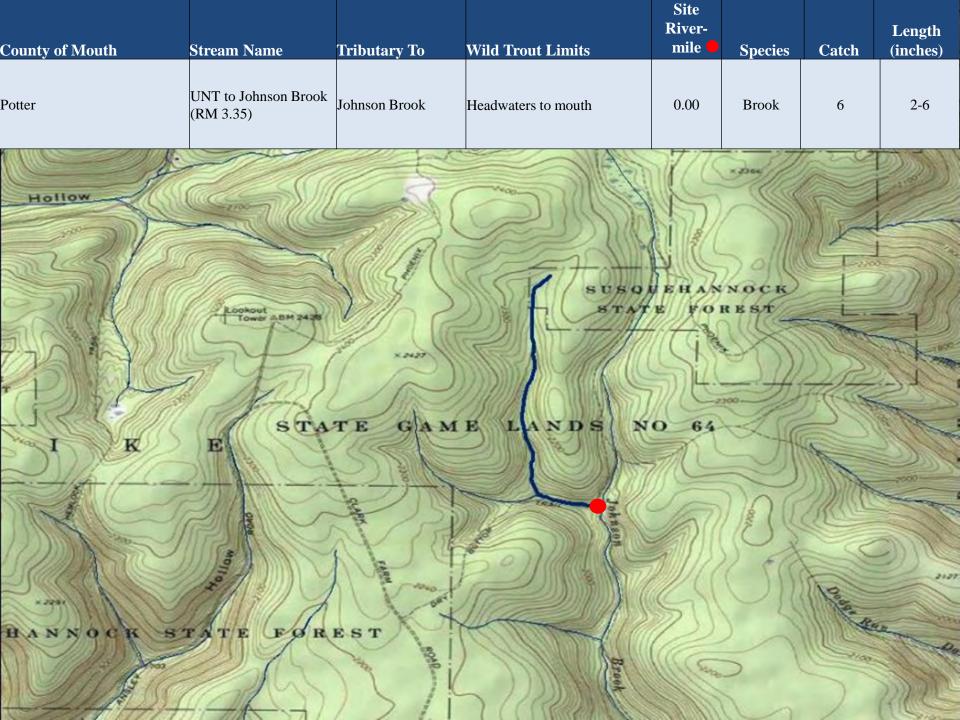


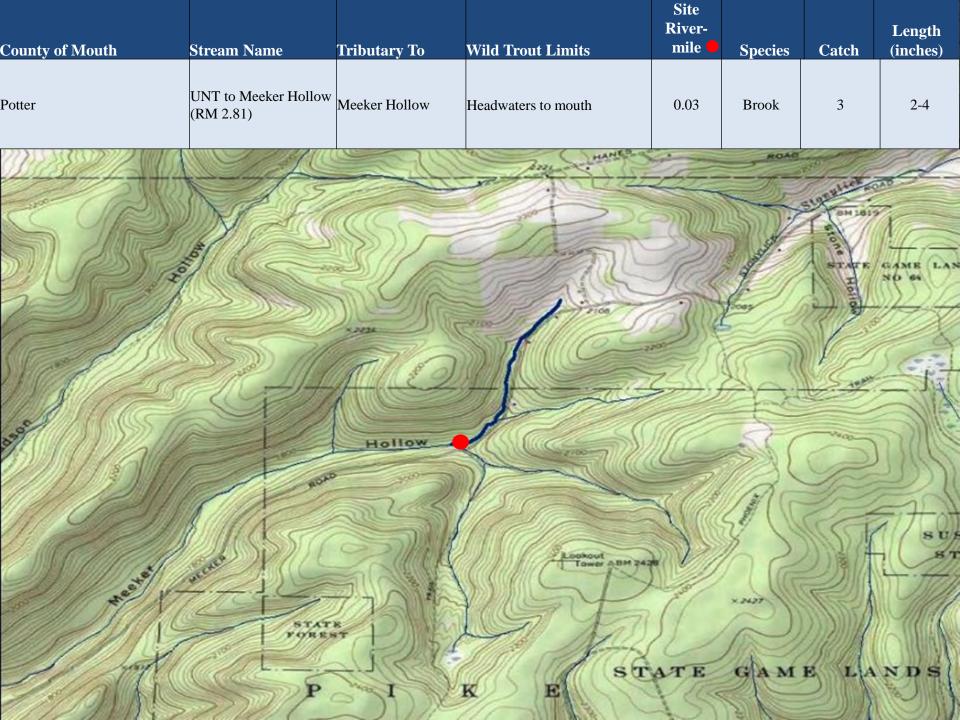


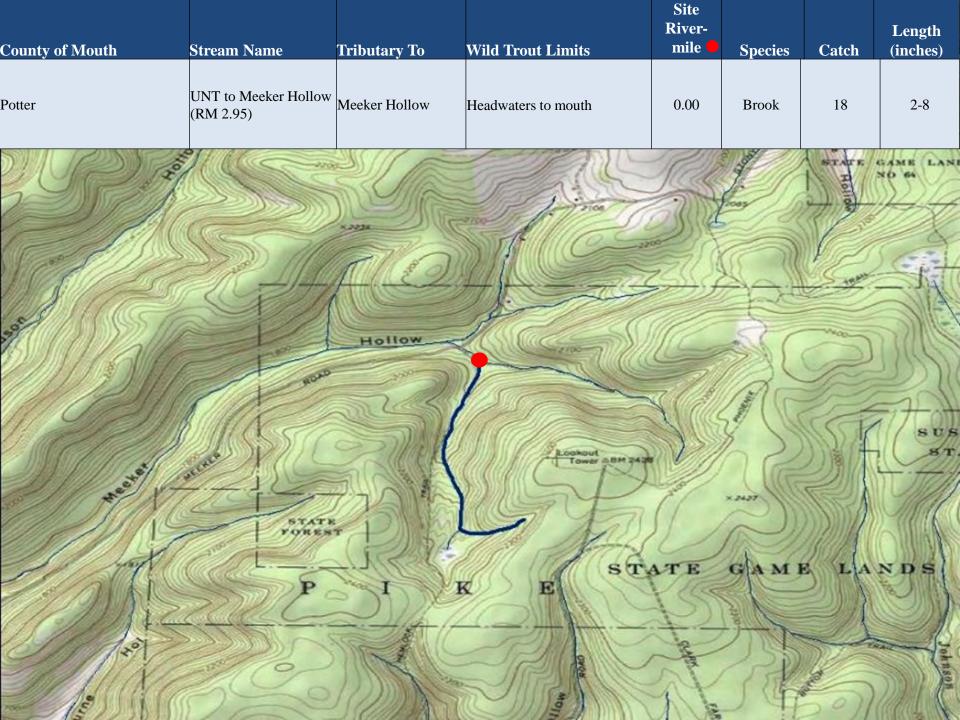


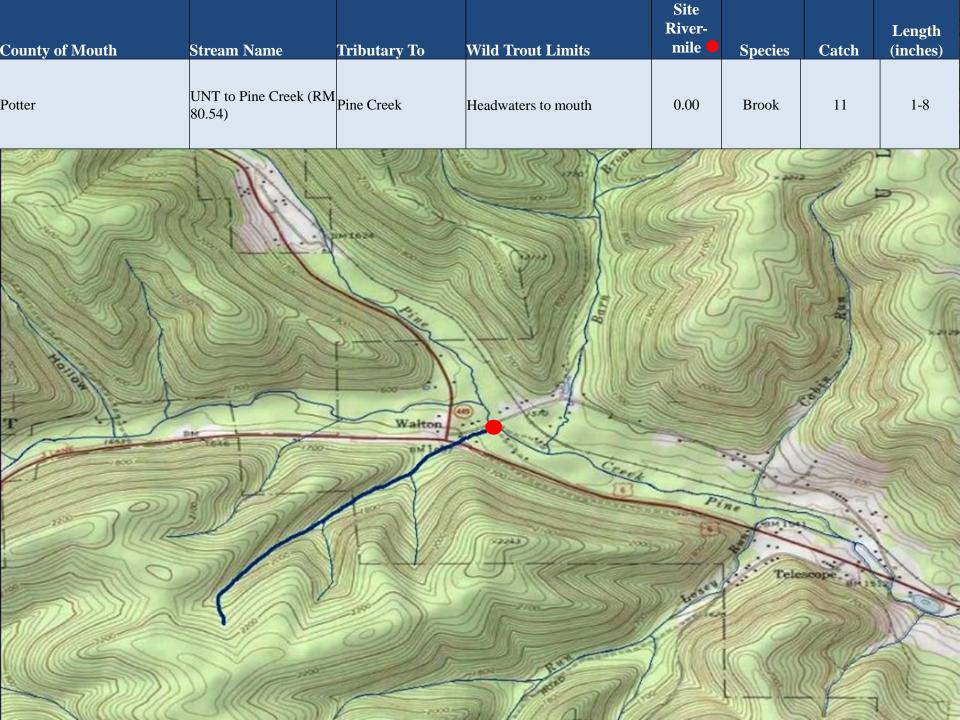


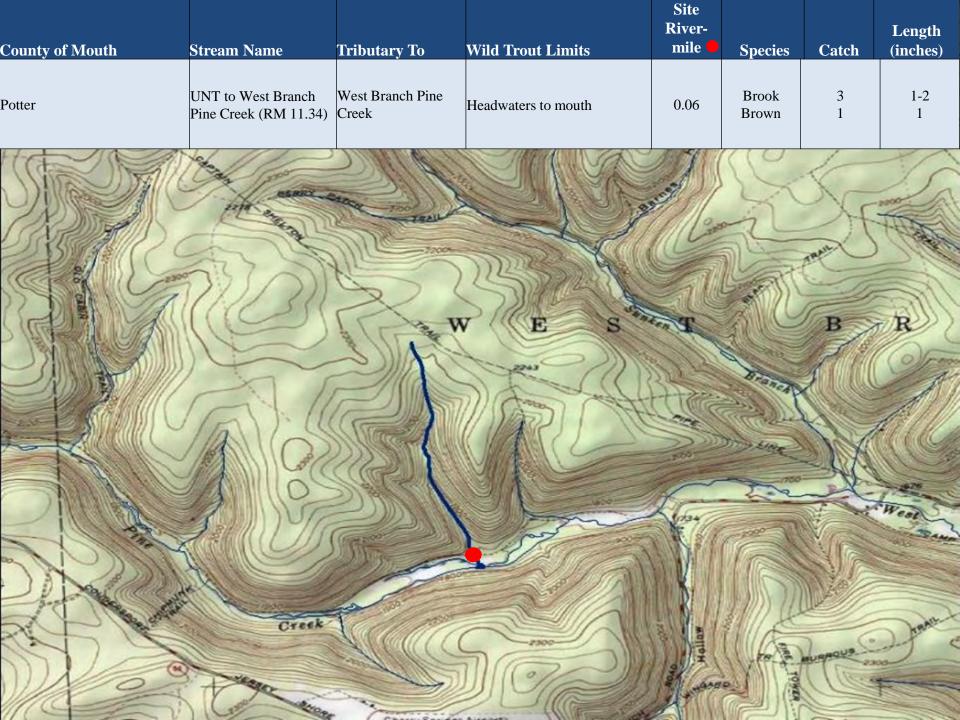


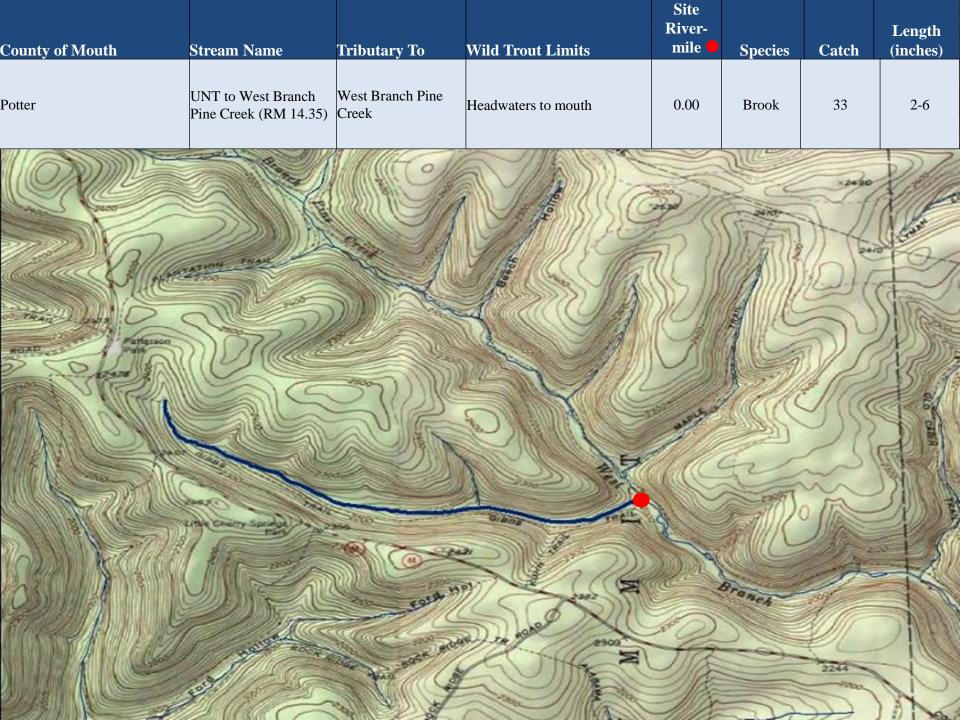


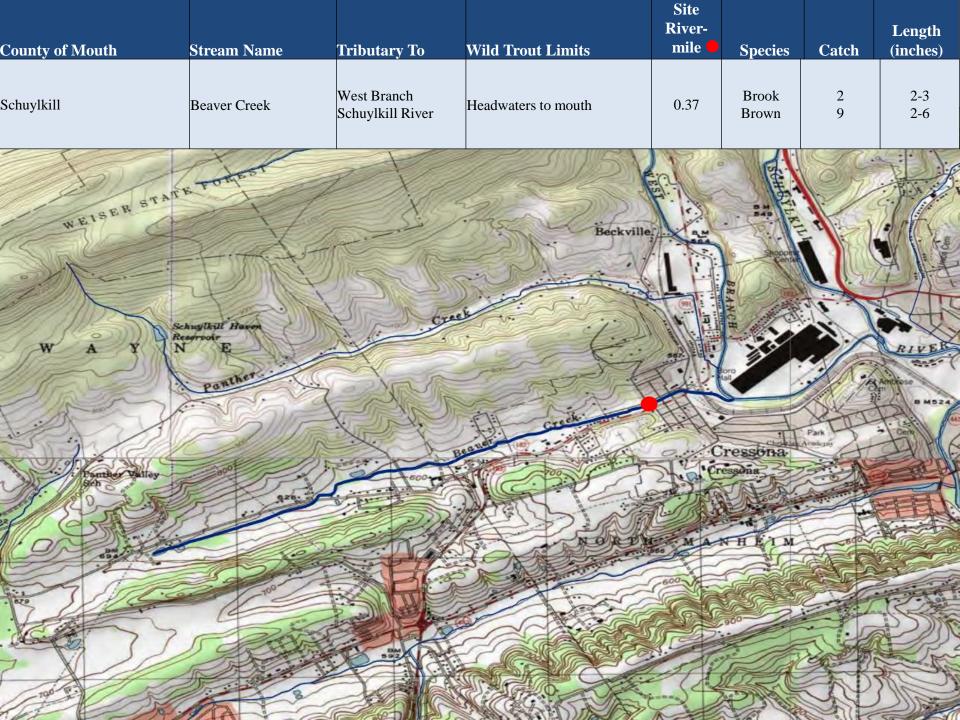


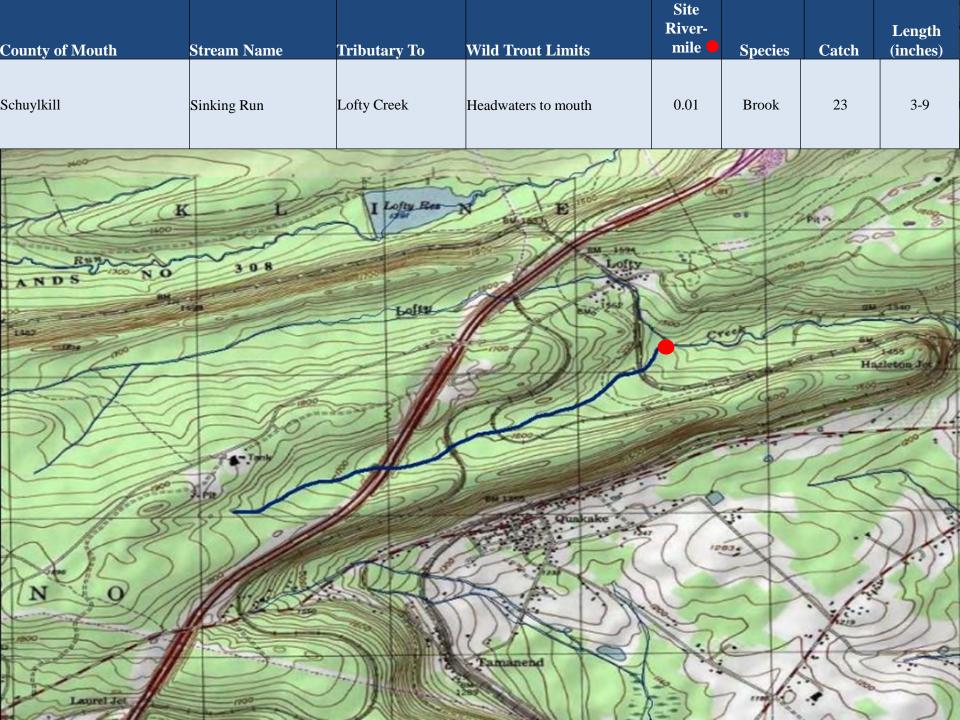


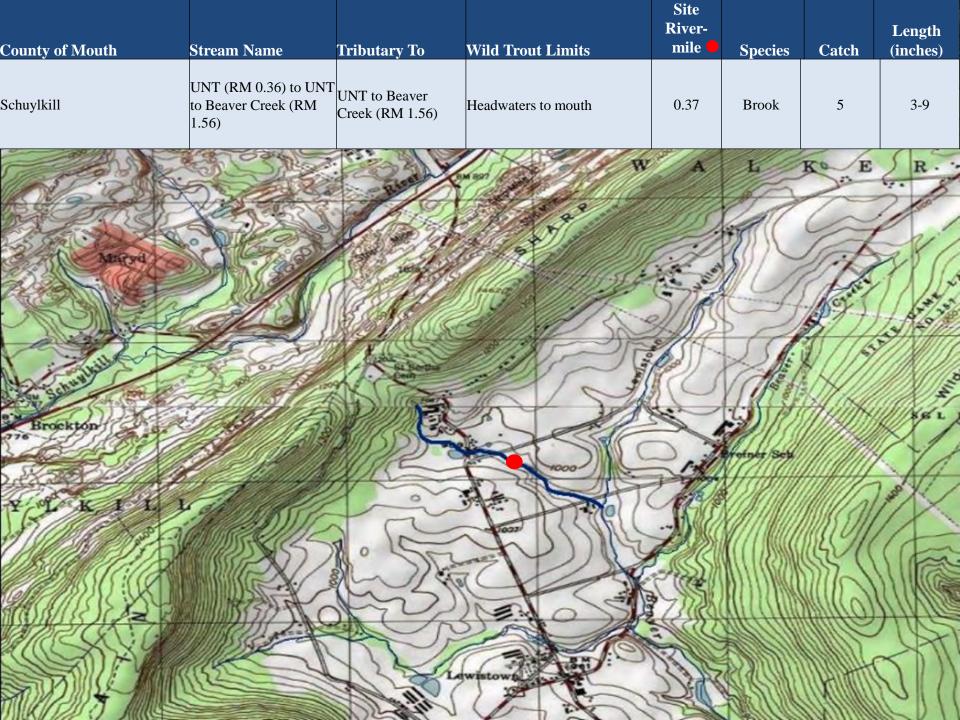


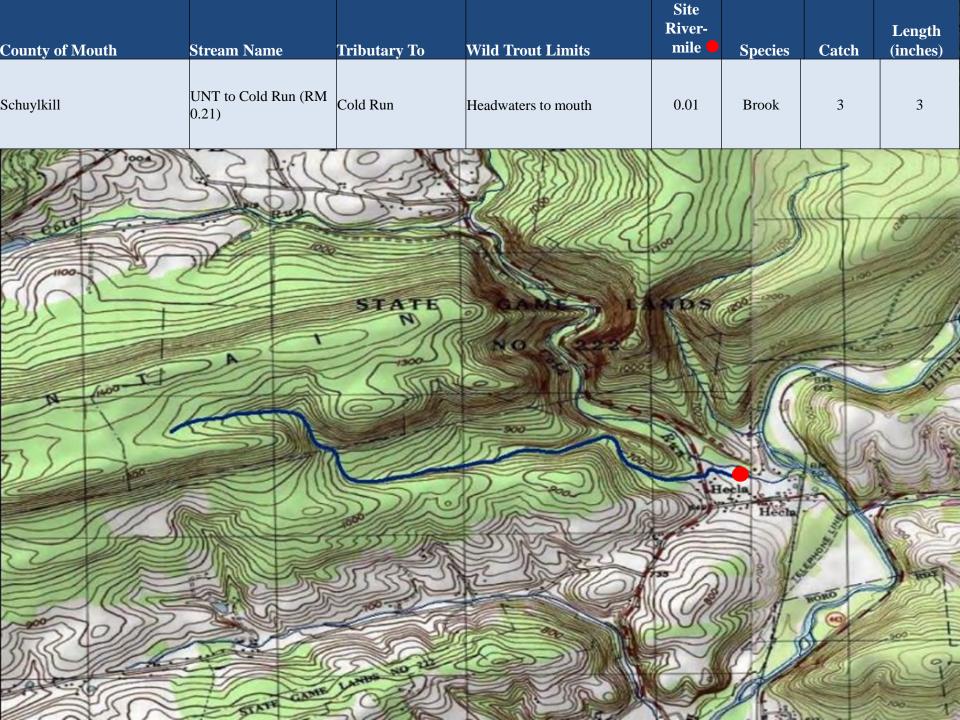


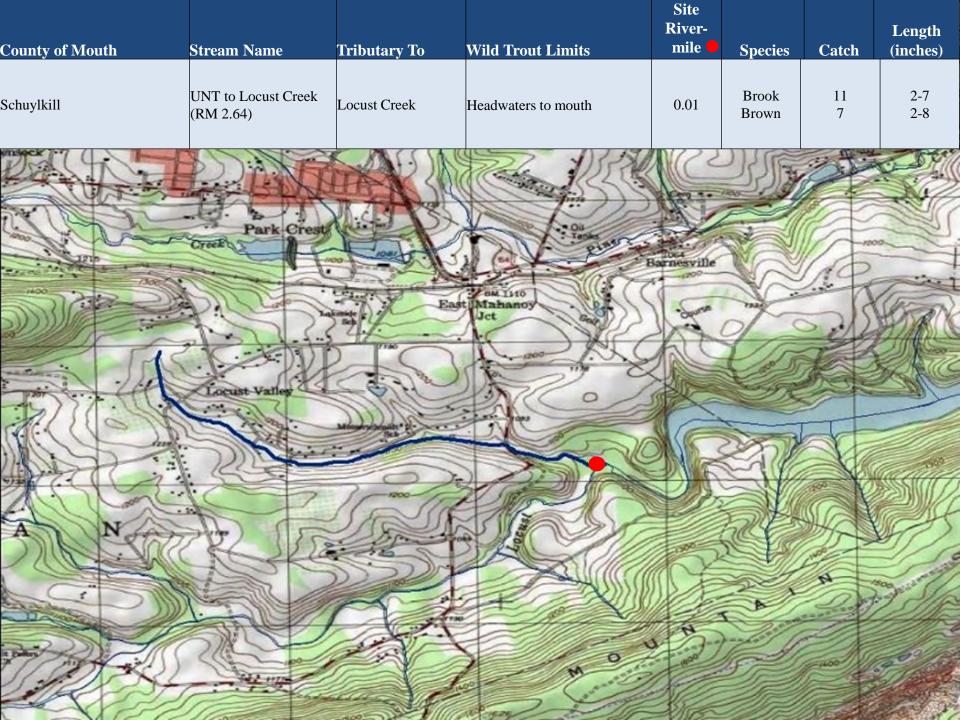


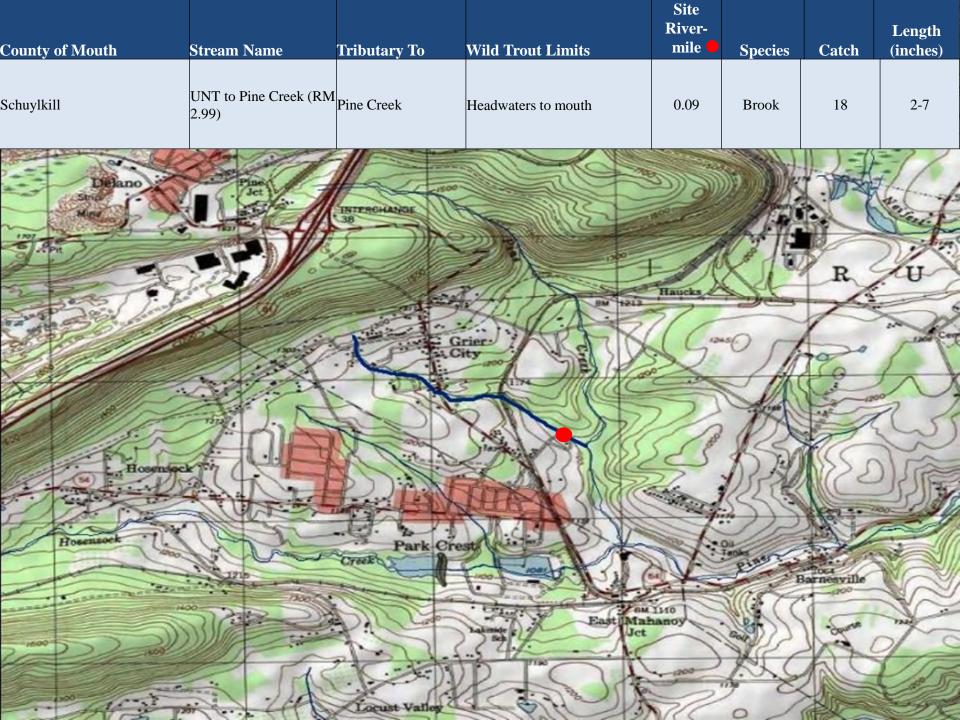


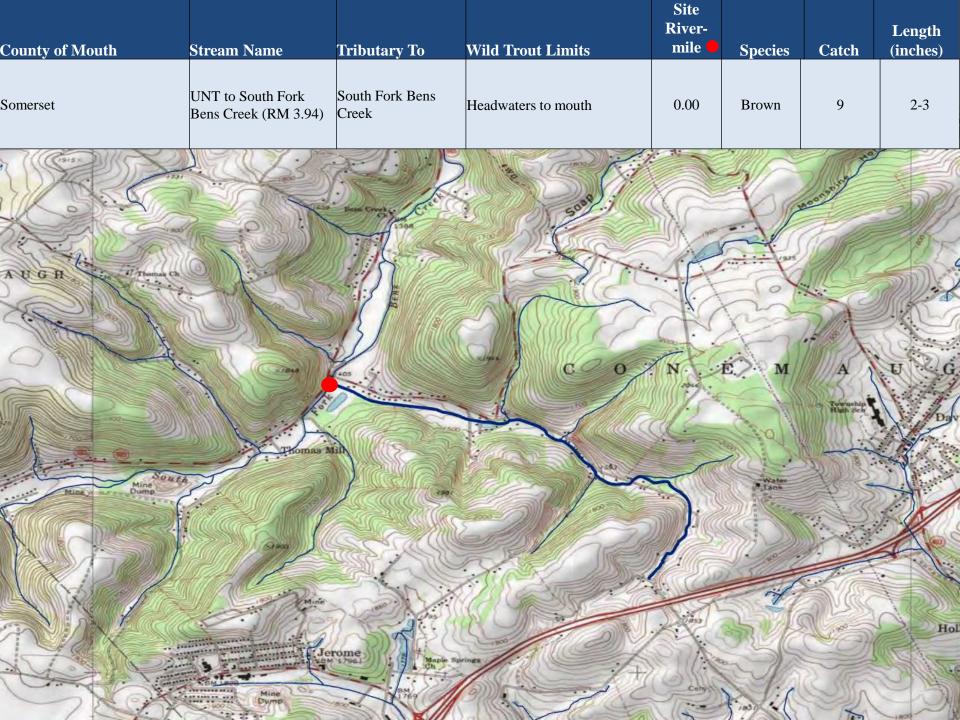


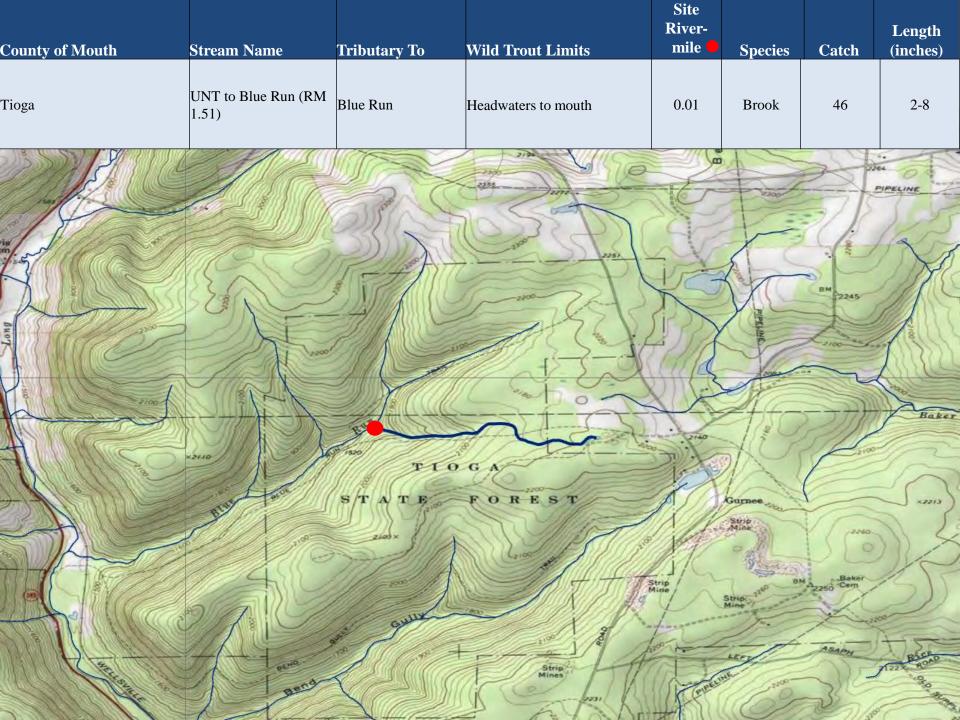


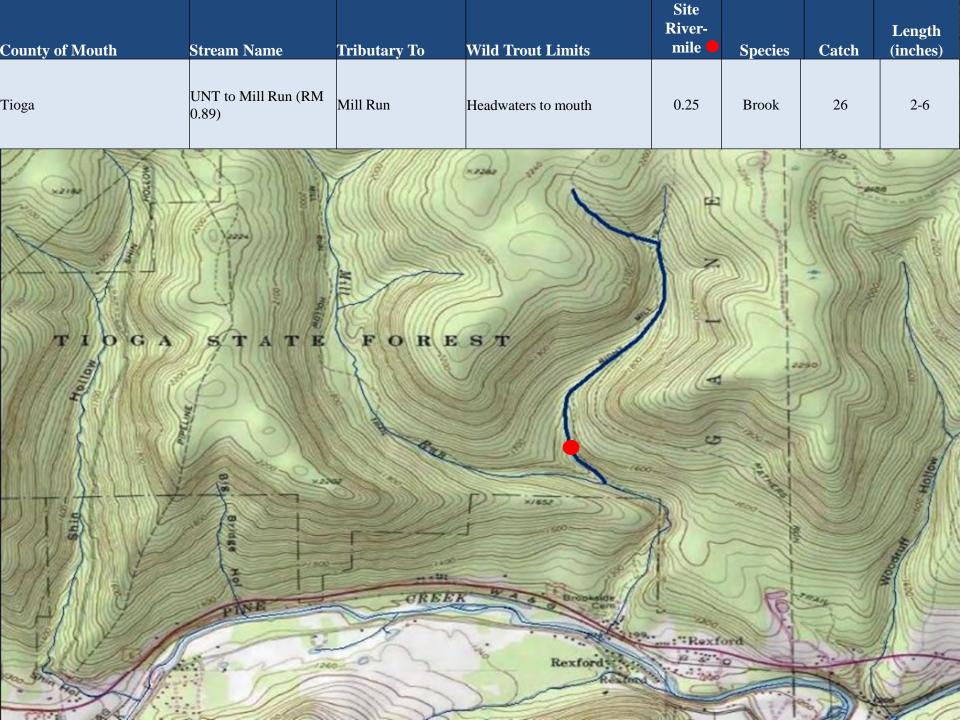


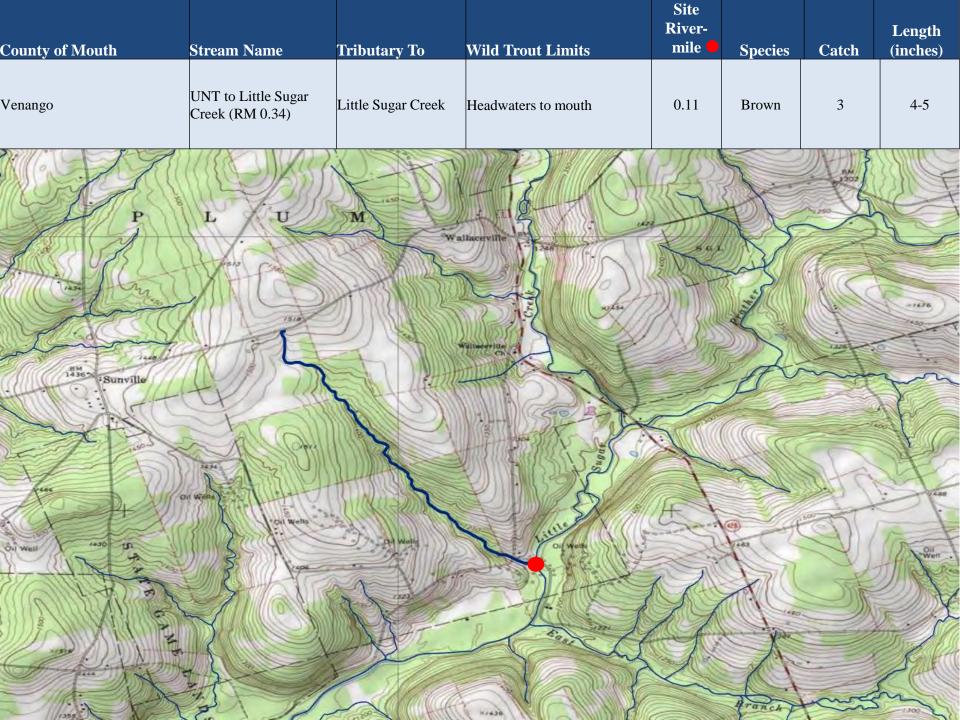


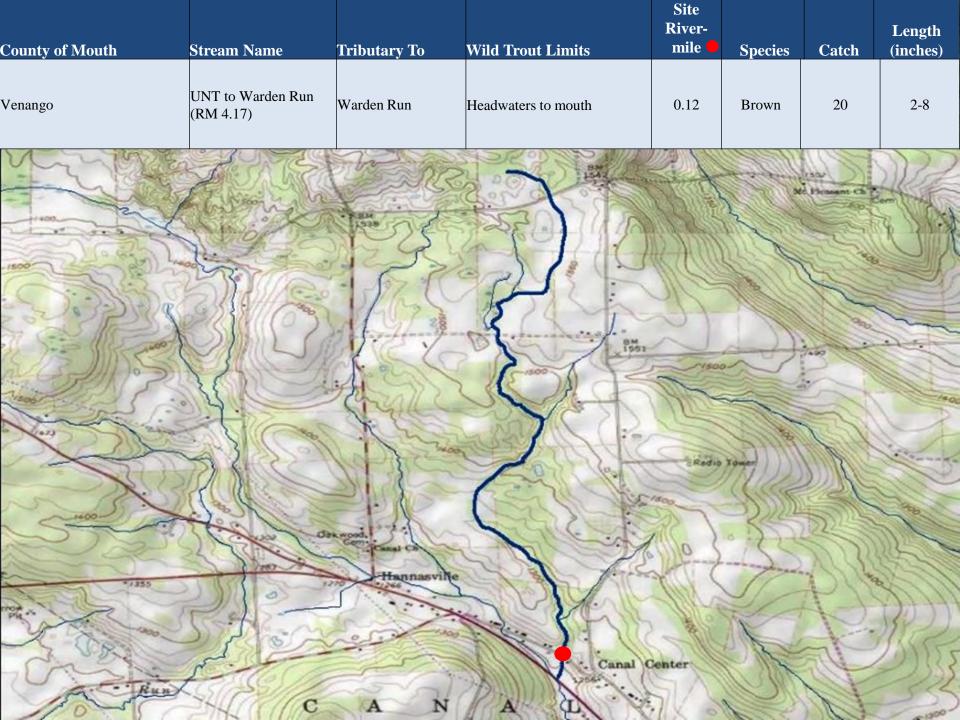


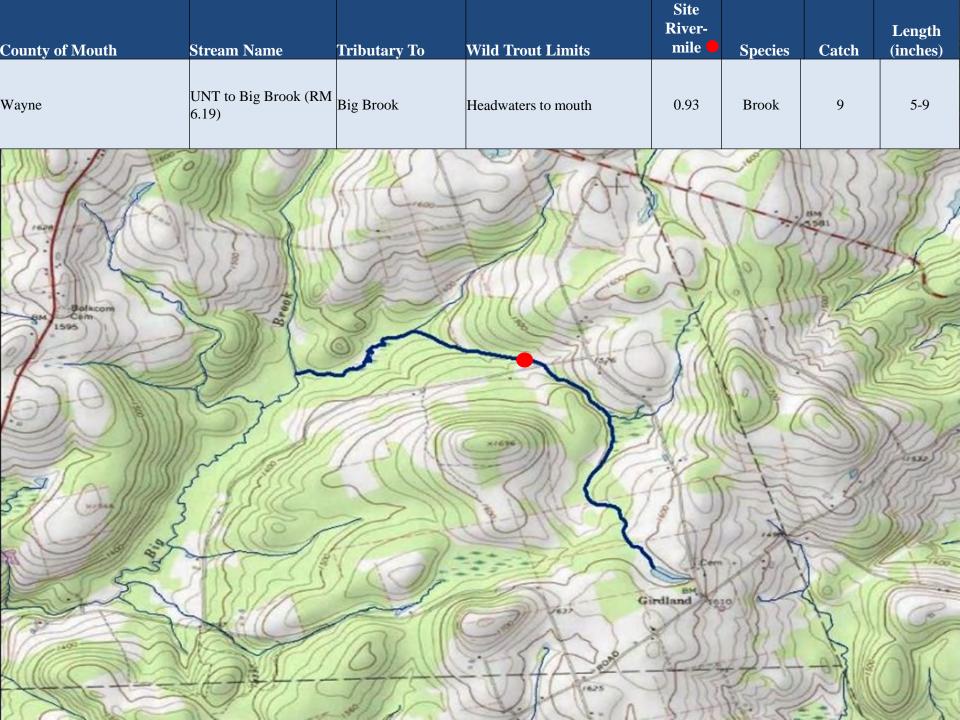


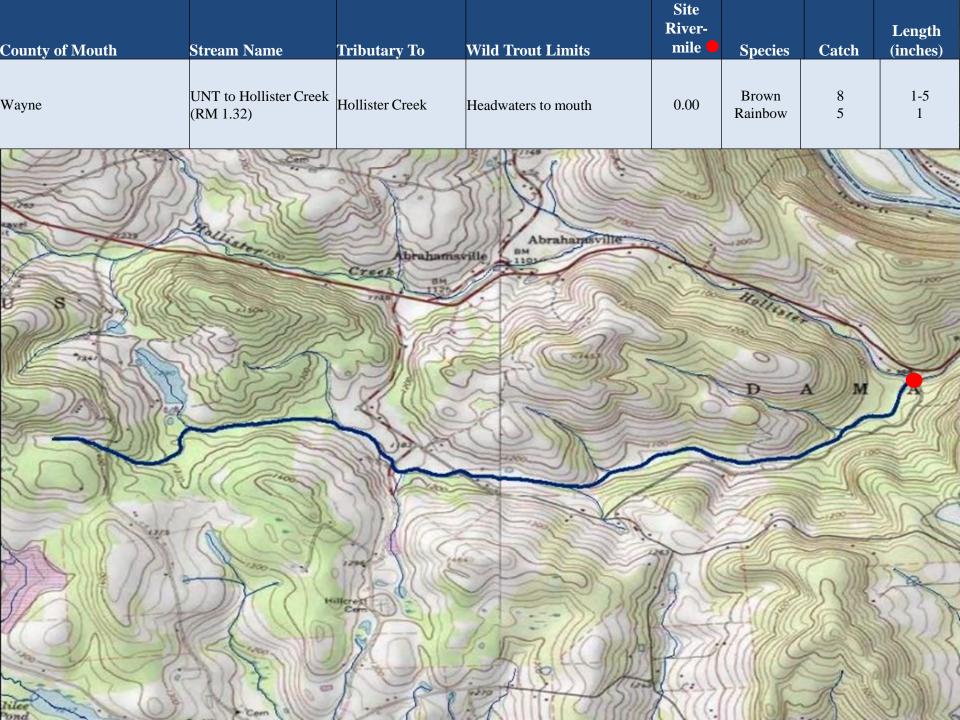


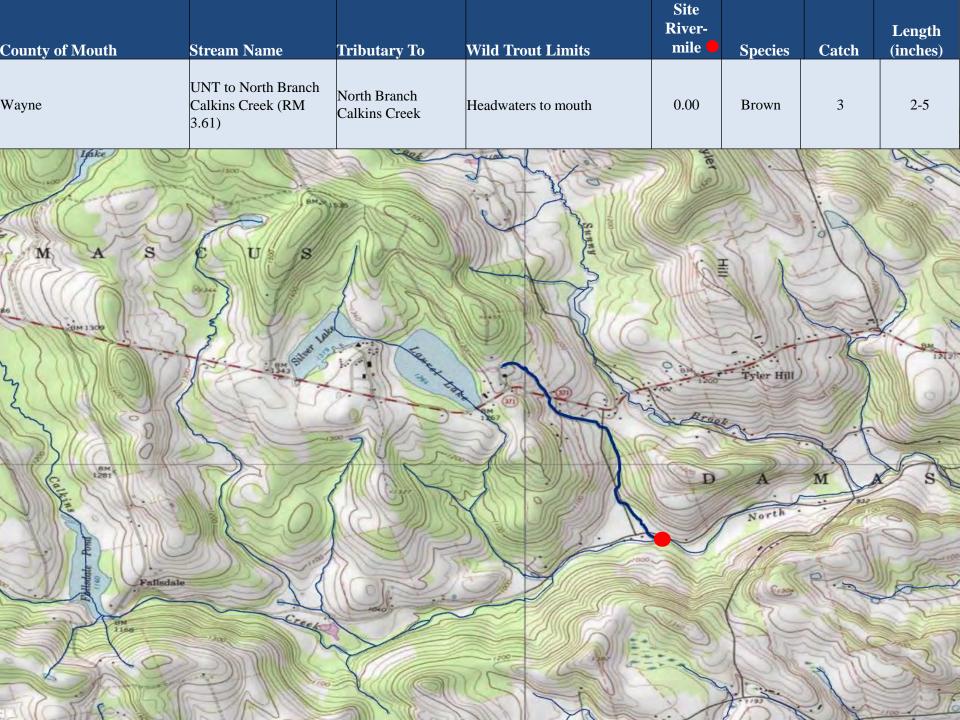


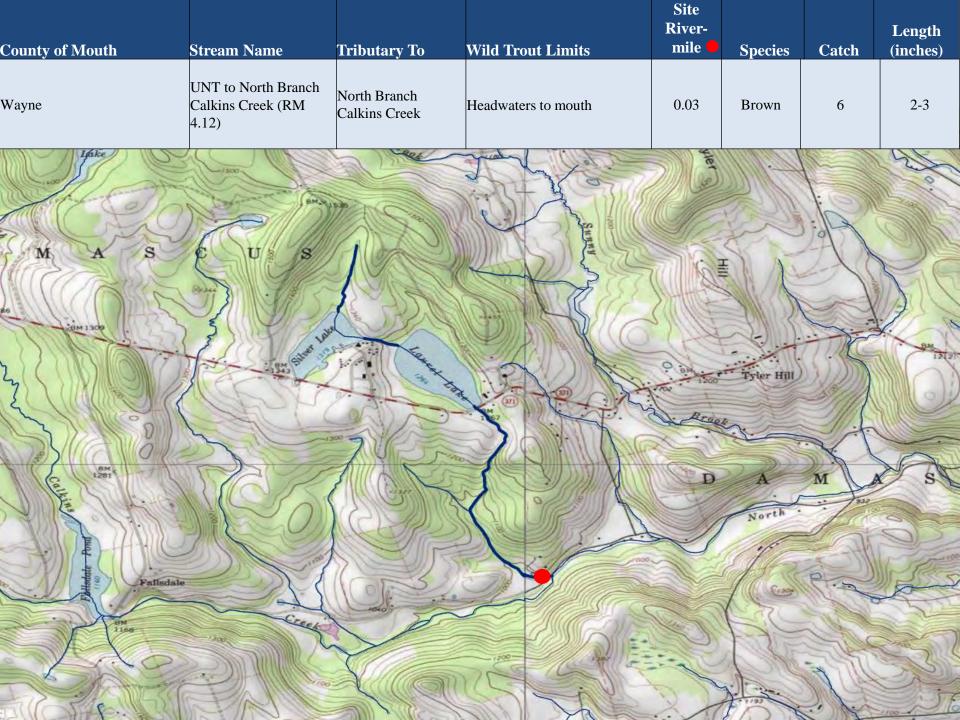


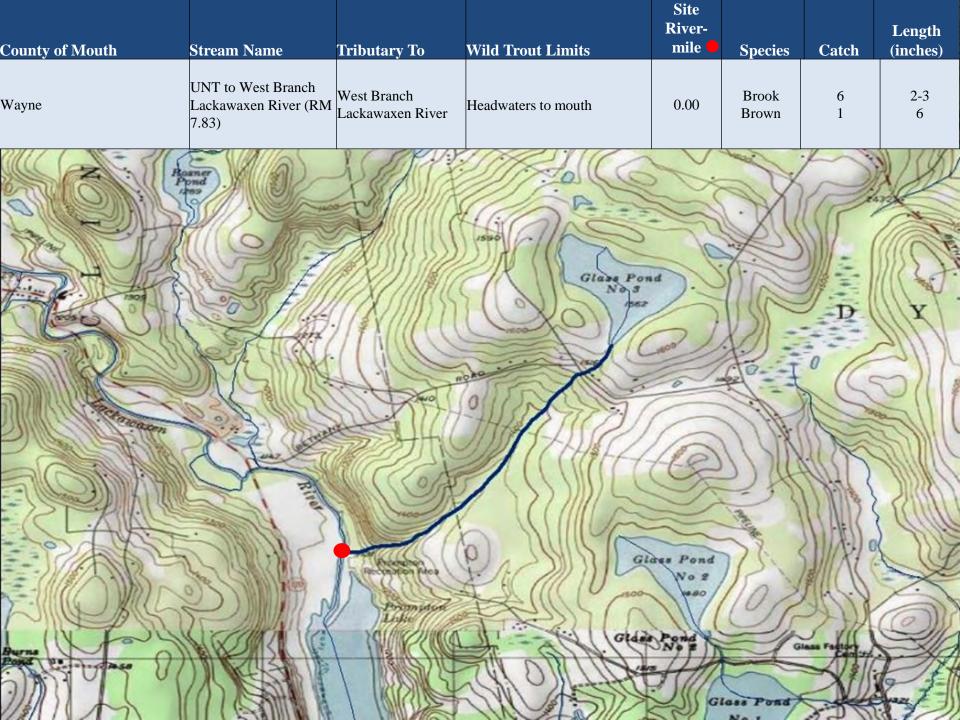








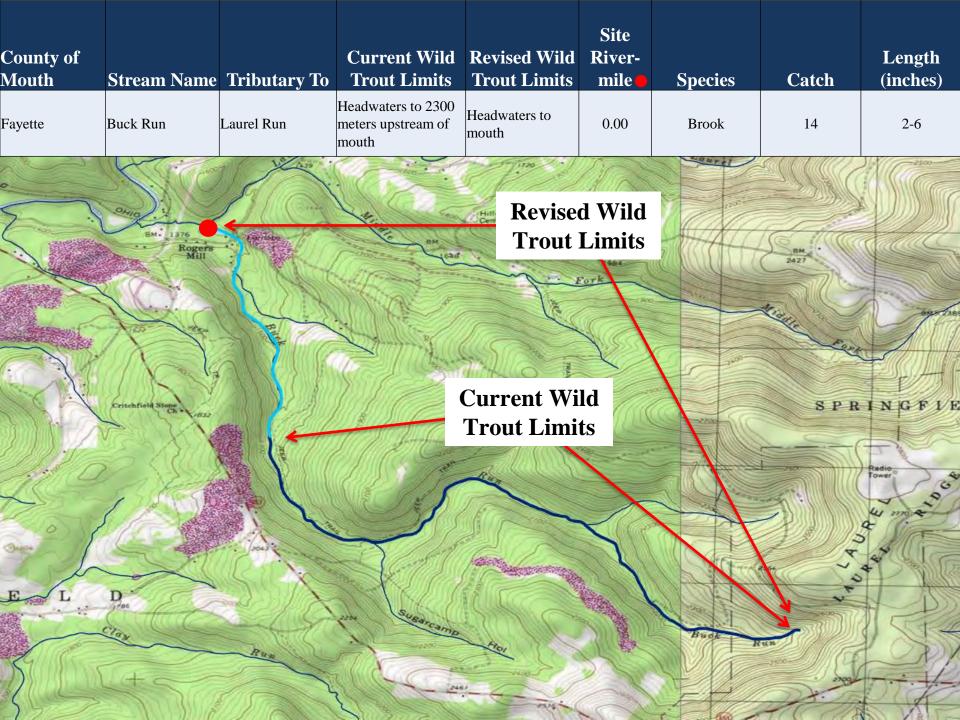


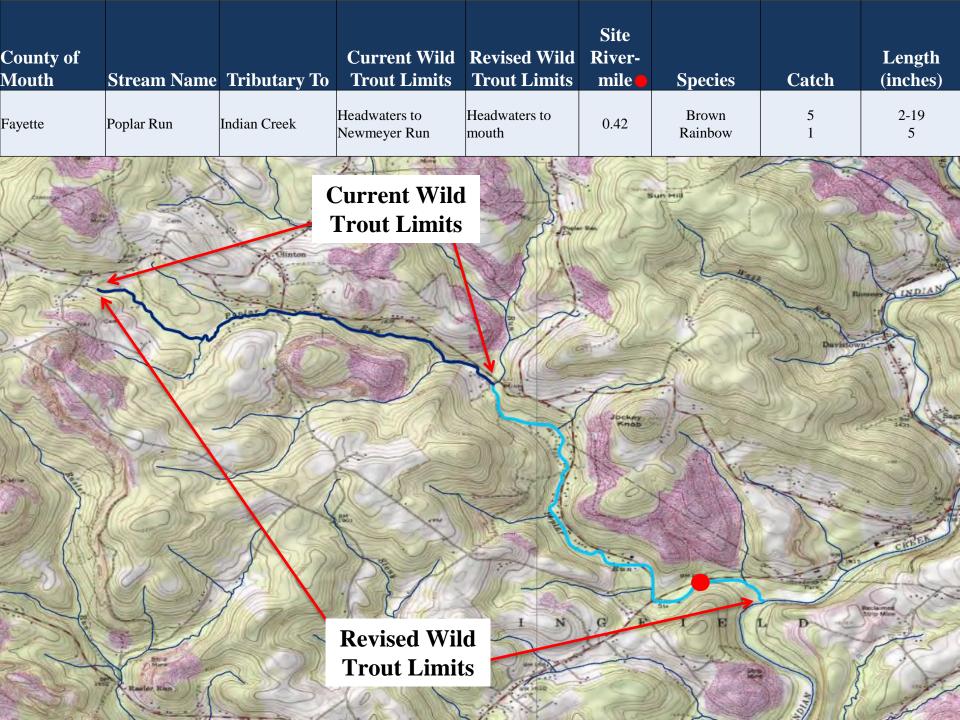


Wild Trout Revisions

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Current Wild Trout Limits	Revised Wild Trout Limits	Site River- mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Cambria	Laurel Run	Conemaugh River	Headwaters to 1.20 kilometers upstream of Red Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.53	Brook	5	2-6
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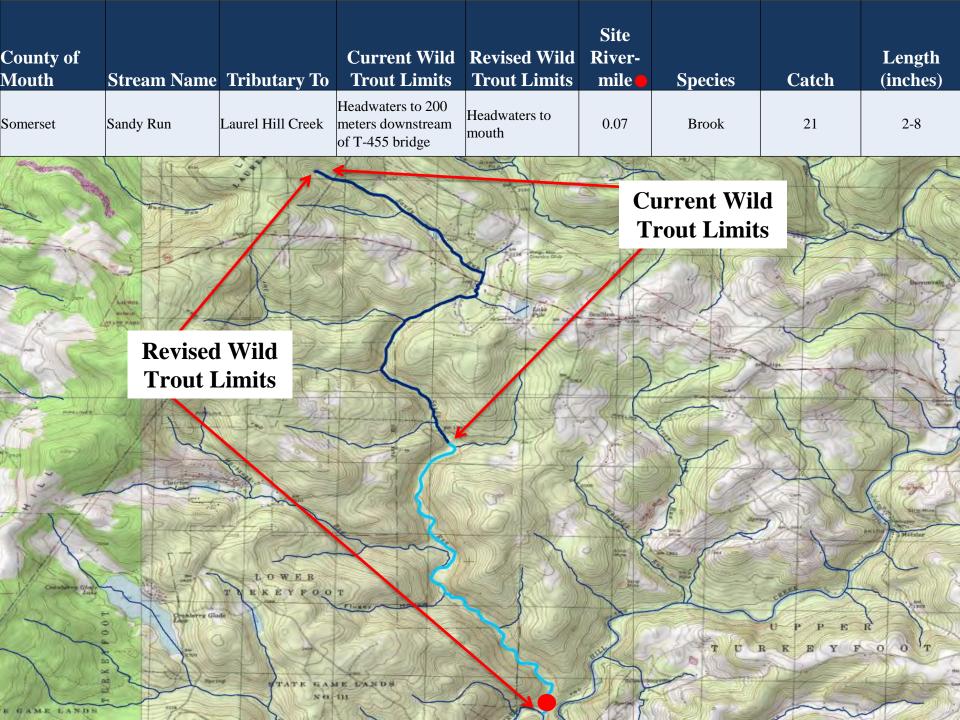
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Centre	Panther Run	Beech Creek	Headwaters to first UNT upstream of mouth	Headwaters to mouth	0.15	Brook	101	1-7
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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Current Wild Trout Limits	Revised Wild Trout Limits	Site River- mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
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Indiana	Blacklick Creek	Blacklick Creek	Headwaters to State Route 271 bridge	Headwaters to Coalpit Run	5.06	Brown	5	6-17
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NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Proposed Changes to the List of Wild Trout Streams; July 2025

[55 Pa.B. 3548] [Saturday, May 17, 2025]

Under 58 Pa. Code § 57.11 (relating to listing of wild trout streams), it is the policy of the Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) to accurately identify and classify stream sections supporting naturally reproducing populations of trout as wild trout streams. The Commission's Fisheries Management Division maintains the list of wild trout streams. The Executive Director, with the approval of the Commission, will from time-to-time publish the list of wild trout streams in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. The listing of a stream section as a wild trout stream is a biological designation that does not determine how it is managed. The Commission relies upon many factors in determining the appropriate management of streams.

At the next Commission meeting on July 28, 2025, the Commission will consider changes to its list of wild trout streams. Specifically, the Commission will consider the addition of the following streams or portions of streams to the list:

County of				Mouth
Mouth	Stream Name	Section Limits	Tributary to	Lat/Lon
Bedford	Unnamed tributary (UNT) to Bobs Creek (RM 15.75)	Headwaters to Mouth	Bobs Creek	40.317470 78.609600
Bedford	UNT to Potter Creek (RM 3.39)	Headwaters to Mouth	Potter Creek	40.223399 78.414000
Berks	UNT to Antietam Creek (RM 2.93)	Headwaters to Mouth	Antietam Creek	40.315866 75.851481
Blair	Glenwhite Run	Headwaters to the First Veterans Memorial Highway Bridge upstream of the Mouth	Burgoon Run	40.494218 78.465065
Cambria	Saint Clair Run	Headwaters to abandoned mine discharge at RM 2.57	Conemaugh River	40.349064 78.940224
Cambria	UNT to Laurel Run (RM 3.13)	Headwaters to Mouth	Laurel Run	40.570873 78.483038
Cambria	UNT to Laurel Run (RM 3.88)	Headwaters to Mouth	Laurel Run	40.564353 78.473735
Cambria	UNT to Little Killbuck Run (RM 1.93)	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Killbuck Run	40.659501 78.620650
Cameron	Butler Hollow Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Sizer Run	41.587773 78.228415
Cameron	Kreitner Hollow Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Sinnemahoning Portage Creek	41.611659 78.218878

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Cameron	Slaughter House Hollow Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Sinnemahoning Portage Creek	41.573917 78.195580
Cameron	Weller Hollow Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Sinnemahoning Portage Creek	41.606795 78.214590
Carbon	Bear Creek	Headwaters to Mouth	Nesquehoning Creek	40.849382 75.882148
Centre	UNT to Wolf Run (RM 4.55)	Headwaters to Mouth	Wolf Run	41.130650 77.914800
Centre	UNT to Wolf Run (RM 4.82)	Headwaters to Mouth	Wolf Run	41.132180 77.919330
Clearfield	Curleys Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Mosquito Creek	41.122274 78.122232
Clearfield	Grimes Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Mosquito Creek	41.127754 78.136934
Clearfield	UNT to Grimes Run (RM 1.10)	Headwaters to Mouth	Grimes Run	41.120360 78.154494
Clearfield	UNT to Moravian Run (Cave Run)	Headwaters to Mouth	Moravian Run	40.990913 78.264694
Clearfield	UNT to South Witmer Run (RM 5.63)	Headwaters to Mouth	South Witmer Run	40.726595 78.609316
Clinton	UNT to Craig Fork (RM 2.54)	Headwaters to Mouth	Craig Fork	41.264699 77.477614
Clinton	UNT to Lick Run (RM 11.12)	Headwaters to Mouth	Lick Run	41.299674 77.497385
Crawford	UNT to Deckard Run (RM 1.16)	Headwaters to Mouth	Deckard Run	41.536798 79.991276
Elk	South Branch Laurel Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Laurel Run	41.337903 78.778704
Elk	UNT to Laurel Run (RM 2.01)	Headwaters to Mouth	Laurel Run	41.343262 78.789427
Elk	UNT to Mead Run (RM 2.61)	Headwaters to Mouth	Mead Run	41.287170 78.731299
Elk	UNT to Mohan Run (RM 1.80)	Headwaters to Mouth	Mohan Run	41.398242 78.675884
Elk	UNT to Mohan Run (RM 2.66)	Headwaters to Mouth	Mohan Run	41.386370 78.673060
Fayette	Champion Creek	Headwaters to Mouth	Indian Creek	40.050556 79.389722
Fayette	Little Champion Creek	Headwaters to Mouth	Champion Creek	40.067866 79.399563
Fayette	UNT to Back Creek (RM 0.36)	Headwaters to Mouth	Back Creek	40.026131 79.389539
Fulton	UNT to West Fork Roaring Run (RM 1.11)	Headwaters to Mouth	West Fork Roaring Run	39.995340 78.171890
Indiana	UNT to Dixon Run (RM 5.97)	Headwaters to Mouth	Dixon Run	40.745722 79.002340
Indiana	UNT to Little Mahoning Creek (RM 1.54)	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Mahoning Creek	40.882935 79.213341

Lancaster	Lititz Run	Santo Domingo Creek to Mouth	Conestoga River	40.105278 76.248889
Lehigh	UNT to Little Lehigh Creek (RM 7.08)	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Lehigh Creek	40.552864 75.501580
Lehigh	UNT to Mill Creek (RM 2.20)	Headwaters to Mouth	Mill Creek	40.675757 75.640191
Lehigh	UNT to Swabia Creek (RM 4.79)	Headwaters to Mouth	Swabia Creek	40.503794 75.595286
Luzerne	UNT to Long Run (RM 1.08)	Headwaters to Mouth	Long Run	41.037000 75.997000
Lycoming	UNT to Blockhouse Creek (RM 8.18)	Headwaters to Mouth	Blockhouse Creek	41.509345 77.127746
Lycoming	UNT to Pine Creek (RM 9.04)	Headwaters to Mouth	Pine Creek	41.266239 77.334156
McKean	Little Fill Hollow Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Sinnemahoning Portage Creek	41.630742 78.217111
Mifflin	UNT to Hungry Run (RM 0.84)	Headwaters to Mouth	Hungry Run	40.640880 77.557880
Monroe	Jim Smith Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Tobyhanna Creek	41.221417 75.401418
Pike	UNT to Masthope Creek (RM 3.03)	Headwaters to Mouth	Masthope Creek	41.556698 75.061754
Potter	UNT (RM 0.68) to UNT to Lyman Run (RM 5.85)	Headwaters to Mouth	UNT to Lyman Run (RM 5.85)	41.741580 77.814567
Potter	UNT (RM 0.86) to UNT to Pine Creek (RM 83.96)	Headwaters to Mouth	UNT to Pine Creek (RM 83.96)	41.828885 77.810964
Potter	UNT to Cushing Hollow Run (RM 2.40)	Headwaters to Mouth	Cushing Hollow Run	41.849115 77.728775
Potter	UNT to Dry Run (RM 1.58)	Headwaters to Mouth	Dry Run	41.654687 78.069863
Potter	UNT to Hopper House Hollow Run (RM 0.90)	Headwaters to Mouth	Hopper House Hollow Run	41.665730 77.804132
Potter	UNT to Johnson Brook (RM 3.35)	Headwaters to Mouth	Johnson Brook	41.779203 77.642690
Potter	UNT to Meeker Hollow (RM 2.81)	Headwaters to Mouth	Meeker Hollow	41.799092 77.673273
Potter	UNT to Meeker Hollow (RM 2.95)	Headwaters to Mouth	Meeker Hollow	41.797931 77.671141
Potter	UNT to Pine Creek (RM 80.54)	Headwaters to Mouth	Pine Creek	41.790144 77.761214
Potter	UNT to West Branch Pine Creek (RM 11.34)	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Pine Creek	41.674366 77.816233
Potter	UNT to West Branch Pine Creek (RM 14.35)	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Pine Creek	41.686768 77.859542
Schuylkill	Beaver Creek	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Schuylkill River	40.629166 76.191666

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Schuylkill	Sinking Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Lofty Creek	40.864253 76.026470
Schuylkill	UNT (RM 0.36) to UNT to Beaver Creek (RM 1.56)	Headwaters to Mouth	UNT to Beaver Creek (RM 1.56)	40.743616 76.026399
Schuylkill	UNT to Cold Run (RM 0.21)	Headwaters to Mouth	Cold Run	40.704171 76.000141
Schuylkill	UNT to Locust Creek (RM 2.64)	Headwaters to Mouth	Locust Creek	40.800412 76.035622
Schuylkill	UNT to Pine Creek (RM 2.99)	Headwaters to Mouth	Pine Creek	40.821943 76.045685
Somerset	UNT to South Fork Bens Creek (RM 3.94)	Headwaters to Mouth	South Fork Bens Creek	40.230542 78.981603
Tioga	UNT to Blue Run (RM 1.51)	Headwaters to Mouth	Blue Run	41.808851 77.547959
Tioga	UNT to Mill Run (RM 0.89)	Headwaters to Mouth	Mill Run	41.761986 77.503558
Venango	UNT to Little Sugar Creek (RM 0.34)	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Sugar Creek	41.537540 79.801770
Venango	UNT to Warden Run (RM 4.17)	Headwaters to Mouth	Warden Run	41.471445 79.937205
Wayne	UNT to Big Brook (RM 6.19)	Headwaters to Mouth	Big Brook	41.696478 75.228052
Wayne	UNT to Hollister Creek (RM 1.32)	Headwaters to Mouth	Hollister Creek	41.757389 75.098777
Wayne	UNT to North Branch Calkins Creek (RM 3.61)	Headwaters to Mouth	North Branch Calkins Creek	41.681924 75.114258
Wayne	UNT to North Branch Calkins Creek (RM 4.12)	Headwaters to Mouth	North Branch Calkins Creek	41.679072 75.122520
Wayne	UNT to West Branch Lackawaxen River (RM 7.83)	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Lackawaxen River	41.630093 75.342881

The Commission also will consider the following revisions to the section limits of streams on the list:

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Current Limits	Revised Limits	Tributary to	Mouth Lat/Lon
Cambria	Laurel Run	Headwaters to 1.20 kilometers upstream of Red Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Conemaugh River	40.363611 78.941667
Centre	Panther Run	Headwaters to first UNT upstream of Mouth	Headwaters to Mouth	Beech Creek	41.107222 77.835000
Fayette	Buck Run	Headwaters to 2300 meters upstream of Mouth	Headwaters to Mouth	Laurel Run	39.993056 79.410833

Fayette	Poplar Run	Headwaters to Newmeyer Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Indian Creek	40.015556 79.415278
Forest	UNT to Maple Creek (RM 2.65)	Headwaters to UNT at RM 0.90	Headwaters to Mouth	Maple Creek	41.372696 79.154420
Indiana	South Branch Blacklick Creek	Headwaters to State Route 271 Bridge	Headwaters to Coalpit Run	Blacklick Creek	40.483814 78.923714
Somerset	Sandy Run	Headwaters to 200 meters downstream of T-455 bridge	Headwaters to Mouth	Laurel Hill Creek	39.897500 79.324167
Venango	UNT to East Branch Sugar Creek (RM 2.63)	Headwaters to UNT at RM 1.60	Headwaters to Mouth	East Branch Sugar Creek	41.517320 79.832540

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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Other New Business

Time and Place of October 2025 Commission Meeting

Election of Commission President and Vice President

Adjournment