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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

AGENDA¹

The 168th Meeting of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission will be held on Monday, October 26, 2026, 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 October 26, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Donald K. Anderson, President
William J. Gibney, Vice President
William C. Brock
Charles J. Charlesworth
Eric C. Hussar
Richard S. Kauffman
Steven M. Ketterer
John E. Mahn, Jr.
Daniel J. Pastore
Robert B.J. Small

Pledge of Allegiance

Staff and Volunteer Recognition

Public Comments to Commissioners and Staff

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Executive Director's Report

Boating Advisory Board Report

Reports of Commissioner Committees

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Announcement of Executive Sessions

Notice of Temporary Changes to Fishing Regulations

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY CHANGES TO FISHING REGULATIONS

- A. Temporary change to fishing regulations (58 Pa. Code § 65.25); Lackawanna Lake, Lackawanna County. See Exhibit A.
- B. Temporary change to fishing regulations (58 Pa. Code § 65.25); Lake Wynonah, Schuylkill County. See Exhibit B.
- C. Temporary change to fishing regulations (58 Pa. Code § 65.25); Hunters Lake, Sullivan County. See Exhibit C.
- D. Temporary change to fishing regulations (58 Pa. Code § 65.25); Beechwood Lake, Tioga County. See Exhibit D.
- E. Temporary change to fishing regulations (58 Pa. Code § 65.25); Stevens Lake, Wyoming County. See Exhibit E.

NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Temporary Change to Fishing Regulations; Lackawanna Lake, Lackawanna County

[56 Pa.B. 6151]
[Saturday, September 12, 2026]

The Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission), acting under the authority of 58 Pa. Code § 65.25 (relating to temporary changes to fishing regulations), has taken immediate action to temporarily modify fishing regulations at Lackawanna Lake, Lackawanna County, in anticipation of a drawdown of the lake. The Executive Director has lifted all seasons, sizes and creel limits for all species. The Executive Director has found that this action is necessary and appropriate for management of fish at this lake.

The Executive Director will cause these temporary modifications to fishing regulations to be posted in the vicinity of the lake and the modified regulations will be fully effective and enforceable when so posted. These temporary modifications will remain in effect until March 1, 2027, unless the Commission shall by then, by appropriate action, have approved the designation or redesignation of waters or shall have approved the revision of the regulation in question.

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

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NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Temporary Change to Fishing Regulations; Lake Wynonah, Schuylkill County

[56 Pa.B. 6250]
[Saturday, September 19, 2026]

The Executive Director of the Fish and Boat Commission (Commission), acting under the authority of 58 Pa. Code § 65.25 (relating to temporary changes to fishing regulations), has taken immediate action to temporarily modify fishing regulations at Lake Wynonah, Schuylkill County, in anticipation of a drawdown of the lake. The Executive Director has lifted all seasons, sizes and creel limits for all species. The Executive Director has found that this action is necessary and appropriate for management of fish at this lake.

The Executive Director will cause these temporary modifications to fishing regulations to be posted in the vicinity of the lake, and the modified regulations will be fully effective and enforceable when so posted. These temporary modifications will remain in effect until March 4, 2027, unless the Commission shall by then, by appropriate action, have approved the designation or redesignation of waters or shall have approved the revision of the regulation in question.

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

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NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Temporary Change to Fishing Regulations; Beechwood Lake, Tioga County

The Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission), acting under the authority of 58 Pa. Code § 65.25 (relating to temporary changes to fishing regulations), has taken immediate action to temporarily modify fishing regulations at Beechwood Lake, Tioga County, in anticipation of a drawdown of the lake. The Executive Director has lifted all seasons, sizes, and daily limits for all game fish, except trout. The season, sizes and daily limits for trout at Beechwood Lake will remain under 58 Pa. Code § 61.1(d) (relating to Commonwealth inland waters). The Executive Director has found that this action is necessary and appropriate for management of fish at this lake.

The Executive Director will cause these temporary modifications to fishing regulations to be posted in the vicinity of the lake, and the modified regulations will be fully effective and enforceable when so posted. These temporary modifications will remain in effect until April 7, 2027, unless the Commission shall by then, by appropriate action, have approved the designation or redesignation of waters or shall have approved the revision of the regulation in question.

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

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NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Temporary Change to Fishing Regulations; Hunters Lake, Sullivan County

The Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission), acting under the authority of 58 Pa. Code § 65.25 (relating to temporary changes to fishing regulations), has taken immediate action to temporarily modify fishing regulations at Hunters Lake, Sullivan County, in anticipation of a drawdown of the lake. The Executive Director has lifted all seasons, sizes, and daily limits for all game fish, except trout. The season, sizes and daily limits for trout at Stevens Lake will remain under 58 Pa. Code § 61.1(d) (relating to Commonwealth inland waters). The Executive Director has found that this action is necessary and appropriate for management of fish at this lake.

The Executive Director will cause these temporary modifications to fishing regulations to be posted in the vicinity of the lake, and the modified regulations will be fully effective and enforceable when so posted. These temporary modifications will remain in effect until April 8, 2027, unless the Commission shall by then, by appropriate action, have approved the designation or redesignation of waters or shall have approved the revision of the regulation in question.

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

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NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Temporary Change to Fishing Regulations; Stevens Lake, Wyoming County

The Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission), acting under the authority of 58 Pa. Code § 65.25 (relating to temporary changes to fishing regulations), has taken immediate action to temporarily modify fishing regulations at Stevens Lake, Wyoming County, in anticipation of a drawdown of the lake. The Executive Director has lifted all seasons, sizes, and daily limits for all game fish. The Executive Director has found that this action is necessary and appropriate for management of fish at this lake.

The Executive Director will cause these temporary modifications to fishing regulations to be posted in the vicinity of the lake, and the modified regulations will be fully effective and enforceable when so posted. These temporary modifications will remain in effect until April 8, 2027, unless the Commission shall by then, by appropriate action, have approved the designation or redesignation of waters or shall have approved the revision of the regulation in question.

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

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**EXECUTIVE
FINAL RULEMAKING**

A. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code Chapter 51 (Administrative Provisions).

Commentary:

A notice of proposed rulemaking was published at 56 Pa.B. 5429 (August 15, 2026) (Exhibit F). The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) received no public comments relating to this proposal.

Briefer:

Robert Schefter, Chief, Office of Chief Counsel

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*.

Action:

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

[58 PA. CODE CH. 51]

Administrative Provisions; General Appeal Provisions

[56 Pa.B. 5429]

[Saturday, August 15, 2026]

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). This rulemaking proposes to add Subchapter N (relating to general appeal provisions) to identify the commission's provisions for its general appeals process.

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 Robert J. Schefter, Esq., P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, (717) 705-7810. This proposed rulemaking is available on the commission's website at pa.gov/agencies/fishandboat.

C. *Statutory Authority*

This proposed amendment to Chapter 51 is published under the statutory authority of 30 Pa.C.S. §§ 321 and 322 (relating to administration and enforcement; and rules and regulations) regarding the commission's powers and duties in general for administration, enforcement and the promulgation of rules and regulations.

D. *Purpose and Background*

Commission regulations provide specific appeal provisions for certain matters, but they do not provide a general internal appeals process for parties otherwise aggrieved by an adverse action of the commission. Without these regulations in place, the default appeal process for a party aggrieved by the action of a Commonwealth agency is set forth in 1 Pa. Code Part II (relating to General Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure) (GRAPP). The commission needs to promulgate its own general appeals provisions to provide a clear, streamlined process tailored to the needs of the commission and to better serve the needs of those who wish to appeal an adverse action that is not otherwise addressed by commission regulations. This proposed rulemaking satisfies the need by adding a subchapter that provides an appeals process for an adverse action by the commission not otherwise addressed by commission regulations.

E. *Summary of Proposal*

The commission has the authority to create administrative provisions for citizens who want to appeal an adverse action by the commission, which is not otherwise provided for in 30 Pa.C.S. The commission proposes to add Subchapter N to describe the commission's general appeal provisions as set forth in Annex A. Adding Subchapter N is warranted because there are no other subchapters in Chapter 51 related to funding.

§ 51.141. Purpose and scope.

This introductory section defines a general appeal and exempts certain matters where commission regulations set forth a specific appeals process and also exempts personnel actions and other matters governed by a court of law. Subsection (c) is a general statement that the internal appeals process supersedes the GRAPP proceedings.

§ 51.142. Initiation of appeal. Content. Timing.

This section describes the information to be contained in the appeal, the deadline for the appeal and where to file. A request for hearing must be included in the appeal, which is adopted from the GRAPP at 1 Pa. Code § 35.10 (relating to form and content of formal complaints) regarding form of complaints.

§ 51.143. Procedure in lieu of hearing.

This section recognizes that some appellants may not seek a full hearing and provides the option for review and decision by the Executive Director or designee. The ruling provided under this section would be considered the final action of the commission. This section is adopted from the commission's regulation at § 51.106 (relating to procedure in lieu of hearing) regarding civil penalty forfeiture process.

§ 51.144. Scheduling of hearing.

This section directs that the Executive Director will appoint a presiding officer to conduct the hearing. The presiding officer may be an external representative or an internal staff member not involved in the underlying matter. Notice of the hearing and the process for continuance requests are also explained. This section is adopted from the commission's regulation at § 51.27 (relating to hearings) regarding hearings in license suspension matters. The continuance request provision in subsection (c) is adopted from the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) regulation at § 145.7 (relating to continuances).

§ 51.145. Hearing.

This section describes the conduct of the hearing, as well as the burden of proof and rulings on evidentiary matters. Discretion is given to the presiding officer on the particulars of the hearing. This section is based on the GRAPP at 1 Pa. Code § 35.187 (relating to authority delegated to presiding officers) and the PGC regulation at 58 Pa. Code § 145.12 (relating to hearing authority).

§ 51.146. Report of presiding officer.

This section describes the form of the report and the recommendation of the presiding officer to the Executive Director. This section is based on the GRAPP at 1 Pa. Code § 35.205 (relating to contents of proposed reports).

§ 51.147. Order.

This section directs the Executive Director to consider the recommendation of the presiding officer and to prepare a final Order containing the decision on the appeal. This decision is the final adjudication on the matter and will be reported to the commission at its next meeting. This section is

based on the GRAPP at 1 Pa. Code § 35.226 (relating to final orders) and the PGC regulation at 58 Pa. Code § 145.13 (relating to decision of the Director or Commission).

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-369. No fiscal impact; recommends adoption.

Annex A

TITLE 58. RECREATION

PART II. FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Subpart A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 51. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(Editor's Note: Subchapter N is proposed to be added and is printed in regular type to enhance readability.)

Subchapter N. GENERAL APPEAL PROVISIONS

Sec.

51.141. Purpose and scope.

51.142. Initiation of appeal. Content. Timing.

51.143. Procedure in lieu of hearing.

51.144. Scheduling of hearing.

51.145. Hearing.

51.146. Report of presiding officer.

51.147. Order.

§ 51.141. Purpose and scope.

(a) An appeal from an adverse action by the commission may be brought under this subchapter by an aggrieved party whose rights have been directly affected by the adverse action.

(b) This subchapter does not apply to the following:

(1) Section 51.6 (relating to petitions or requests for regulations).

(2) Subchapter C (relating to suspension, denial or revocation of licenses, permits, registrations or privileges).

(3) Subchapter E (relating to permit procedures).

(4) Subchapter K (relating to civil penalty forfeiture process).

(5) Section 927 of 30 Pa.C.S. (relating to forfeiture of fish and devices).

(6) Personnel actions.

(7) Orders based upon a proceeding before a court of law.

(c) This subchapter governs where inconsistent with 1 Pa. Code, Part II (relating to General Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure).

§ 51.142. Initiation of appeal. Content. Timing.

(a) An appeal shall be made in writing and captioned "Appeal" and shall contain the following information:

(1) Name, address, telephone number and email address of the appellant.

(2) Name and address of the person or party within the commission who made the adverse decision being appealed (the "respondent"). (Appellant and respondent are collectively referred to as the "parties".)

(3) A concise statement of relevant facts and grounds upon which the appeal is based. Supporting material may be submitted with the appeal.

(4) Statute, regulation or right alleged to have been violated.

(5) The relief sought.

(6) Whether a hearing is requested.

(b) Appeals shall be submitted in writing by regular mail to the Executive Director within 30 calendar days following issuance of a notice of an adverse action. This subsection supplements 1 Pa. Code Chapter 31 Subchapter A and Subchapter B (relating to general provisions; and time) regarding time.

(c) The Executive Director shall provide a copy of the appeal and any submitted supporting material to the respondent. The respondent may reply in writing to the appeal and deliver the reply to the Executive Director by regular or inter-office mail within 10 days after receipt of the appeal.

§ 51.143. Procedure in lieu of hearing.

(a) When a hearing is not requested, the Executive Director or designee shall review the matter and collect any additional information deemed necessary. The Executive Director or designee shall issue a written order granting or denying the appeal and, if granted, provide a statement of any relief granted. The Executive Director shall deliver the order to the parties.

(b) The order shall be considered the final administrative adjudication of the commission. This subsection supersedes 1 Pa. Code § 35.226 (relating to final orders).

§ 51.144. Scheduling of hearing.

(a) In an appeal where a request for hearing is set forth in the appeal, the Executive Director shall appoint a presiding officer to conduct the hearing on behalf of the commission who is not involved in the underlying adverse action.

(b) *Notice of hearing.* The presiding officer shall provide the parties at least 10 days' written notice of the date, time and location of the hearing. Hearings will be conducted at the Harrisburg office of the commission or at another location as the Executive Director may designate.

(c) *Continuance requests.* Continuance requests shall be made in writing and submitted to the presiding officer and the other party. The request shall state whether the continuance is opposed by the other party. Objections to the request shall be made in writing and submitted to the presiding officer. The presiding officer may grant a continuance for good cause shown. The decision by the presiding officer on a continuance request is final. Failure of the appellant to appear at the hearing shall result in dismissal of the appeal, absent emergency circumstances at the discretion of the presiding officer.

§ 51.145. Hearing.

(a) The presiding officer shall conduct the hearing. The respondent commission bears the burden of proof and shall present its case first through witness and documentary evidence. Witnesses are subject to cross examination. The appellant shall then present its case in the same manner. The presiding officer may question parties and witnesses. Further proceedings at the hearing are at the discretion of the presiding officer.

(b) The burden of proof to justify the action being appealed will be on the commission to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the action taken is justified by the facts and the circumstances.

(c) Strict adherence to the Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence generally is not required. The presiding officer will rule on questions of admissibility and relevance of evidence and other evidentiary matters.

(d) Opening and closing statements may be permitted at the discretion of the presiding officer.

(e) Stenographic or electronic recordings of the hearing are permitted at the expense of the ordering party. Transcript copies shall be made available to the presiding officer and opposing party for a reasonable fee to be determined by the presiding officer or as set by a professional court reporter hired to transcribe the hearing.

§ 51.146. Report of presiding officer.

(a) After the hearing is closed, the presiding officer shall prepare and deliver to the Executive Director a report, the contents of which shall include, at a minimum, separate sections for the following:

- (1) Findings of fact.
- (2) Conclusions of law.
- (3) A recommended decision to include a grant or denial of the relief sought.

(b) The report of the presiding officer is due to the Executive Director within 30 days after the hearing unless extended by the Executive Director.

§ 51.147. Order.

(a) The Executive Director shall review the report of the presiding officer and issue a written order granting or denying the appeal and, if granted, provide a statement of any relief granted. The Executive Director shall deliver the order to the parties.

(b) The Executive Director shall notify the members of the commission of the order at the next regular or special meeting of the commission.

(c) The order shall be considered the final administrative adjudication of the commission on the appeal. This subsection supersedes 1 Pa. Code § 35.226 (relating to final orders).

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**EXECUTIVE
OTHER MATTERS**

A. Dates for Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Meetings in 2027.

Commentary:

Title 30 § 301(e) requires the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) to hold meetings in the Harrisburg area in January and July of each year. Traditionally, the Commission has held two additional meetings each year.

Staff have reviewed the available dates and possible conflicts for scheduling 2027 Commission meetings. Based upon this review, the following dates are proposed for 2027 Commission meetings:

- Monday, January 25, 2027; Friday, January 29, 2027 (if needed due to inclement weather)
- Monday, April 26, 2027
- Monday, July 26, 2027
- Monday, October 25, 2027

The January and July 2027 meetings will be held at the Harrisburg headquarters. The April and October 2027 meetings will be held at locations designated by the Commission for the transaction of business.

Briefer:

Timothy Schaeffer, Executive Director

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve the 2027 Commission meeting dates as described in the Commentary.

Action:

**EXECUTIVE
OTHER MATTERS**

- B. Boating Facility Grant Program: Amendment to the Grant Agreement with Thornhurst Township, Riverfront Park Launch, Lehigh River, Lackawanna County.

Commentary:

On April 4, 2025, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) Executive Director approved a grant not to exceed \$85,000 to Thornhurst Township (Township) to construct a new non-motorized boat access along the Lehigh River in Lackawanna County.

During construction, unsuitable subsurface conditions were discovered which led to increased project costs of \$149,700. This item now requires Board approval because the total amount of the project now exceeds \$100,000. The Township is requesting additional funds in the amount of \$74,850 to complete the project. Matching funds for the project will be provided by the Township in the amount of \$74,850.

Staff propose that the grant agreement with the Township be amended to provide additional funds not to exceed \$74,850.

Briefer:

Mark Morrison, Chief, Division of Waterways and Marina Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve the amendment to the grant agreement with Thornhurst Township as described in the Commentary.

Action:

**EXECUTIVE
OTHER MATTERS**

- C. Boating Facility Grant Program: Amendment to the Grant Agreement with Schuylkill River Greenway Association, Reeser's Landing, Schuylkill River, Berks County.

Commentary:

On April 28, 2025, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) approved a grant not to exceed \$115,900 to Schuylkill River Greenway Association (Association) to develop a launch for motorboats and non-motorized boats at Reeser's Landing along the Schuylkill River in Berks County.

During construction, unsuitable subsurface conditions were discovered which led to increased project costs of \$40,000. The Association is requesting additional funds in the amount of \$24,000 to complete the project. Matching funds for the project will be provided by the Association.

Staff propose that the grant agreement with the Association be amended to provide additional funds not to exceed \$24,000.

Briefer:

Mark Morrison, Chief, Division of Waterways and Marina Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve the amendment to the grant agreement with the Schuylkill River Greenway Association as described in the Commentary.

Action:

**EXECUTIVE
PROPERTY SERVICES**

- A. Grant of Permanent Right-of-Way and Temporary Construction Easement, Penn Township, Cumberland County.

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) owns a 171-acre property known as the Huntsdale State Fish Hatchery (Hatchery) in Dickinson and Penn Townships, Cumberland County, as depicted on Exhibit G (Location Map). The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) intends to replace the State Route 3006 bridge over Irishtown Gap Hollow Run (Project) as depicted on Exhibit H (Site Map).

The Project requires the Commission to convey to PennDOT a 0.051-acre permanent right-of-way and a 0.302-acre temporary construction easement as depicted on the Site Map. The temporary construction easement will revert to the Commission at project completion, estimated to take four months. A detour will ensure that construction does not directly impact Hatchery operations. PennDOT will restore the disturbed areas to the Commission's satisfaction. The Project will not have a long-term adverse impact on the Hatchery and will improve public safety. The Commission will receive fair market value of \$3,100 for the rights it will convey.

Briefer:

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

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission consent to the permanent right-of-way and temporary construction easement in Penn Township, Cumberland County, as described in the Commentary.

Action:

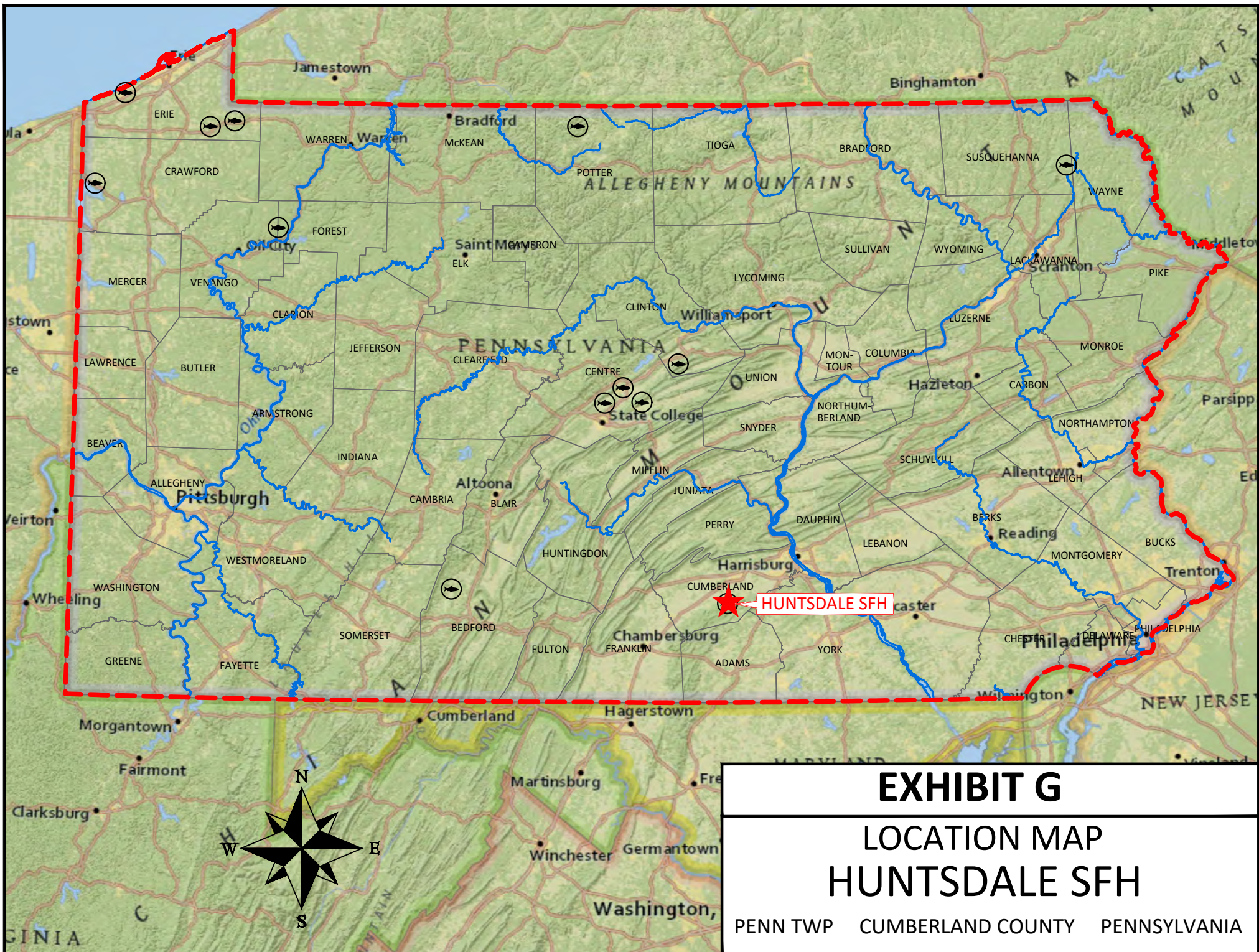


EXHIBIT G

LOCATION MAP HUNTSDALE SFH

PENN TWP CUMBERLAND COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA



Irishtown Gap
Hollow Run

SR 3006 (PINE ROAD)
40' Width R/W

T-699 Firehouse Dr.
40' Width R/W

PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT
COMMISSION
"HUNTSDALE STATE FISH
HATCHERY"

EXHIBIT H

SITE MAP

Huntsdale SFH - PennDOT Disposition

PENN TOWNSHIP

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

PENNSYLVANIA



Required Right of Way

Required Temporary Construction Easement

BOATING
PROPOSED RULEMAKING

A. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 111.14 (Relating to Special Regulations in Centre County).

Commentary:

Foster Joseph Sayers Lake is a 1,730-acre lake within Bald Eagle State Park in Howard, Liberty and Marion Townships, Centre County, owned by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). Recreational boating on the lake is managed collaboratively between the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) and DCNR's Bureau of State Parks. Hunters Run Cove is on the northwest side of the lake and provides approximately 100 acres of secluded fishing and boating.

The Commission's regulations restrict boating to slow, no wake speed in the vicinity of the boat launches in the southern and northern portions of the cove, leaving less than 50 acres unrestricted. DCNR has requested the Commission amend its regulations to extend the slow, no wake restriction to the entire cove and remove the prohibition of waterskiing, which is no longer relevant.

Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 111.14 be amended as follows:

§ 111.14. Centre County.

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(2) Boats are limited to slow, no wake speed in the following areas:

(i) Hunters Run Cove **and** inlet.

[(ii) The southern end of Hunters Run Cove in the vicinity of boat launching areas.

(iii) The northern end of Hunters Run Cove from the inlet to the dam.

(iv)] (ii) Within 100 feet of either side of the Route 26 Highway Bridge.

[(v)] (iii) From approximately 2,000 feet west of the Upper Greens Run launch ramp through the backwaters of the lake.

[(3) Waterskiing is prohibited in Hunters Run Cove.

(4)] (3) It is unlawful to operate boats equipped with inboard engines with over the transom or straight stack type exhausts.

Briefer:

Mark Sweppenhiser, Director, Bureau of Boating

Recommendation:

Staff recommend the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment as described in the Commentary. If adopted on final rulemaking, this amendment will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

FISHERIES

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

- A. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 71a.11 (Prohibited Species): Add Golden Mussel and Asian Swamp Eel Complex.

Commentary:

The Golden Mussel (*Limnoperna fortunei*) is a small bivalve mollusk native to freshwater lakes and rivers in parts of southeastern Asia. Adult Golden Mussels attach to both hard and soft substrates permanently. In suitable environments, Golden Mussels can attain densities of thousands of individuals per square meter on substrates. Golden Mussels have been introduced by humans outside of their native range in parts of Asia and South America. In 2024, Golden Mussels were detected for the first time in California. To date, this species has not been reported elsewhere in North America; however, it has a high risk of spreading on boats, fishing gear transported among states and aquacultural products, primarily as larvae in contaminated water. The high risk of spread and concerns about potential impact to North American waters has caused concern about this species among many natural resource agencies and partners.

Golden Mussels have caused significant impacts in other parts of the world where they have been introduced. They disrupt aquatic food webs and may cause changes to ecosystems, including displacing native species and potentially impacting the quality and abundance of sportfish. They also may cause algal blooms and facilitate the transfer of parasites to fish. Additionally, they outcompete native mussels, including species of conservation concern. This species attaches to and fouls human infrastructure such as freshwater intake pipes, docks and boat hulls, causing damage to these structures and creating an economic impact. This species is thought to be similar in many respects to invasive and highly destructive Zebra Mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*).

The Asian Swamp Eel complex (family Synbranchidae) are elongate fishes with no fins, usually about 20 inches in length. They typically occur in wetland habitats, canals, ponds and other slow moving or stagnant freshwater habitats. They are predators and primarily feed on insects, crayfish and small fishes. Members of this family are native to parts of Asia, Africa, Australia, India and South America. Taxonomy in this group based on genetic analyses is unresolved and appears to represent a number of cryptic species, some of which have yet to be formally named and described. Given similar appearance, biology, potential impacts, presence in trade and taxonomic uncertainty, it is proposed to prohibit the entire Asian Swamp Eel complex (family Synbranchidae), following suit with a similar proposed listing by Maryland.

Members of the Asian Swamp Eel complex have been introduced into parts of the southern and Mid-Atlantic United States (U.S.), as well as Hawaii. Studies suggest that the Asian Swamp Eel complex can have substantial impacts to aquatic food webs by drastically reducing populations of small fishes and crayfish through predation. They

can also ecologically displace native fishes and wading birds through competition. Of particular concern are native crayfish species of conservation concern in the Commonwealth which may be negatively impacted by introductions of the Asian Swamp Eel complex. These fishes are sometimes possessed and sold as aquarium pets and produced and sold as aquaculture for human consumption. Intentional releases and escapes have been attributed to most introductions in North America.

Screening assessments for the Golden Mussel and Asian Swamp Eel complex in the Commonwealth, evaluated and recommended by a technical Aquatic Invasive Species Workgroup (Workgroup) consisting of staff representatives from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission), the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and the Pennsylvania Sea Grant, suggest that these are high-risk invasive species of concern for the Commonwealth. The Workgroup recommended that the Commission consider these species for listing as prohibited in 58 Pa. Code § 71a.11 (Prohibited species).

Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 71a.11 be amended as follows:

§ 71a.11. Prohibited species.

(a) It is unlawful to introduce, import, possess or transport in or through this Commonwealth, or the waters of this Commonwealth, the following species:

- (1) Snakeheads (all species).
- (2) Black carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*).
- (3) Bighead carp (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*).
- (4) Silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*).
- (5) Zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*).
- (6) Quagga mussel (*Dreissena rostriformis bugensis*).
- (7) Round goby (*Neogobius melanostomus*).
- (8) Freshwater tubenose goby (*Proterorhinus semilunaris*).
- (9) European rudd (*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*).
- (10) Crayfish (all live species), except when any of the following apply:

(i) Possessed and used as bait on, in or about the water from which taken.

(ii) Possessed or imported for testing and scientific purposes or restaurant consumption, adequate measures have been taken to prevent their escape, and they are accompanied by documentation stating the point of origin and the destination to which they are to be delivered.

(iii) Dead with the head removed or salted and dried for angling purposes.

(11) Ruffe (*Gymnocephalus cernua*).

(12) Golden Mussel (*Limnoperna fortunei*).

(13) Asian Swamp Eel complex (family Synbranchidae).

(b) *Exceptions.* Species in subsection (a)(1)—(4) may be possessed in this Commonwealth for the purposes of consumption or slaughter only. Other exceptions for species in subsection (a) shall require prior written approval from the Commission's Executive Director.

Briefer:

Sean Hartzell, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator

Recommendation:

Staff recommend the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment as described in the Commentary. If adopted on final rulemaking, this amendment will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

FISHERIES
PROPOSED RULEMAKING

B. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 63.16 (Fishing in the Vicinity of Fishways).

Commentary:

To protect fish utilizing technical fishways to pass dams and promote public safety, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) prohibits fishing both within a fishway and within 100 feet of the entrance and exit points of a fishway, chute, slope, fish ladder, fish lift or other fish passage facility located on or in connection with a dam on the waters of this Commonwealth under 58 Pa. Code § 63.16 (Fishing in the vicinity of fishways).

From 2023 to 2025, two nature-like fishways were constructed at the Adam T. Bower Memorial Inflatable Dam (Fabridam) and the York Haven Dam on the Susquehanna River at river mile (RM) 122.50 and RM 56.20, respectively. Nature-like fishways, as the name implies, are fish passage solutions that mimic a natural stream channel, whereas technical fishways (e.g., vertical slot fish ladders, Denil fish ladders) are engineered fish passage solutions that pass fish through much more constricted passage routes.

The area in the vicinity of the nature-like fishway at the Fabridam is a very popular angling and boating destination. However, when the Fabridam is inflated forming upriver Lake Augusta during the summer recreation season, fishing in or within 100 feet of the entrance and exit points of the fishway is prohibited. During this time when the fishway is flowing and providing fish passage, it is a natural stream channel approximately 35-feet wide and 5-feet deep with resting pools and other natural features. This diversity of habitat allows fish using the fishway to utilize cover as they would in a natural setting and disperse throughout the channel, thus not being easily targeted and caught by anglers as would be the case in a technical fishway. As such, in consultation with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the owner and operator of the Fabridam, staff propose to amend 58 Pa. Code § 63.16 (Fishing in the vicinity of fishways) to allow more flexibility in the management of fishways and to provide enhanced angler opportunities in the vicinity of the Fabridam and other nature-like fishways as appropriate, while maintaining safe public access.

Conversely, the nature-like fishway at the York Haven Dam, while providing similar natural stream channel conditions that facilitate fish passage, is located on private property that is closed to public access. Although the proposed amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 63.16 would allow for the consideration of the provision of angler access here, it is not appropriate given that the public cannot legally enter this area and angler and boater access will remain prohibited at this location.

Additionally, due to law enforcement concerns with individuals who are not fishing but are otherwise interfering with fish in the vicinity of fishways, staff propose an amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 63.16 to address this concern.

Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 63.16 be amended as follows:

§ 63.16. Fishing in the vicinity of fishways.

(a) It is unlawful to fish, **enter with the intent to fish or otherwise interfere with fish** within a fishway, chute, slope, fish ladder, fish lift or other fish passage facility located on or in connection with a dam on the waters of this Commonwealth, **unless otherwise posted**.

(b) It is unlawful to fish in an area within a radius of 100 feet of the entrance or exit points from a fishway, chute, slope, fish ladder, fish lift or other fish passage facility located on or in connection with a dam on the waters of this Commonwealth, **unless otherwise posted**.

Briefer:

Kristopher Kuhn, Director, Bureau of Fisheries

Recommendation:

Staff recommend the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment as described in the Commentary. If adopted on final rulemaking, this amendment will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

FISHERIES
PROPOSED RULEMAKING

- C. Amendments to 58 Pa. Code § 53.24 (Tournament and Fishing Derby Permits) and 58 Pa. Code § 63.40 (Fishing Tournaments and Fishing Derbies).

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with adjoining states regarding fishing regulations and currently has a Cooperative Fisheries Agreement (Agreement) in place with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (Department). Under the Agreement, the Commission and Department agree that the regulations in force on the Youghiogheny Reservoir shall be as set forth by the Commission and that the regulations in force on the Conowingo Reservoir shall be as set forth by the Department. These regulations shall be in force on the Youghiogheny and Conowingo Reservoirs until both states mutually agree to amend, modify or rescind all or part of the regulations promulgated by the Commission or the Department.

Under 58 Pa. Code § 53.24 (Tournament and fishing derby permits) and § 63.40 (Fishing tournaments and fishing derbies), it is unlawful to conduct or participate in a fishing tournament or fishing derby involving the catch or attempted catch of a particular species of fish during the closed season for that species. However, the Department does not prohibit anglers from conducting or participating in a fishing tournament or fishing derby for a particular species during that species closed season in waters under their jurisdiction, including the Conowingo Reservoir.

Given that the Commission follows the Department's regulations applied to the Conowingo Reservoir as detailed in the Agreement, staff recommend amending 58 Pa. Code § 53.24 and § 63.40 to allow fishing tournaments and fishing derbies during a closed season in instances where regulatory authority is ceded to another state through cooperative agreement which allows fishing tournaments and fishing derbies during that time period.

Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 53.24 be amended as follows:

§ 53.24. Tournament and fishing derby permits.

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(e) *Prohibited acts.* It is unlawful to conduct a fishing tournament or fishing derby on Commission owned or controlled property except in compliance with permit conditions. It is unlawful to conduct a fishing tournament or fishing derby on Commission owned or controlled property on the opening day for any species of game fish unless the applicant has made an extraordinary showing that the proposed tournament will not interfere

with other fishing and boating activities and the Commission issues a special activity permit containing a specific finding, based upon the applicant's showing, that the permitted activity will not constitute interference. It is unlawful to conduct or participate in a fishing tournament or fishing derby involving the catch or attempted catch of a particular species of fish during the closed season for that species **except when regulatory authority is ceded to another state through a cooperative agreement which allows fishing tournaments and fishing derbies during a closed season**. It is unlawful to conduct a fishing tournament on the North Branch, West Branch or main stem Susquehanna River that allows tournament anglers to kill black bass.

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Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 63.40 be amended as follows:

§ 63.40. Fishing tournaments and fishing derbies.

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(d) *Prohibited acts*. It is unlawful to conduct a fishing tournament or fishing derby on Commission owned or controlled property except in compliance with permit conditions. It is unlawful to conduct a fishing tournament or fishing derby on Commission owned or controlled property on the opening day for any species of game fish unless the applicant has made an extraordinary showing that the proposed tournament will not interfere with other fishing and boating activities and the Commission issues a special activity permit containing a specific finding, based upon the applicant's showing, that the permitted activity will not constitute interference. It is unlawful to conduct or participate in a fishing tournament or fishing derby involving the catch or attempted catch of a particular species of fish during the closed season for that species **except when regulatory authority is ceded to another state through a cooperative agreement which allows fishing tournaments and fishing derbies during a closed season**. It is unlawful to conduct a fishing tournament on the North Branch, West Branch or main stem Susquehanna River that allows tournament anglers to kill black bass.

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Briefer:

Kristopher Kuhn, Director, Bureau of Fisheries

Recommendation:

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

Action:

FISHERIES

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

- D. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 65.24 (Miscellaneous Special Regulations): Add Rainbow Pond, Crawford County; Harbor Creek Community Park Pond, Erie County; Phifers Ice Dam, Lehigh County; Montoursville Borough Community Park Pond, Lycoming County; FDR Park Lake, Philadelphia County; Kennedy Park Pond, Susquehanna County; B-Y Park Pond, Westmoreland County; and Kiwanis Lake, York County.

Commentary:

Since the 1960s, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) has utilized various fishing programs focused on providing enhanced warm-water (e.g., panfish) fishing opportunities in small impoundments that could support high angling pressure and that were located in populated regions of the state. In 1967, the Commission's Community Pond Program was formalized; however, even with modifications to the program including the Salvage and Center City Cane Pole programs, the Community Pond Program was terminated in the early 1980s. The Community Pond Program and more recent community fishing programs, including the Catfish Summer Festival, targeted the warm-water fishery that was supported through natural reproduction or was supplemented through stocking of adult fish, potentially reducing angler participation in late winter and early spring when cold-water species (e.g., trout) are readily available to be stocked.

Previous programs encompassed numerous waters on a statewide scale and relied on stocking of adult warm-water fish to sustain the programs. These factors played a key role in prior programs' viability, as the cost associated with stocking over a hundred waters with adult fish that were produced, purchased or salvaged from nearby waters was not sustainable. Although previous programs had limited success, establishing a program that provides angling opportunities within or adjacent to urban, metropolitan or densely populated communities (e.g., city or borough in a rural area) continues to be a priority of the Commission.

Staff plan to implement a rebranded community fishing initiative in 2027 focusing efforts on priority waters in communities around the Commonwealth. This initiative aims to utilize improved hatchery operations that provide a cost-effective option for stocking juvenile and adult warm-water and trout species. This initiative will initially be implemented on a limited basis and will be supported by a coordinated education and marketing strategy. Staff have consulted with and received the support of the municipalities where these priority waters are located. As with previous experimental programs or regulations, amending 58 Pa. Code § 65.24 (Miscellaneous special regulations) allows for an evaluation to be conducted to determine if the program meets the desired goals and objectives prior to expansion or formalization of a program. Following an evaluation of the program, staff may formalize a special regulation that would be codified in 58 Pa. Code Chapter 65 (Special fishing 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:

<i>County</i>	<i>Name of Water</i>	<i>Special Regulations</i>
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<u>Crawford County</u>	<u>Rainbow Pond</u>	<u>All tackle types are permitted.</u> <u>Open to fishing year-round.</u> <u>Panfish—no closed season—20 panfish daily limit (combined species).</u> <u>Trout—no closed season—9 inches minimum size limit—3 trout daily limit (combined species).</u> <u>A trout permit is not required to fish in waters included in the Community Fishing Initiative unless a person takes, kills or possesses, while in the act of fishing, a trout on or in these waters.</u> <u>All species except panfish and trout—Commonwealth inland waters regulations apply. See § 61.1.</u>
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<u>Erie County</u>	<u>Harbor Creek Community Park Pond</u>	<u>All tackle types are permitted.</u> <u>Open to fishing year-round.</u> <u>Panfish—no closed season—20 panfish daily limit (combined species).</u> <u>Trout—no closed season—9 inches minimum size limit—3 trout daily limit (combined species).</u> <u>A trout permit is not required to fish in waters included in the Community Fishing Initiative unless a person takes, kills or</u>

		<u>possesses, while in the act of fishing, a trout on or in these waters.</u> <u>All species except panfish and trout—Commonwealth inland waters regulations apply. See § 61.1.</u>
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<u>Lehigh County</u>	<u>Phifers Ice Dam</u>	<u>All tackle types are permitted.</u> <u>Open to fishing year-round.</u> <u>Panfish—no closed season—20 panfish daily limit (combined species).</u> <u>Trout—no closed season—9 inches minimum size limit—3 trout daily limit (combined species).</u> <u>A trout permit is not required to fish in waters included in the Community Fishing Initiative unless a person takes, kills or possesses, while in the act of fishing, a trout on or in these waters.</u> <u>All species except panfish and trout—Commonwealth inland waters regulations apply. See § 61.1.</u>
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<u>Lycoming County</u>	<u>Montoursville Borough Community Park Pond</u>	<u>All tackle types are permitted.</u> <u>Open to fishing year-round.</u> <u>Panfish—no closed season—20 panfish daily limit (combined species).</u> <u>Trout—no closed season—9 inches minimum size limit—3 trout daily limit (combined species).</u> <u>A trout permit is not required to fish in waters included in the Community Fishing Initiative unless a person takes, kills or possesses, while in the act of fishing, a trout on or in these waters.</u> <u>All species except panfish and trout—Commonwealth inland waters regulations apply. See § 61.1.</u>
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<u>Philadelphia County</u>	<u>FDR Park Lake</u>	<u>All tackle types are permitted.</u> <u>Open to fishing year-round.</u> <u>Panfish—no closed season—20 panfish daily limit (combined species).</u> <u>Trout—no closed season—9 inches minimum size limit—3 trout daily limit (combined species).</u> <u>A trout permit is not required to fish in waters included in the Community Fishing Initiative unless a person takes, kills or possesses, while in the act of fishing, a trout on or in these waters.</u> <u>All species except panfish and trout—Commonwealth inland waters regulations apply. See § 61.1.</u>
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<u>Susquehanna County</u>	<u>Kennedy Park Pond</u>	<u>All tackle types are permitted.</u> <u>Open to fishing year-round.</u> <u>Panfish—no closed season—20 panfish daily limit (combined species).</u> <u>Trout—no closed season—9 inches minimum size limit—3 trout daily limit (combined species).</u> <u>A trout permit is not required to fish in waters included in the Community Fishing Initiative unless a person takes, kills or possesses, while in the act of fishing, a trout on or in these waters.</u> <u>All species except panfish and trout—Commonwealth inland waters regulations apply. See § 61.1.</u>
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<u>Westmoreland County</u>	<u>B-Y Park Pond</u>	<u>All tackle types are permitted.</u> <u>Open to fishing year-round.</u> <u>Panfish—no closed season—20 panfish daily limit (combined species).</u> <u>Trout—no closed season—9 inches minimum size limit—3 trout daily limit (combined species).</u> <u>A trout permit is not required to fish in waters included in the Community Fishing Initiative unless a person takes, kills or possesses, while in the act of fishing, a trout on or in these waters.</u> <u>All species except panfish and trout—Commonwealth inland waters regulations apply. See § 61.1.</u>
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<u>York County</u>	<u>Kiwanis Lake</u>	<u>All tackle types are permitted.</u> <u>Open to fishing year-round.</u> <u>Panfish—no closed season—20 panfish daily limit (combined species).</u> <u>Trout—no closed season—9 inches minimum size limit—3 trout daily limit (combined species).</u> <u>A trout permit is not required to fish in waters included in the Community Fishing Initiative unless a person takes, kills or possesses, while in the act of fishing, a trout on or in these waters.</u> <u>All species except panfish and trout—Commonwealth inland waters regulations apply. See § 61.1.</u>
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Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment as described in the Commentary. If adopted on final rulemaking, this amendment will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

**FISHERIES
DESIGNATIONS**

- A. Addition of Caroline Lake, Bucks County, to the Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-round Fishing Program (58 Pa. Code § 65.19).

Commentary:

Caroline Lake, an eight-acre impoundment owned by Bucks County, is located in Falls Township, Bucks County. The dam impounds Queen Anne Creek at river mile 2.85 upstream from its confluence with Mill Creek. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) added Caroline Lake to the Stocked Trout Waters (STW) Program in 2024 to provide seasonal opportunities for adult hatchery-reared trout. STWs are closed to all fishing from the third Monday in February to 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout and Commonwealth Inland Waters regulations (58 Pa. Code § 61.1) apply for the remainder of the year.

In addition to hatchery trout, Caroline Lake supports popular warm-water fisheries for Black Crappie, Bluegill, catfish and Largemouth Bass. Waters managed under Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-round Fishing angling regulations (58 Pa. Code § 65.19) allow for trout angling on a catch-and-release basis as well as angling for resident warm-water and cool-water species during the current closed period, thus increasing and diversifying recreational angling opportunities. Waters in this program are managed with Commonwealth Inland Waters regulations for the remainder of the year.

A notice of proposed designation was published at 56 Pa.B. 5998 (September 5, 2026) (Exhibit I). The Commission received no public comments relating to this proposal.

Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission add Caroline Lake, Bucks County, to the Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-round Fishing program (58 Pa. Code § 65.19) as described in the Commentary. If approved, the designation will go into effect January 1, 2027.

Action:

NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Proposed Special Regulation Designations; Addition of Caroline Lake Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-Round Fishing

[56 Pa.B. 5998]

[Saturday, September 5, 2026]

The Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) has approved guidelines with regard to encouraging public participation on possible changes to the designation of streams, stream sections or lakes for special regulation programs. Under 58 Pa. Code Chapter 65 (relating to special fishing regulations), the Commission designates or redesignates certain streams, stream sections and lakes as being subject to special fishing regulations. These designations and redesignations are effective after Commission approval when they are posted at the site and a notice is published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Under the Commission's guidelines, a notice concerning the proposed designation of a stream, stream section or lake under special regulations ordinarily will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* before the matter is reviewed by the Board of Commissioners.

At the next Commission meeting on October 26, 2026, the Commission will consider taking the following action with respect to waters subject to special fishing regulations under 58 Pa. Code Chapter 65, effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

58 Pa. Code § 65.19. Stocked trout waters open to year-round fishing

The Commission will consider adding the following water to its list of stocked trout waters open to year-round fishing regulated and managed under 58 Pa. Code § 65.19 (relating to stocked trout waters open to year-round fishing):

County Water

Bucks Caroline Lake

Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the designation are invited to submit comments 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 submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

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

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

FISHERIES DESIGNATIONS

- B. Revision to the Limits of One Stream Section Managed as a Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only Area (58 Pa. Code § 65.6).

Commentary:

Oil Creek, Crawford and Venango counties, is a 40-mile-long stream that originates near the community of Lincolnville and flows southeast to its confluence with the Allegheny River near the City of Oil City. The stream is currently managed as nine stream sections for fisheries management purposes. Sections 02-08, which total 39.4 miles in length, are included in the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's (Commission) Stocked Trout Waters (STW) Program. Sections 02, 03, 04, 06 and 08 are managed under Commonwealth Inland Waters (CIW) angling regulations (58 Pa. Code § 61.1), while sections 05 and 07 are managed under Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only (DHALO) regulations (58 Pa. Code § 65.6).

Section 05 extends 1.00-miles from the two green posts at Drake Well downstream to the Oil Creek hiking trail bridge. One of the green posts used to delineate the upstream limit of Section 05 is no longer present, resulting in angler confusion regarding the line of demarcation between sections 04 and 05. Clearly defining the section limit is critical since Section 04 is managed under CIW regulations, while Section 05 is managed under DHALO regulations. To provide a long-term section limit descriptor, staff recommend extending the upstream limit of Section 05 by 0.34 miles to the Drake Well Road bridge downstream to the Oil Creek hiking trail bridge.

If the recommendation to revise the limits of Section 05 is approved, together, both DHALO stream sections will total approximately 2.96 miles in length, while approximately 36.4 miles of Oil Creek will continue to be included in the STW Program and managed under CIW regulations.

A notice of proposed designation was published at 55 Pa.B. 5997 (September 5, 2026) (Exhibit J). The Commission received no public comments relating to this proposal.

Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission revise the limits of Oil Creek, Section 05, Venango County, managed as a Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only Area (58 Pa. Code § 65.6) as described in the Commentary. If approved, the designation will go into effect January 1, 2027.

Action:

NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Proposed Special Regulation Designation; Revision to the Limits of Stream Section, Oil Creek, Section 05 Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only Areas

[56 Pa.B. 5997]

[Saturday, September 5, 2026]

The Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) has approved guidelines with regard to encouraging public participation on possible changes to the designation of streams, stream sections or lakes for special regulation programs. Under 58 Pa. Code Chapter 65 (relating to special fishing regulations), the Commission designates or redesignates certain streams, stream sections and lakes as being subject to special fishing regulations. These designations and redesignations are effective after Commission approval when they are posted at the site and a notice is published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Under the Commission's guidelines, a notice concerning the proposed designation of a stream, stream section or lake under special regulations ordinarily will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* before the matter is reviewed by the Board of Commissioners.

At the next Commission meeting on October 26, 2026, the Commission will consider taking the following action with respect to waters subject to special fishing regulations under 58 Pa. Code Chapter 65, effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

58 Pa. Code § 65.6. Delayed harvest artificial lures only areas

The Commission will consider revising the section limits of the following water on its list of delayed harvest artificial lures only areas regulated and managed under 58 Pa. Code § 65.6 (relating to delayed harvest artificial lures only areas):

County Water

Venango Oil Creek, Section 05

Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the designation are invited to submit comments 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 submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

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

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

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FISHERIES DESIGNATIONS

- C. Removal of the Unnamed Tributary to Yellow Breeches Creek, Section 01, Cumberland County, from the Catch and Release Artificial Lures Only Program (58 Pa. Code § 65.5).

Commentary:

The unnamed tributary (UNT) to Yellow Breeches Creek (Boiling Springs Run), a 0.17-mile-long stream that extends from the outfall of Childrens Lake downstream to the mouth, is currently managed as one section for fisheries management purposes. Since 2012, the UNT to Yellow Breeches Creek, Section 01, Cumberland County, has been managed under Catch and Release Artificial Lures Only regulations (58 Pa. Code § 65.5 [CR-ALO]). Historically, this section was considered to be part of the Yellow Breeches Creek itself; however, it was determined that it is a tributary to Yellow Breeches Creek. As a result of this determination, at the April 2012 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) meeting, the Commission extended the limits of the CR-ALO area on Yellow Breeches Creek, Section 03, upstream to include the 0.17 miles of the UNT to Yellow Breeches Creek, Section 01.

At the July 2026 Commission meeting, the Commission removed Yellow Breeches Creek, Section 03, which extends 1.00 miles downstream from the mouth of the UNT to Yellow Breeches Creek, Section 01, from the CR-ALO Program. However, Commission action was not taken to remove the UNT to Yellow Breeches Creek, Section 01, from the CR-ALO program. Since the UNT to Yellow Breeches Creek is no longer included in the Commission's Stocked Trout Waters program, and to align regulations with adjacent waters angling regulations (i.e., Yellow Breeches Creek, Section 03, and Childrens Lake), which are managed under Commonwealth Inland Waters (58 Pa. Code § 61.1), the UNT to Yellow Breeches Creek must also be removed from the CR-ALO program.

A notice of proposed designation was published at 56 Pa.B. 5997 (September 5, 2026) (Exhibit K). The Commission received no public comments relating to this proposal.

Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission remove the UNT to Yellow Breeches Creek, Section 01, Cumberland County, from the Catch and Release Artificial Lures Only program (58 Pa. Code § 65.5) as described in the Commentary. If approved, this designation will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

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FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Proposed Special Regulation Designation; Removal of Unnamed Tributary to Yellow Breeches Creek, Section 01 Catch and Release Artificial Lures Only Program

[56 Pa.B. 5997]

[Saturday, September 5, 2026]

The Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) has approved guidelines with regard to encouraging public participation on possible changes to the designation of streams, stream sections or lakes for special regulation programs. Under 58 Pa. Code Chapter 65 (relating to special fishing regulations), the Commission designates or redesignates certain streams, stream sections and lakes as being subject to special fishing regulations. These designations and redesignations are effective after Commission approval when they are posted at the site and a notice is published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Under the Commission's guidelines, a notice concerning the proposed designation of a stream, stream section or lake under special regulations ordinarily will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* before the matter is reviewed by the Board of Commissioners.

At the next Commission meeting on October 26, 2026, the Commission will consider taking the following action with respect to waters subject to special fishing regulations under 58 Pa. Code Chapter 65, effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

58 Pa. Code § 65.5. Catch and release artificial lures only

The Commission will consider removing the following water from its list of catch and release artificial lures only waters regulated and managed under 58 Pa. Code § 65.5 (relating to catch and release artificial lures only):

County	Water
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Cumberland	Unnamed Tributary to Yellow Breeches Creek, Section 01
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Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the designation are invited to submit comments 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 submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

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

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

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- D. Removal of a Portion of Powell Creek, Section 01, Dauphin County, from the Waters Limited to Specific Purposes—Exclusive Use Fishing Areas Program (58 Pa. Code § 65.21).

Commentary:

Powell Creek is a 16.78-mile-long tributary to the Susquehanna River in Dauphin County. Powell Creek is divided into four stream sections by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) for fisheries management purposes. Section 01 extends 6.84 miles from the confluence of the North Fork and South Fork of Powell Creek downstream to the bridge crossing Powell Creek on Back Road (T-551) near the Village of Waynesville. This portion of stream is included in the Commission's Stocked Trout Waters (STW) program.

A 0.35-mile portion of Powell Creek, Section 01, is designated as an Exclusive Use Fishing Area for Children and Special Population as outlined in 58 Pa. Code § 65.21. The Exclusive Use Fishing Area extends from 0.10 miles upstream from Lebo Road downstream to 0.25 miles downstream from Lebo Road. The property owner of the portion of Powell Creek flowing through the Exclusive Use Fishing Area posted their property and no longer allows anglers to access the stream.

A notice of proposed designation was published at 56 Pa.B. 5998 (September 5, 2026) (Exhibit L). The Commission received no public comments relating to this proposal.

Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission remove the designation of an Exclusive Use Fishing Area for Children and Special Populations under 58 Pa. Code § 65.21 from the portion of Powell Creek as described in the Commentary. If approved, the designation will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Proposed Special Regulation Designations; Removal of a Portion of Powell Creek, Section 01 Waters Limited to Special Purposes—Exclusive Use Fishing Areas Program

[56 Pa.B. 5998]

[Saturday, September 5, 2026]

The Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) has approved guidelines with regard to encouraging public participation on possible changes to the designation of streams, stream sections or lakes for special regulation programs. Under 58 Pa. Code Chapter 65 (relating to special fishing regulations), the Commission designates or redesignates certain streams, stream sections and lakes as being subject to special fishing regulations. These designations and redesignations are effective after Commission approval when they are posted at the site and a notice is published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Under the Commission's guidelines, a notice concerning the proposed designation of a stream, stream section or lake under special regulations ordinarily will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* before the matter is reviewed by the Board of Commissioners.

At the next Commission meeting on October 26, 2026, the Commission will consider taking the following action with respect to waters subject to special fishing regulations under 58 Pa. Code Chapter 65, effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

58 Pa. Code § 65.21. Waters limited to specific purposes—exclusive use fishing areas

The Commission will consider removing a portion of the following water to its list of waters limited to specific purposes—exclusive use fishing areas for both children and special populations, regulated and managed under 58 Pa. Code § 65.21 (relating to waters limited to specific purposes—exclusive use fishing areas):

County Water

Dauphin Powell Creek, Section 01

Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the designation are invited to submit comments 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 submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

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

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

**FISHERIES
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E. 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 five 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 changes was published at 56 Pa.B. 5493 (August 15, 2026) (Exhibit N). The Commission received no public comments relating to this proposal: all support the proposal. Copies of public comments were provided to the commissioners.

Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

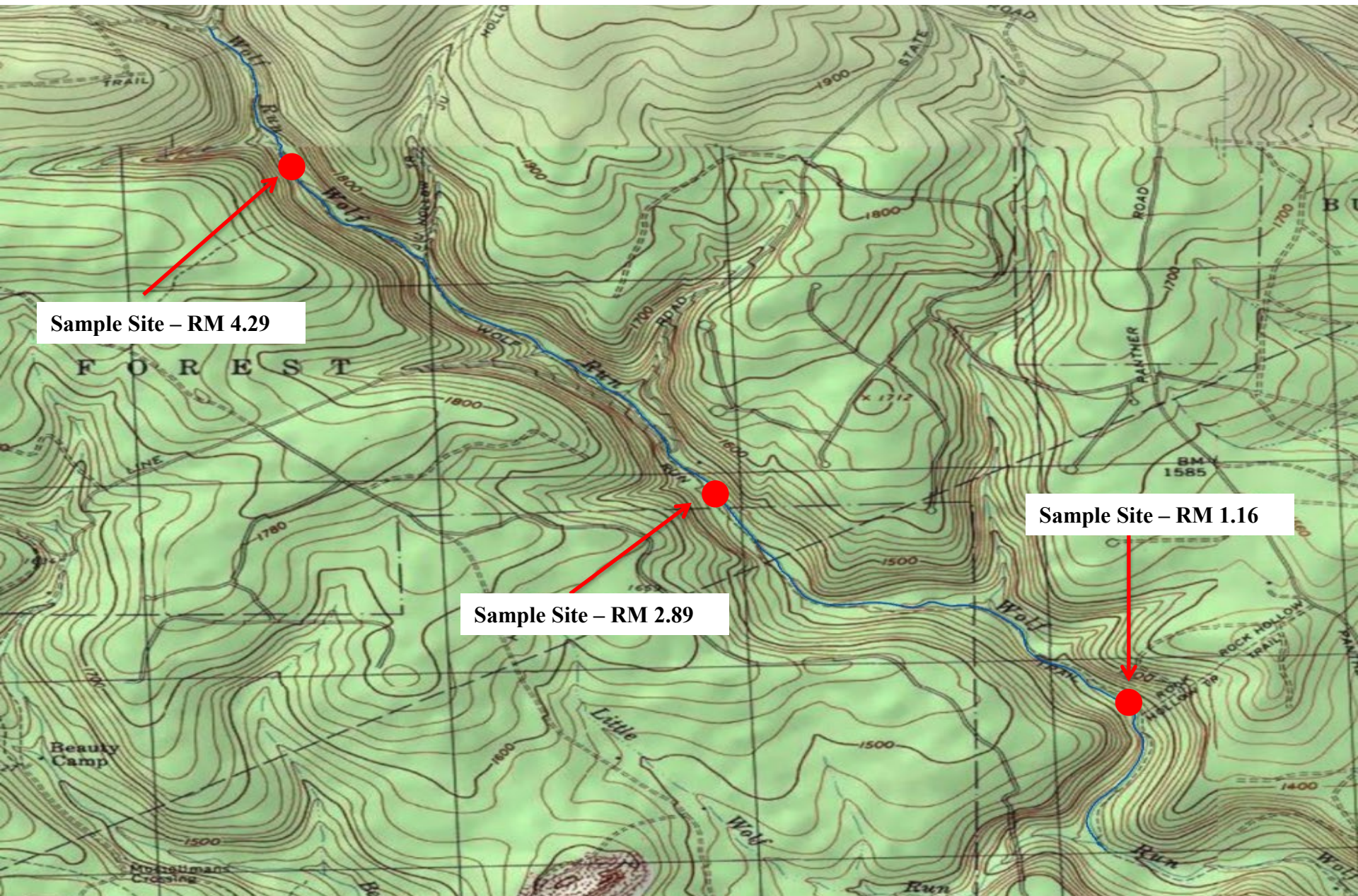
Recommendation:

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

Action:

Class A Additions

Wolf Run, Centre County



Wolf Run, Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 1.16
Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	27	0.69	90
3	11	0.85	47
4	47	9.27	220
5	12	3.01	40
6	5	2.11	17
8	1	0.95	3
Total	103	16.88	417

Brown Trout RM – 1.16
Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	1	0.03	3
6	1	0.45	3
9	1	1.39	3
13	2	7.86	7
14	1	4.87	3
Total	6	14.60	19

Wolf Run, Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 2.89
Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	1	0.02	3
2	63	6.90	597
3	39	4.95	180
4	53	14.46	227
5	18	8.74	77
6	4	2.56	13
7	1	0.99	3
Total	179	38.62	1,100

Brown Trout RM – 2.89
Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
9	1	2.10	3
Total	1	2.10	3

Wolf Run, Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 4.29
Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	1	0.02	3
2	51	3.99	257
3	62	9.25	250
4	39	12.59	147
5	12	7.16	47
6	2	1.72	7
Total	167	34.73	711

UNT to Treaster Run (RM 5.58), Mifflin County



UNT to Treaster Run (RM 5.58), Mifflin County

Brook Trout RM – 0.01
Site Length – 200 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	85	9.93	590
3	11	2.60	65
4	14	6.96	75
5	14	12.45	75
6	1	1.40	5
7	1	2.17	5
Total	126	35.51	815

Brown Trout RM – 0.01
Site Length – 200 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	2	0.17	10
3	4	0.86	20
4	7	3.90	40
5	1	0.89	5
Total	14	5.82	75

Baker Hollow Run, Potter County

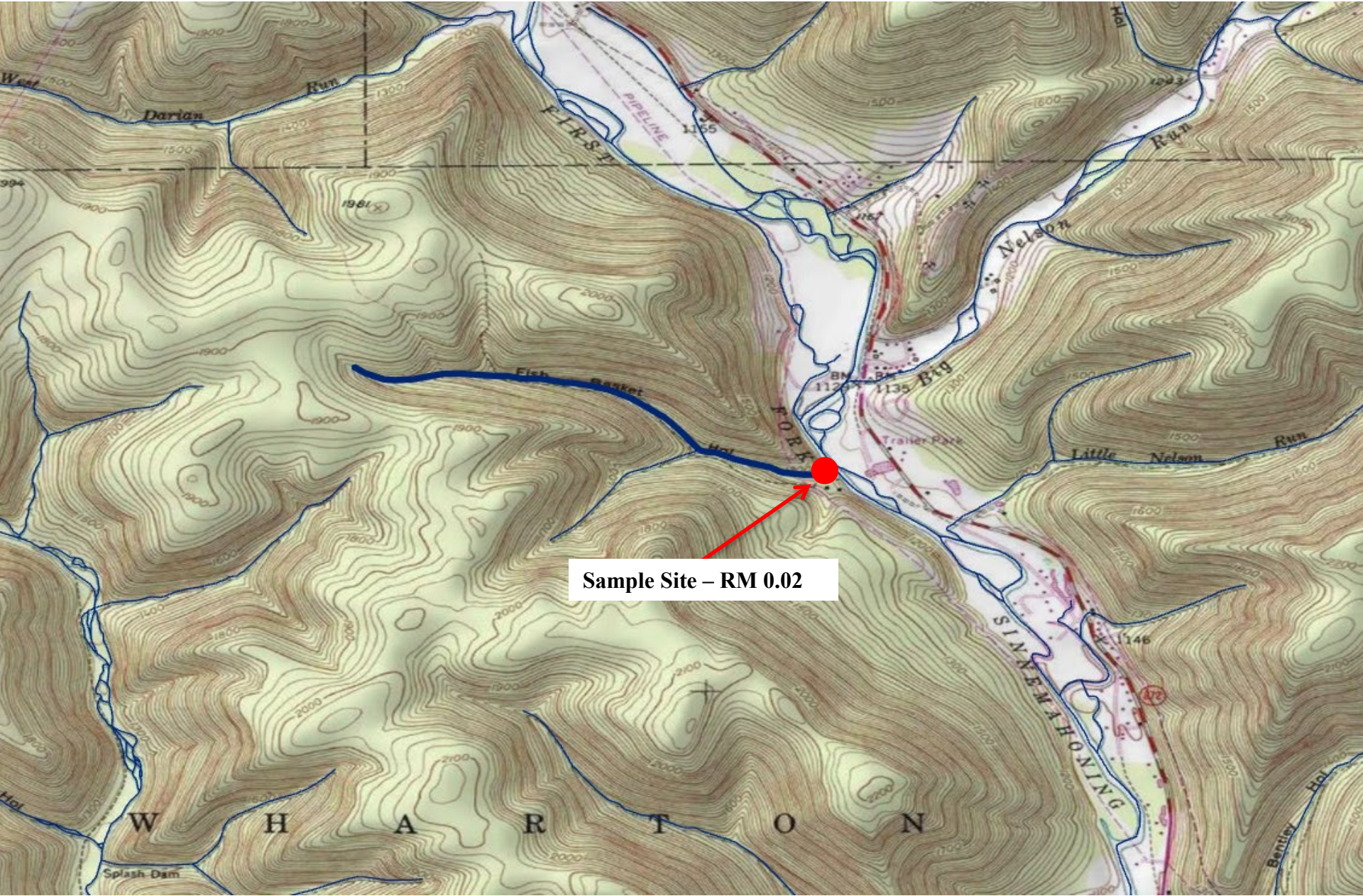


Baker Hollow Run, Potter County

Brook Trout RM – 0.08
Site Length – 330 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	1	0.03	3
2	90	5.92	273
3	3	0.47	9
4	16	5.81	48
5	20	12.98	61
6	5	5.46	15
7	1	1.70	3
Total	136	32.37	412

Fish Basket Hollow Run, Potter County

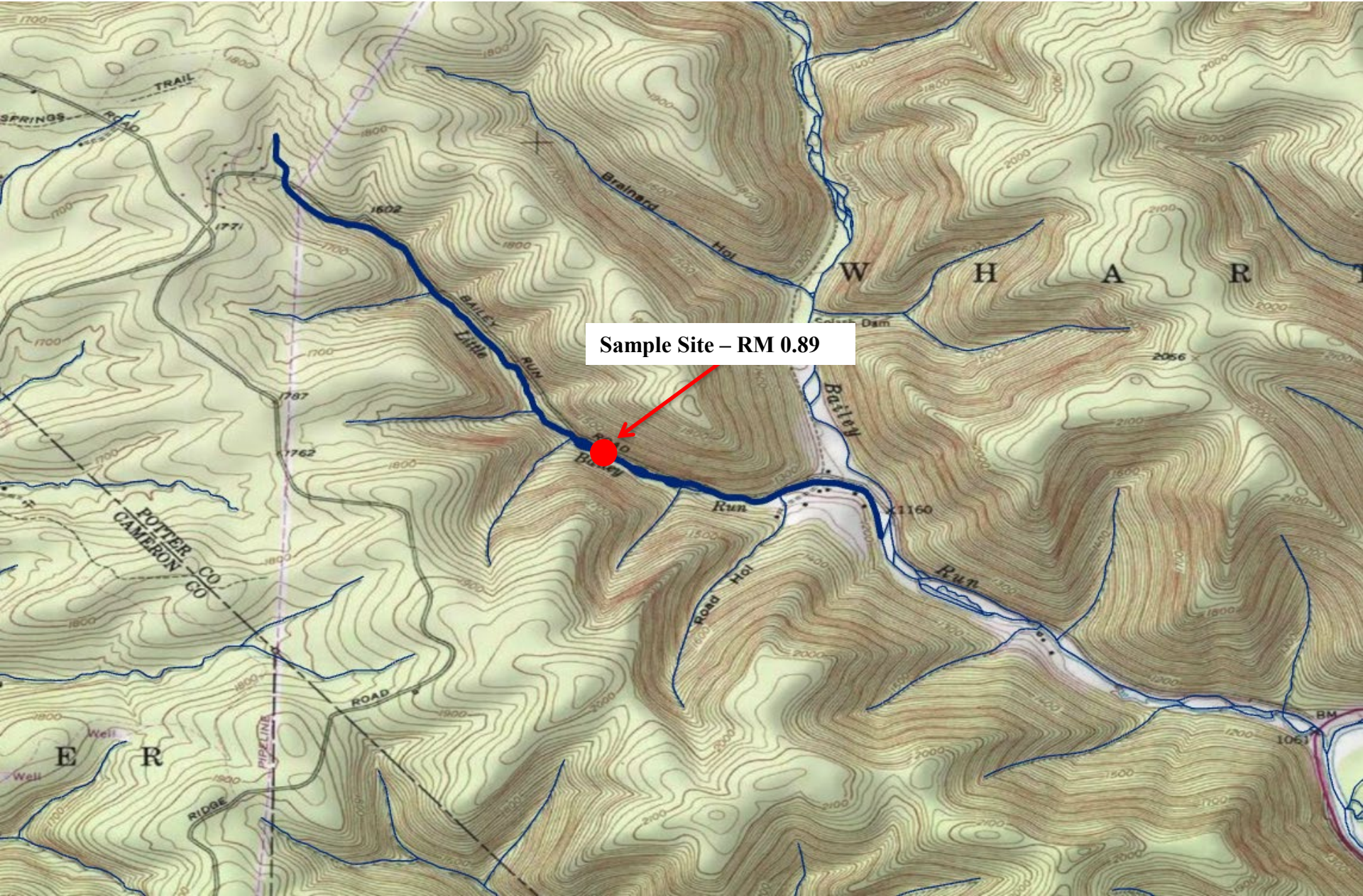


Fish Basket Hollow Run, Potter County

Brook Trout RM – 0.02
Site Length – 215 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	40	3.29	186
3	27	5.28	126
4	13	5.90	60
5	13	10.54	60
6	4	5.46	19
8	1	3.07	5
Total	98	33.54	456

Little Bailey Run, Potter County



Little Bailey Run, Potter County

Brook Trout RM – 0.89
Site Length – 370 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	162	7.52	438
3	62	6.85	168
4	1	0.26	3
5	11	5.04	30
6	7	5.39	19
7	3	3.60	8
8	3	5.21	8
Total	249	33.87	674

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FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Proposed Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Streams; October 2026

[56 Pa.B. 5493]

[Saturday, August 15, 2026]

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 October 26, 2026.

County	Stream	Section	Limits	Tributary to	Brook Brown Rainbow				Length (miles)	Survey year
					Mouth Lat/Lon	Trout (kg/ha)	Trout (kg/ha)	Trout (kg/ha)		
Centre	Wolf Run	2	Wolf Run trail to Little Wolf Run	Beech Creek	41.087778 77.866389	30.08	5.57	—	3.80	2026
Mifflin	Unnamed tributary to Treaster Run (RM 5.58)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Treaster Run	40.756646 77.480177	35.51	5.82	—	1.16	2025
Potter	Baker Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	South Woods Branch	41.668017 78.043296	32.37	—	—	1.98	2025
Potter	Fish Basket Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek	41.552197 78.035449	33.54	—	—	1.29	2025

Potter	Little	1	Headwaters Bailey Run	41.522881	33.87	—	—	2.29	2025
	Bailey		to Mouth	78.066620					
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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*. To submit a comment electronically, visit pa.gov/agencies/fishandboat/about-us/meetings/regulatory-changes and click on the notice of proposed Class A designations for § 57.8a (relating to Class A wild trout streams).

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

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**FISHERIES
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F. 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 11 new waters qualifying them for listing 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 changes was published at 56 Pa.B. 5496 (August 15, 2026) (Exhibit P). The Commission received 37 public comments relating to this proposal: all support the proposal. Copies of public comments were provided to the commissioners.

Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

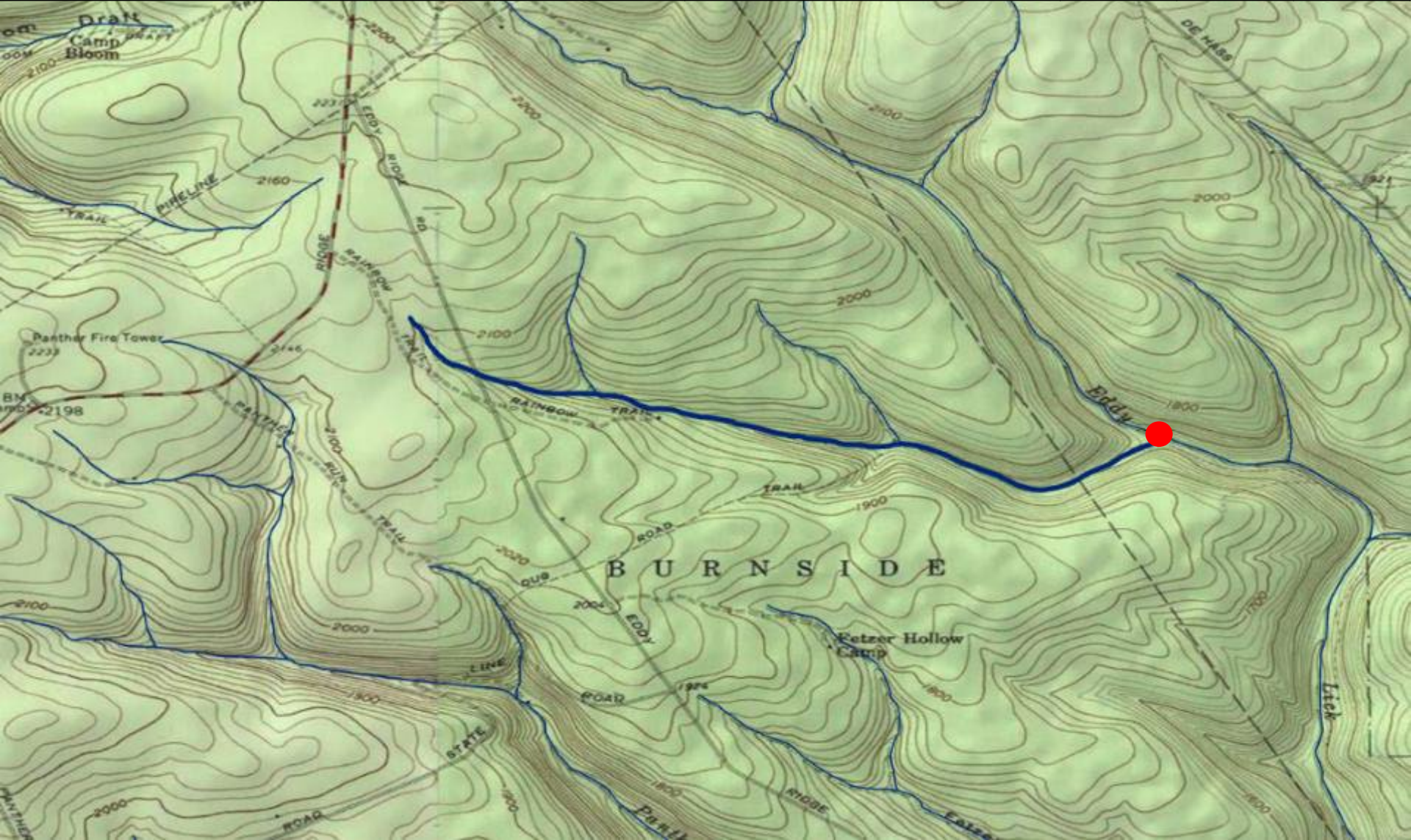
Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission add 11 streams or portions of streams to its list of wild trout streams as described in the Commentary. If approved, these changes will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

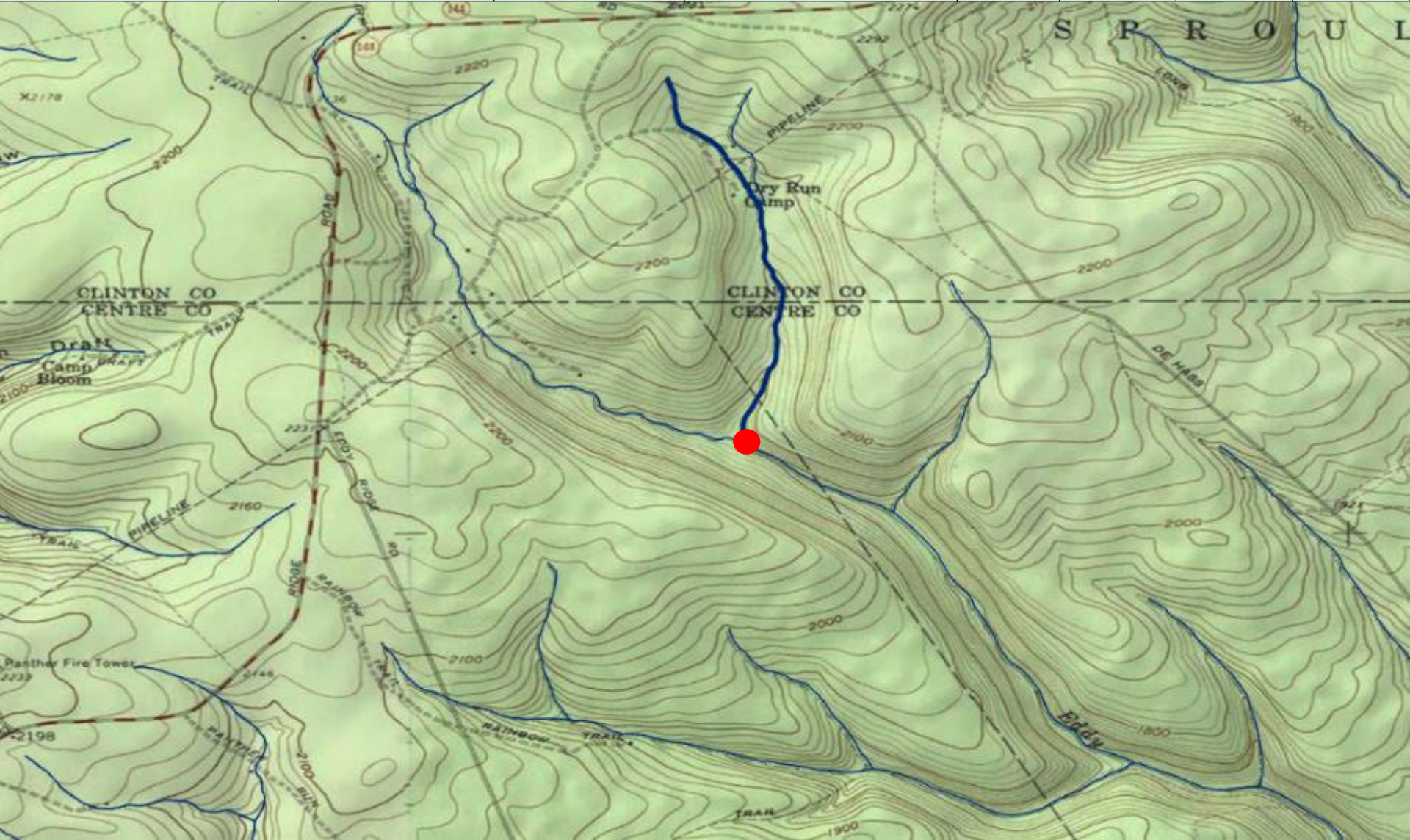
Action:

Wild Trout Additions

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Centre	UNT to Eddy Lick Run (RM 3.92)	Eddy Lick Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook Brown	6 2	2-7 3-5



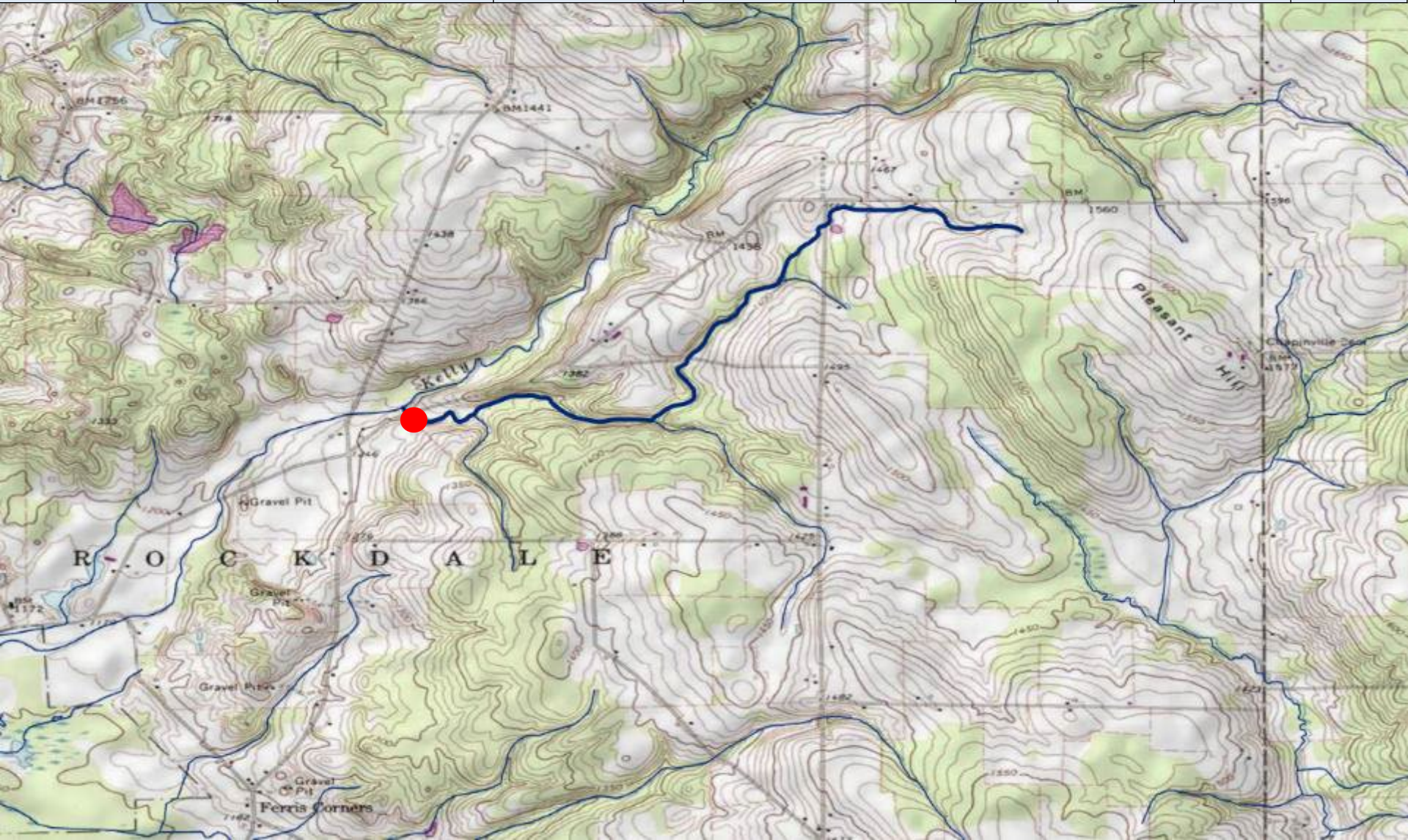
County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Centre	UNT to Eddy Lick Run (RM 5.29)	Eddy Lick Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook	44	2-5



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Centre	UNT to Panther Run (RM 0.99)	Panther Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook	15	2-7



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile 	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Crawford	UNT to Kelly Run (RM 2.29)	Kelly Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.05	Brown	4	6-10



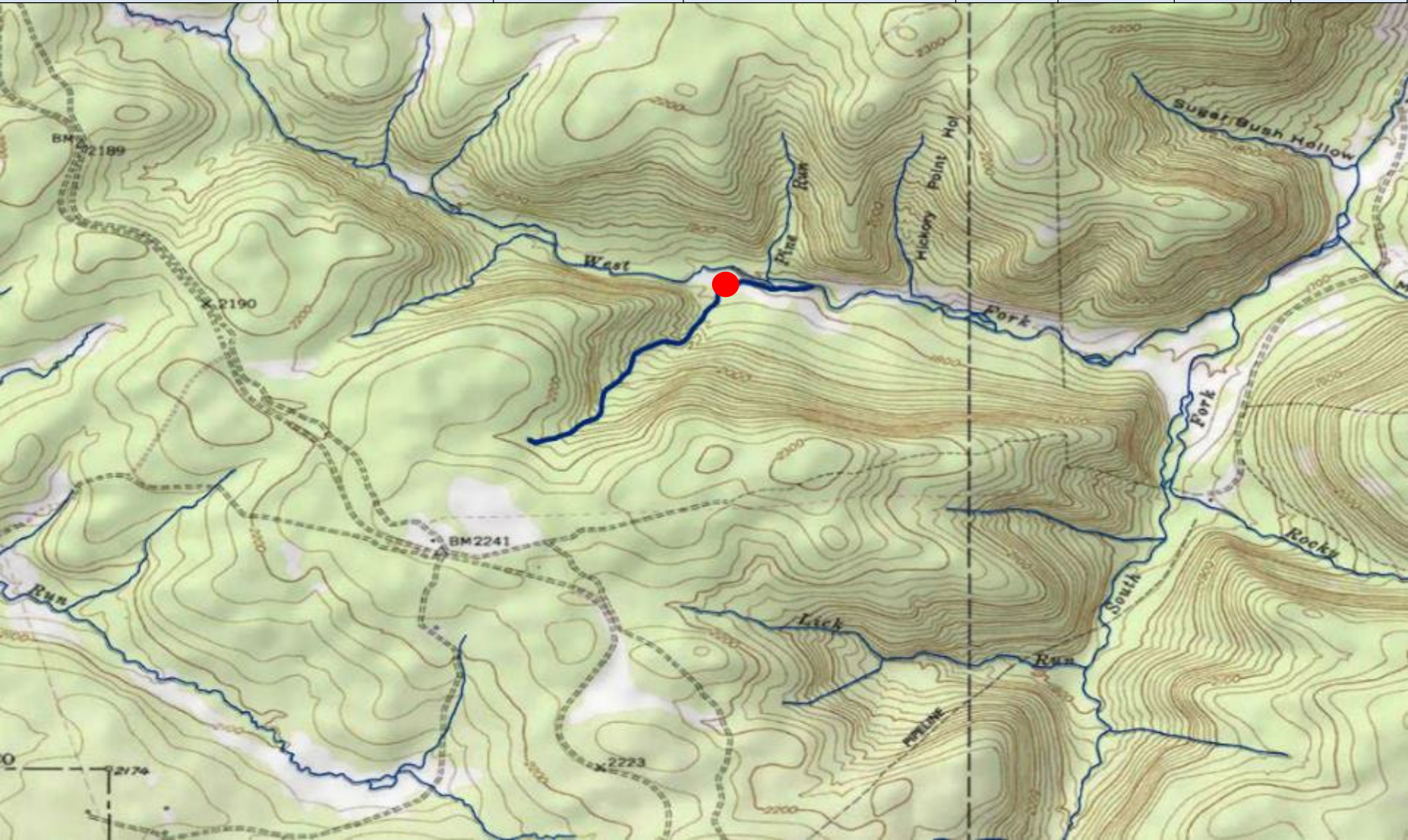
County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Elk	UNT to Mead Run (RM 0.26)	Mead Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook	3	2



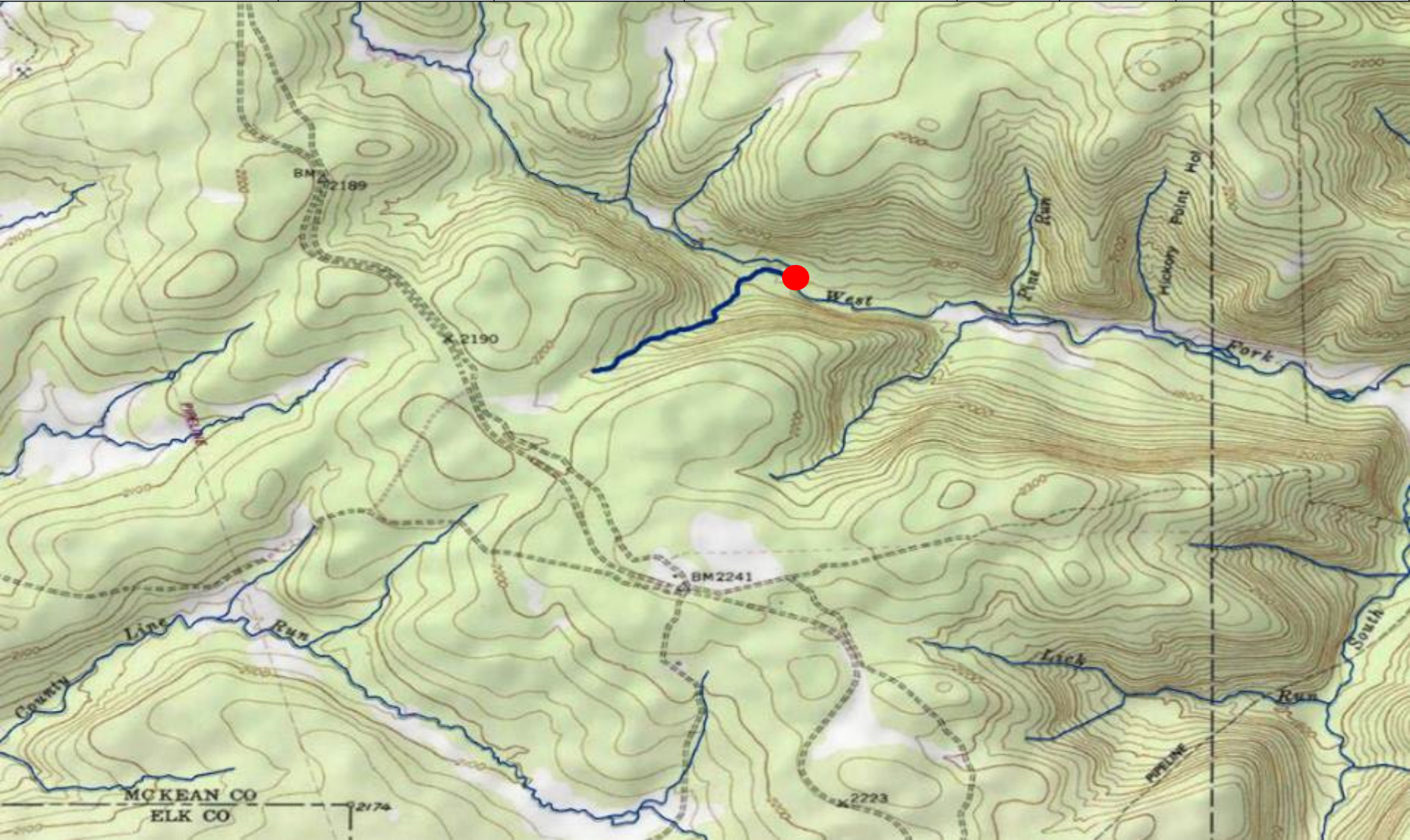
County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Elk	UNT to Mead Run (RM 1.93)	Mead Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook	12	1-7



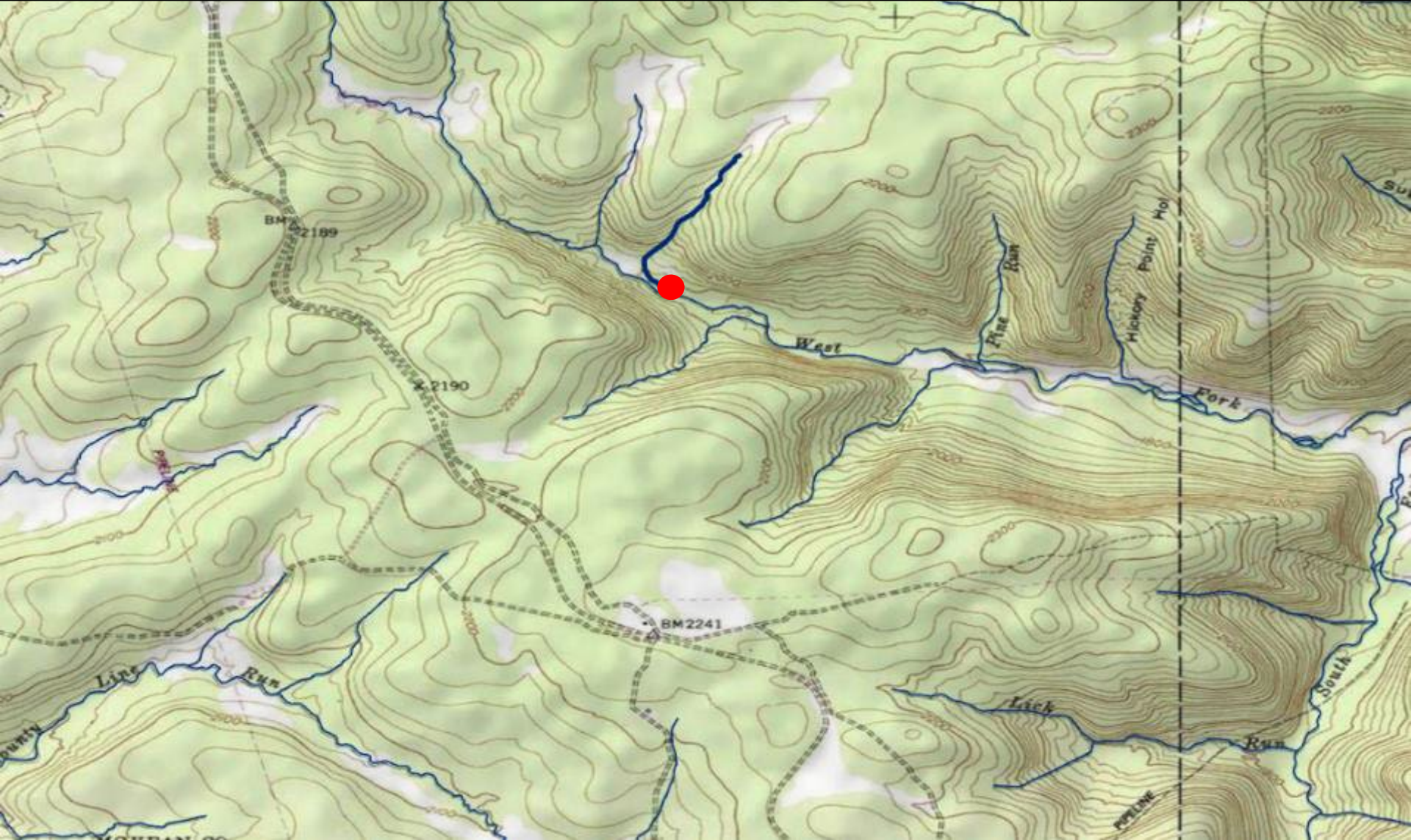
County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile 	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
McKean	UNT to West Fork West Branch Potato Creek (RM 1.23)	West Fork West Branch Potato Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.23	Brook	7	2-6



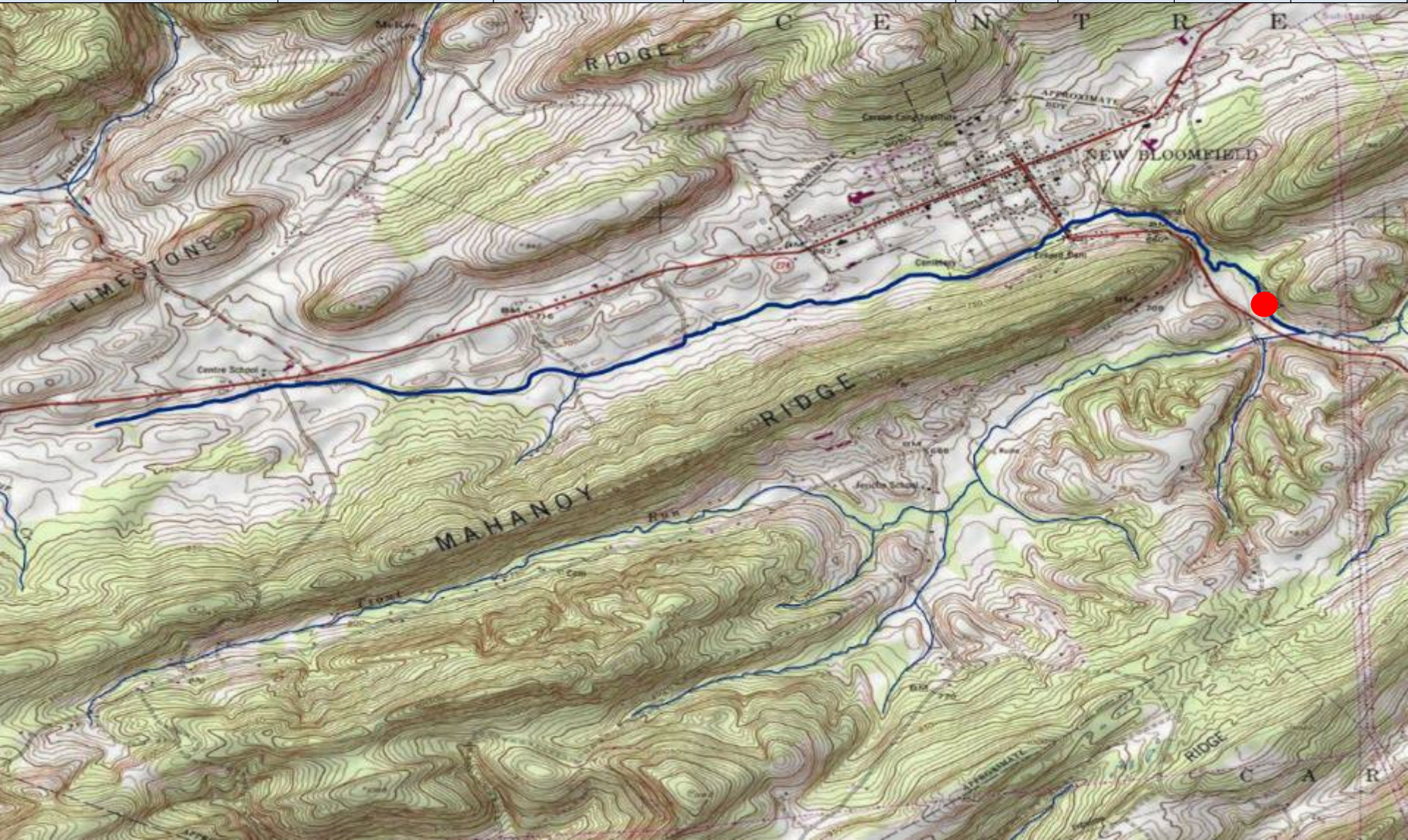
County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile 	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
McKean	UNT to West Fork West Branch Potato Creek (RM 1.94)	West Fork West Branch Potato Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook	22	2-5



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile 	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
McKean	UNT to West Fork West Branch Potato Creek (RM 2.22)	West Fork West Branch Potato Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook	13	2-5



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Perry	UNT to Trout Run (RM 0.36)	Trout Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.13	Brown	4	7-17



NOTICES**FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION****Proposed Changes to the List of Wild Trout Streams; October 2026****[56 Pa.B. 5496]****[Saturday, August 15, 2026]**

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 October 26, 2026, 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	Stream Name	Section Limits	Tributary to	Mouth Lat/Lon
Centre	Unnamed tributary (UNT) to Eddy Lick Run (RM 3.92)	Headwaters to Mouth	Eddy Lick Run	41.156450 77.842640
Centre	UNT to Eddy Lick Run (RM 5.29)	Headwaters to Mouth	Eddy Lick Run	41.170450 77.859560
Centre	UNT to Panther Run (RM 0.99)	Headwaters to Mouth	Panther Run	41.115960 77.846010
Crawford	UNT to Kelly Run (RM 2.29)	Headwaters to Mouth	Kelly Run	41.815165 79.954669
Elk	UNT to Mead Run (RM 0.26)	Headwaters to Mouth	Mead Run	41.262793 78.726096
Elk	UNT to Mead Run (RM 1.93)	Headwaters to Mouth	Mead Run	41.280433 78.730114
McKean	UNT to West Fork West Branch Potato Creek (RM 1.23)	Headwaters to Mouth	West Fork West Branch Potato Creek	41.651128 78.452421
McKean	UNT to West Fork West Branch Potato Creek (RM 1.94)	Headwaters to Mouth	West Fork West Branch Potato Creek	41.653024 78.463755
McKean	UNT to West Fork West Branch Potato Creek (RM 2.22)	Headwaters to Mouth	West Fork West Branch Potato Creek	41.654404 78.467947
McKean	UNT to West Fork West Branch Potato Creek (RM 2.47)	Headwaters to Mouth	West Fork West Branch Potato Creek	41.656647 78.471384

Perry	UNT to Trout Run (RM 0.36)	Headwaters to Mouth	Trout Run	40.410133 77.170984
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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*. To submit a comment electronically, visit pa.gov/agencies/fishandboat/about-us/meetings/regulatory-changes and click on the notice of proposed wild trout stream designations for § 57.11 (relating to listing of wild trout streams).

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

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Other New Business

Time and Place of January 2027 Commission Meeting

Adjournment