

NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

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

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The Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) is considering changes to its list of Class A wild trout streams. Under 58 Pa. Code § 57.8a (relating to Class A wild trout streams), it is the Commission's policy to manage self-sustaining Class A wild trout populations as a renewable natural resource to conserve that resource and the angling it provides. Class A wild trout populations represent the best of this Commonwealth's naturally reproducing trout fisheries. With rare exceptions, the Commission manages these stream sections solely for the perpetuation of the wild trout fishery with no stocking.

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

(2) Wild Trout Biomass Class Criteria include provisions for:

(i) *Wild brook trout fisheries.*

(A) Total brook trout biomass of at least 30 kg/ha (26.7 lbs/acre).

(B) Total biomass of brook trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(C) Brook trout biomass must comprise at least 75% of the total trout biomass.

(ii) *Wild brown trout fisheries.*

(A) Total brown trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).

(B) Total biomass of brown trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(C) Brown trout biomass must comprise at least 75% of the total trout biomass.

(iii) *Mixed wild brook and brown trout fisheries.*

(A) Combined brook and brown trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).

(B) Total biomass of brook trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(C) Total biomass of brown trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(D) Brook trout biomass must comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

(E) Brown trout biomass must comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

(iv) *Wild rainbow trout fisheries.* Total biomass of rainbow trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 2.0 kg/ha (1.78 lbs/acre).

(v) *Mixed wild brook and rainbow trout fisheries.*

(A) Combined brook and rainbow trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).

(B) Total biomass of brook trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(C) Total biomass of rainbow trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(D) Brook trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

(E) Rainbow trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

(vi) *Mixed wild brown and rainbow trout fisheries.*

(A) Combined brown and rainbow trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).

(B) Total biomass of brown trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(C) Total biomass of rainbow trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(D) Brown trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

(E) Rainbow trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

During recent surveys, Commission staff documented the following stream sections to have Class A wild trout populations. The Commission intends to consider adding these waters to its list of Class A wild trout streams at its meeting on July 27, 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)		
Blair	Elk Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Juniata River	40.657829 78.219475	—	44.07	—	5.57	2025
Blair	Mill Run	1	Headwaters to Mill Run Reservoir	Beaverdam Branch	40.463333 78.423058	41.17	—	—	2.28	2025
Blair	Mill Run	2	Mill Run Reservoir to Allegheny Reservoir	Beaverdam Branch	40.463333 78.423058	50.50	—	—	0.93	2025
Carbon	Bear Creek	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Nesquehoning Creek	40.849382 75.882148	33.22	—	—	2.19	2025
Centre	Unnamed tributary (UNT) to Spring Creek (River Mile (RM) 20.32)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Spring Creek	40.777044 77.789114	—	226.60	—	0.39	2025
Clearfield	Laurel Run	2	Simeling Run to	Moshannon Creek	40.906667 78.226667	46.73	—	—	0.86	2025

			AMD Seep at RM 2.62								
Clearfield	Little Laurel Run	1	Headwaters to UNT to Little Laurel Run (RM 3.11)	Laurel Run	41.915516 78.248825	44.41	—	—	2.67	2025	
Potter	Shinglebolt Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	East Fork Sinnemahoning Creek	41.635181 77.852798	30.27	0.20	—	2.58	2025	
Potter	Stony Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	East Fork Sinnemahoning Creek	41.593334 77.896385	81.82	17.48	—	2.37	2025	
Sullivan	Scar Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Loyalsock Creek	41.471943 76.635002	50.71	6.75	—	1.76	2025	
Sullivan	Shanerburg Run	2	2.40 km Upstream of Mouth to Mouth	Loyalsock Creek	41.453333 76.531111	52.93	32.76	—	1.50	2025	
Sullivan	Swamp Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Hoagland Branch	41.490833 76.719722	44.39	—	—	2.05	2025	

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 <https://www.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).

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