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# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

#### MINUTES.1

The 162nd Meeting of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission was held on Monday, April 28, 2025, at the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission headquarters, 1601 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

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

#### **Call to Order**

This meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Commission President Daniel Pastore. The roll was called by Acting Chief Counsel Christopher Andreoli and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Roll Call

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

#### **Members Excused**

**Richard Lewis** 

#### **Staff and Volunteer Recognition**

Executive Director Timothy Schaeffer recognized WNEP's host of Pennsylvania Outdoor Life Don Jacobs as a stalwart advocate for the outdoors throughout Pennsylvania but most notably in Northeast Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania Outdoor Life was the state's longest running nature show. Director Schaeffer related that there was not a spring that rolled around where Mr. Jacobs was not a presence with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) staff stocking trout, or in the field with biologists or Waterways Conservation Officers (WCO). Northeast Pennsylvanian Commissioners Bill Gibney and Charles Charlesworth recounted

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>All items that have been or will be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin are formatted in accordance with the *Pennsylvania Code & Bulletin Style Manual*.

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working with Mr. Jacobs on numerous occasions and thanked him for his dedication and service over the years.

Director Schaeffer presented Mr. Jacobs with a framed trout print on behalf of the Commission and thanked him for his 43 years of service as an impeccable outdoor journalist, noting that Pennsylvania is a better place to fish and boat as a result of his work.

Ryan Walt, Boating and Watercraft Safety Manager, and Christopher Calhoun, Aquatic Resource Program Specialist, presented a Heroes of Water Rescue Award to John Soderberg, a Commission Water Rescue Instructor Trainer. This award recognizes the contributions of individuals who make a significant, lasting, and continuous impact in the field of water rescue as a result of the guidelines established by the Commission's Water Rescue Program. During his career spanning several decades, Mr. Soderberg served honorably with Pittsburgh River Rescue, the Pennsylvania Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team, and was instrumental in implementing water rescue training for all Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement personnel within the City of Pittsburgh.

Colonel Jeff Sabo recognized the 2024 Bureau of Law Enforcement Award Recipients:

The Northeast Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs Association Officer of the Year Award was presented to WCO Chad Lauer, whose district includes Tioga County in the Northcentral Region. In 2024, WCO Lauer's exemplary law enforcement efforts included 46 days of onboard boat patrols, 600 boardings, the investigation of 12 environmental incidents, and the investigation of timber theft from Commission property resulting charges being filed. Additionally, WCO Lauer participated in multiple public educational events in his district.

The Gerald L. Griener Environmental Protection Award was presented to WCO Hunter Shoemaker, whose district included Lycoming County in the Northcentral Region. This award is presented annually to the WCO who best exemplifies the ideals of "Resource First" – the protection, conservation, and enhancement of the Commonwealth's aquatic resources. In 2024, WCO Shoemaker investigated 16 environmental incidents within his region, including an incident which involved a significant pollution event in the headwaters of a Class A wild trout stream.

The Top Gun Award was presented to WCO Kyle Robinson, whose district includes Mifflin and northern Huntingdon counties in the Southcentral Region. This award is presented annually to a WCO who displays outstanding effort in the detection and apprehension of impaired boaters. In 2024 WCO Robinson's exemplary law enforcement efforts included 40 days of onboard boat patrols, 850 boat boardings, and eight arrests for Boating Under the Influence. This is the third consecutive year Robinson has received this award.

Colonel Sabo congratulated each of the award recipients and thanked them for the job well done.

#### **Public Comments to Commissioners and Staff**

The following individuals provided public comments:

Dave Rothrock, Trout Policy Committee Chair at Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited, commented on three items: 1) is in favor of moving forward with an authorization of stocking, 2) is opposed to all stocking over Class A wild trout stream populations, and 3) is requesting that PFBC maintain transparency related to its actions regarding stocking of Class A wild trout streams.

James Suleski, a Pennsylvania resident with no specific affiliation, raised concerns regarding stocking and is in favor of stocking authorizations.

Erick Richard, representing the Pennsylvania Trout Network, applauded the decision to stop stocking Freeman Run and encouraged the Commission to consider allowing more time for the wild trout to demonstrate its potential to re-populate.

#### **Review and Approval of Minutes**

President Pastore asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes that were distributed from the January 27, 2025, meeting. Hearing none, a motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Charlesworth to approve minutes of the January 27, 2025, meeting as written. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Timothy Schaeffer provided his quarterly report to the commissioners. He highlighted a number of topics including National Safe Boating Week will be held May 17-23, the Mission Mondays series that will resume in May with a focus on motorboat and paddling topics, the March 25<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Aquatic Connectivity Team meeting attended by over 60 partners held at the Centre Region Office, and ice fishing education programs that were offered on how to stay safe on the ice and tips and tricks of the trade.

#### **Reports of Commissioner Committees**

The following committees reported on activities since the last Commission meeting:

<u>Boating (Commissioner Charlesworth)</u> – The Boating Committee met virtually on April 8, 2025. The meeting was intended to be informational in nature and no votes occurred during the meeting. Agenda items included proposed rulemaking amendments to 58 Pa. Code Chapter 107.2 (Boating Restrictions) to simplify and clarify language.

Staff provided the committee with four presentations: 1) an overview of abandoned and derelict vessels research at Duquesne University; 2) plans for National Safe Boating Week scheduled for May 17-23; 3) an overview of boat rental businesses per the regulation changes that went into effect on January 1; and 4) a legislative update related to the Commission's boating program.

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Commissioner Charlesworth also reported that the next meeting of the Boating Advisory Board will be held in-person at the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission headquarters on June 9 at 10:00 a.m. The agenda will be available on the Commission's webiste at FishandBoat.com.

<u>Fisheries and Hatcheries (Commissioner Kauffman)</u> – The Fisheries and Hatcheries Committee convened once since the January 2025 quarterly Commission meeting. The virtual meeting was held on April 14 and was conducted and was broadcast live in real time with Commissioners and staff participating remotely.

There were five discussion items on the agenda: 1) an evaluation of special regulations to mitigate impacts of stocking on Class A wild trout streams; 2) an overview of the Little Juniata River wild Brown Trout population; 3) the status of the Lake Erie fishery; 4) the process for determining annual Lake Erie total allowable commercial catch and recreational daily limits for Walleye and Yellow Perch; and 5) a brief overview of Fisheries voting items planned for today's quarterly Commission meeting.

No formal actions were taken; however, the committee provided guidance to staff to proceed with designing and implementing an evaluation of special regulations to mitigate impacts of stocking on the Class A wild trout population at Freeman Run in Potter County

<u>Habitate and Environmental (Commissioner BJ Small)</u> – The Habitat and Environmental Committee convened once since the January 2025 quarterly Commission meeting. The meeting was held on April 9 and was conducted online and live broadcast in real-time with Commissioners and staff participating remotely.

There were four discussion items on the agenda for the committee meeting: 1) the freshwater mussel species occurrence surveys in the Delaware Estuary; 2) an overview of Governor's Youth Council for Hunting, Fishing, and Conservation and their collaboration with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission; 3) an overview of nongame fish reintroductions in Pennsylvania; and 4) a review of the habitat improvement projects completed by the Division of Habitat Management in 2024.

#### Law Enforcement (Commissioner Mahn) –

A meeting of the Law Enforcement Committee was held virtually on April 8, 2025. There were two discussion items related to proposed rulemaking amendments proposed by staff to Title 58 of the Pennsylvania Code.

The first proposed amendment was to Section 69.12a. – Special regulations applicable to Lake Erie streams. Staff reported that property owners along Walnut Creek from Route 5 downstream to the Manchester Road Bridge informed the Bureau of Law Enforcement that they were being disrupted by anglers fishing at night. Staff proposed an amendment that would limit angler access, and fishing, on Walnut Creek from Route 5 downsteam to the Manchester Road Bridge from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

The second proposed amendment was to Section 51.125 – Insurance. It was noted that this section specifically requires Charter Boat Operators and Fishing Guides to possess and maintain general libility insurance. Staff reported that many insurance carriers will only issue protection and indemnity insurance, commonly referred to as P&I insurance, to commercial shipowners and operators. The proposed amendment would allow Charter Boat Operators and Fishing Guides to operate with not only general liability imsurance but P&I insurance as well.

The committee discussed both these proposals but took no formal action.

#### **Announcement of Executive Session**

Commission President Daniel Pastore announced that an executive session was held at 8:00 a.m. today to discuss potential and ongoing litigation, including the O'Neill and Sacchetti lawsuits, and Centre County Kepone. An update was also provided on the Open Fields Doctrine case at the Pennsylvania Supreme Court as this decision will likely impact our Waterways Conservation Officers.

#### **Notice of Temporary Change to Fishing Regulations**

Acting Chief Counsel Andreoli reported that the Executive Director used his authority to temporarily change the fishing regulations at Harris Pond in Luzerne County, Rose Valley Lake, Lycoming County, and High Point Lake, Somerset County. In anticipation of a complete drawdown at these lakes, the Executive Director lifted all seasons, sizes, and daily limits for all species.

#### OTHER MATTERS

A. Erie Access Improvement Program: Grant to McKean Township, Elk Creek, Erie County.

#### **Commentary**:

McKean Township is requesting grant funding to implement the second phase of the McKean Conservation Area Master Plan along Elk Creek in Erie County. The project includes the development of a fishing platform and parking lot. The improvements will follow the Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The total estimated cost of the project is \$309,300. McKean Township is requesting \$132,700 to complete this project.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) authorized the Executive Director to approve individual grants of \$100,000 or less per applicant, per year, in the Erie Access Improvement Program. For grant requests of more than \$100,000, staff will seek Commission approval.

#### Briefer:

Mark Morrison, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

#### Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$132,700 to McKean Township as described in the Commentary.

#### Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Mahn to approve a grant not to exceed \$132,700 to McKean Township as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### OTHER MATTERS

B. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to the County of Chester, Chambers Lake, Chester County.

#### **Commentary**:

The County of Chester is requesting grant funding to make improvements to the Chambers Lake Access Area at Hibernia County Park in Chester County. Planned improvements include parking lot paving and the addition of an access road, boat launch, and preparation areas. The County also plans to construct a new non-motorized boat launch to reduce user conflict. The improvements will follow the Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The total estimated cost of the project is \$425,000. The County of Chester is requesting \$212,500 to complete this project.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) authorized the Executive Director to approve individual grants of \$100,000 or less per applicant, per year, in the Statewide Public Access Grant Program. For grant requests of more than \$100,000, staff will seek Commission approval.

#### Briefer:

Mark Morrison, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

#### Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$212,500 to the County of Chester as described in the Commentary.

#### Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Kauffman and seconded by Commissioner Gibney to approve a grant not to exceed \$212,500 to the County of Chester as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### OTHER MATTERS

C. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to East Coventry Township, Schuylkill River, Chester County.

#### **Commentary**:

East Coventry Township is requesting grant funding to develop a launch for motorboats and non-motorized boats at Towpath Park along the Schuylkill River in Chester County. Planned improvements include parking lot paving and the installation of a floating dock and preparation area. The improvements will follow the Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The total estimated cost of the project is \$906,800. East Coventry Township is requesting \$300,000 to complete this project.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) authorized the Executive Director to approve individual grants of \$100,000 or less per applicant, per year, in the Statewide Public Access Grant Program. For grant requests of more than \$100,000, staff will seek Commission approval.

#### Briefer:

Mark Morrison, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

#### Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$300,000 to East Coventry Township as described in the Commentary.

#### Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Charlesworth and seconded by Commissioner Brock to approve a grant not to exceed \$300,000 to East Coventry Township as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### OTHER MATTERS

D. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to the Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority, Lake Erie, Erie County.

#### **Commentary**:

The Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority is requesting grant funding to replace the 275-foot courtesy dock at Lampe Marina on Lake Erie in Erie County. The new dock will include lighting. The improvements will follow the Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The total estimated cost of the project is \$800,000. The Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority is requesting \$200,000 to complete this project.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) authorized the Executive Director to approve individual grants of \$100,000 or less per applicant, per year, in the Statewide Public Access Grant Program. For grant requests of more than \$100,000, staff will seek Commission approval.

#### Briefer:

Mark Morrison, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

#### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$200,000 to the Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority as described in the Commentary.

#### Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Brock and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve a grant not to exceed \$200,000 to the Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

E. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to the Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry, and Tourism, Allegheny River, Venango County.

#### Commentary:

The Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry, and Tourism is requesting grant funding to construct a non-motorized boat launch at President Township River Access Area along the Allegheny River in Venango County. The project includes increased parking capacity for vehicles with trailers, a concrete pad for a portable toilet, and a dry hydrant for use by the local volunteer fire department. The improvements will follow the Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The total estimated cost of the project is \$363,128. The Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry, and Tourism is requesting \$181,564 to complete this project.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) authorized the Executive Director to approve individual grants of \$100,000 or less per applicant, per year, in the Statewide Public Access Grant Program. For grant requests of more than \$100,000, staff will seek Commission approval.

#### Briefer:

Mark Morrison, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

#### Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$181,564 to the Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry, and Tourism as described in the Commentary.

#### Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Mahn to approve a grant not to exceed \$181,564 to the Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry, and Tourism as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### OTHER MATTERS

F. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to Schuylkill River Greenways, Ganshahawny Park, Schuylkill River, Berks County.

#### **Commentary**:

Schuylkill River Greenways is requesting grant funding to develop a launch for motorboats and non-motorized boats at Ganshahawny Park along the Schuylkill River in Berks County. The project will also include signage and an expanded parking area. The improvements will follow the Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The total estimated cost of the project is \$361,382. Schuylkill River Greenways is requesting \$150,000 to complete this project.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) authorized the Executive Director to approve individual grants of \$100,000 or less per applicant, per year, in the Statewide Public Access Grant Program. For grant requests of more than \$100,000, staff will seek Commission approval.

#### Briefer:

Mark Morrison, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

#### Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$150,000 to Schuylkill River Greenways as described in the Commentary.

#### Action:

Commissioner Charlesworth asked a question related to the specific location of the launch to be developed and Commissioner Kauffman described the location. A motion was then made by Commissioner Kauffman and seconded by Commissioner Charlesworth to approve a grant not to exceed \$150,000to Schuylkill River Greenways as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### OTHER MATTERS

G. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to Schuylkill River Greenways, Reeser's Landing, Schuylkill River, Berks County.

#### Commentary:

Schuylkill River Greenways is requesting grant funding to develop a launch for motorboats and non-motorized boats at Reeser's Landing along the Schuylkill River in Berks County. The project includes signage and an expanded parking area. The improvements will follow the Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The total estimated cost of the project is \$231,800. Schuylkill River Greenways is requesting \$115,900 to complete this project.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) authorized the Executive Director to approve individual grants of \$100,000 or less per applicant, per year, in the Statewide Public Access Grant Program. For grant requests of more than \$100,000, staff will seek Commission approval.

#### Briefer:

Mark Morrison, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

#### Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$115,900 to Schuylkill River Greenways as described in the Commentary.

#### Action:

Commissioner Charlesworth asked a question related to the location of the launch to be developed and Commissioner Kauffman described the location. A motion was then made by Commissioner Kauffman and seconded by Commissioner Charlesworth to approve a grant not to exceed\$115,900 to Schuylkill River Greenways as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### OTHER MATTERS

H. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to the Borough of Susquehanna Depot, Susquehanna River, Susquehanna County.

#### Commentary:

The Borough of Susquehanna Depot is requesting grant funding to develop a non-motorized boat launch at Ira Reynolds Park along the Susquehanna River in Susquehanna County. The project includes a non-motorized boat launch, composting restroom facilities and additional parking. The improvements will follow the Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The total estimated cost of the project is \$568,800. The Borough of Susquehanna Depot is requesting \$257,400 to complete this project.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) authorized the Executive Director to approve individual grants of \$100,000 or less per applicant, per year, in the Statewide Public Access Grant Program. For grant requests of more than \$100,000, staff will seek Commission approval.

#### Briefer:

Mark Morrison, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

#### Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$257,400 to the Borough of Susquehanna Depot as described in the Commentary.

#### Action:

Commissioner Charlesworth asked a question related to the ability to navigate around boulders at the breach in the dam. Tim Schaeffer indicated that he would provide Commissioner Charlesworth with the names of staff who worked on this project that would be able to answer his question with certainty. A motion was then made by Commissioner Gibney and seconded by Commissioner Charlesworth to approve a grant not to exceed \$257,400 to the Borough of Susquehanna Depot as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### OTHER MATTERS

I. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to Wysox Township, Susquehanna River, Bradford County.

#### **Commentary**:

Wysox Township is requesting grant funding to rehabilitate the Wysox Community Park Boat Launch along the Susquehanna River in Bradford County. The project includes regrading and replacing an existing motorboat launch and paving portions of the parking lot and turnaround areas. The improvements will follow the Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The total estimated cost of the project is \$411,200. Wysox Township is requesting \$205,600 to complete this project.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) authorized the Executive Director to approve individual grants of \$100,000 or less per applicant, per year, in the Statewide Public Access Grant Program. For grant requests of more than \$100,000, staff will seek Commission approval.

#### Briefer:

Mark Morrison, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

#### Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$205,600 to Wysox Township as described in the Commentary.

#### Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Small and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve a grant not to exceed \$205,600 to Wysox Township as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

# LAW ENFORCEMENT PROPOSED RULEMAKING

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

#### **Commentary**:

Currently, under 58 Pa. Code § 69.12a, fishing on Lake Erie tributaries is not permitted from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following day between 12:01 a.m. on the day after Labor Day until the opening day of regular trout fishing season in the following year. The only exceptions are Walnut Creek north of Manchester Road Bridge and Elk Creek north of Route 5 where there are no time restrictions on fishing.

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

The Pennsylvania Steelhead Association sent a letter to the Board of Commissioners on behalf of its officers and board of directors, as well as the officers and board of directors of the 3-CU Trout Association and the Northwest Pennsylvania Chapter of Trout Unlimited, requesting limiting the permitted hours for angler access and fishing on Walnut Creek from Route 5 downstream to the Manchester Road Bridge to one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Walnut Creek from Manchester Road Bridge downstream to Lake Erie and Elk Creek north of Route 5 would maintain no time restrictions for fishing.

The Law Enforcement Committee, at its April 8, 2025, meeting considered this proposal and discussed expanding the amendment to all Lake Erie tributary streams.

Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 69.12a be amended as follows:

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

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

#### Briefer:

Colonel Jeffrey Sabo, Director, Bureau of Law Enforcement

#### Recommendation:

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

#### Action:

Commissioner Mahn asked if the rulemaking would apply to landowners as well. Colonel Sabo answered in the affirmative. There was also discussion related to expanding the amendment to all Lake Erie tributary streams. A motion was then made by Commissioner Mahn and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 69.12a as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

# LAW ENFORCEMENT PROPOSED RULEMAKING

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

#### Commentary:

This proposed amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 51.125 expands the insurance options for charter boat operators and fishing guides to include protection and indemnity (P&I) insurance. Currently, the regulation specifically states that charter boat operators and fishing guides shall possess and maintain general liability insurance. However, many insurance carriers will only issue P&I insurance, and not general liability insurance, to businesses that provide services on the water.

P&I insurance is a specialized type of insurance coverage that offers liability protection for shipowners and operators. P&I insurance provides coverage to shipowners and operators for their liabilities, costs, and expenses arising from a variety of incidents related to the operation of their ship, including incidents such as injury or death of crew or passengers, cargo loss or damage, pollution, and collision.

Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 51.125 be amended as follows:

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#### § 51.125. Insurance.

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

#### Briefer:

Colonel Jeffrey Sabo, Director, Bureau of Law Enforcement

#### Recommendation:

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

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#### Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Mahn and seconded by Commissioner Gibney to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 51.125 as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## BOATING

#### PROPOSED RULEMAKING

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

#### **Commentary:**

Currently, under 58 Pa. Code § 107.2, boats with electric motors in compliance with horsepower limitations or equivalent kilowatt ratings as set forth in Chapter 111 shall not operate at greater than slow, no-wake speed on Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) owned or controlled waterways.

The proposed changes to 58 Pa. Code § 107.2(1) simplify and clarify that boats are only limited to slow, no-wake speed on Commission and DCNR owned or controlled waterways that are restricted to electric motors. The proposed integration of 58 Pa. Code § 107.2(1.1) and 58 Pa. Code § 107.2(2) provides a more complete description of restrictions for electric motor only locations.

Additionally, staff propose eliminating 58 Pa. Code § 107.2(3). At its meetings on January 5, 1981, May 30, 1981, and October 3, 1983, the Commission acted under 30 Pa.C.S. § 903 of the Fish and Boat Code to approve the designation of State Park Officers, Forest Rangers, and other law enforcement officers to enforce the Fish and Boat Code and regulations promulgated thereunder.

The Boating Advisory Board, at its February 3, 2025, meeting considered this proposal and recommended the Commission approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendments.

Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 107.2 be amended as follows:

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§ 107.2. Electric motors.

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

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

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

#### Briefer:

Mark Sweppenhiser, Director, Bureau of Boating

#### Recommendation:

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

#### Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Gibney to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendments to 58 Pa. Code § 107.2 as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### FINAL RULEMAKING

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

#### **Commentary**:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) proposes to amend 58 Pa. Code § 57.8a (relating to Class A wild trout streams). The proposed amendment to § 57.8a updates the Commission's process to consider granting permission to stock a Class A wild trout stream under § 71a.8 (relating to stocking of designated waters).

A notice of proposed rulemaking was published at 55 Pa.B. 1926 (March 8, 2025) (Exhibit D). Please review the "Summary of Proposal" in Exhibit D for further details. The Commission received 19 public comments relating to this proposal: one supports the proposal, one supports a specific section of the proposal, and 17 oppose the proposal. Copies of public comments were provided to the commissioners.

#### Briefer:

Kristopher Kuhn, Director, Bureau of Fisheries

#### Recommendation:

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

#### Action:

After a lengthy discussion related to the need to update the Operational Guidelines and review the criteria, a motion was then made President Pastore to table this agenda item until the July meeting and seconded by Commissioner Kauffman. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **DESIGNATIONS**

A. 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 25 additional stream sections to have Class A wild trout populations. Exhibit E provides information on the locations and a data summary for each of these waters.

A notice of proposed changes was published at 55 Pa.B. 1778 (February 22, 2025) (Exhibit F). The Commission received a total of nine public comments regarding the proposed additions: all support the proposal. Copies of all public comments were provided to the commissioners.

#### Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

#### Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission add 25 stream sections to its Class A wild trout streams list as set forth in the notice of proposed changes. If approved, these additions will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

#### Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hussar and seconded by Commissioner Kauffman to add 25 stream sections to its Class A wild trout streams list as set forth in the notice of proposed changes. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

#### **DESIGNATIONS**

B. 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 45 new waters and in five waters that are currently listed, qualifying them for listing or limit revision as wild trout streams under 58 Pa. Code § 57.11. Exhibit G provides information on the locations and a data summary for each of these waters.

A notice of proposed additions and revisions was published at 55 Pa.B. 1776 (February 22, 2025) (Exhibit H). The Commission received a total of nine public comments regarding the proposed additions and revisions: all support the proposal. Copies of all public comments were provided to the commissioners.

#### Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

#### Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission add 45 streams or portions of streams to its list of wild trout streams and revise the section limits of five waters that are currently listed as set forth in the notice. If approved, these additions and revisions will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

#### Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Brock and seconded by Commissioner Hussar to add 45 streams or portions of streams to its list of wild trout streams and revise the section limits of five waters that are currently listed as set forth in the notice. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **DESIGNATIONS**

C. Removal of Harris Pond, Luzerne County, from the Big Bass program (58 Pa. Code § 65.9).

#### **Commentary**:

Harris Pond, a 30-acre impoundment owned by the Commonwealth and managed by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission), is located in Ross Township, Luzerne County, approximately 10 miles north of the Borough of Shickshinny. This reservoir is expected to be completely dewatered in 2025 or 2026 to complete dam and spillway repairs and modifications per the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection dam safety standards.

Effective April 1, 2025, the Executive Director of the Commission, acting under the authority of 58 Pa. Code § 65.25 (relating to temporary changes to fishing regulations), lifted all seasons, sizes, and creel limits for all species at Harris Pond. This action was necessary and appropriate for the management of the fishery at this lake. Given the impending lake drawdown and action taken by the Executive Director to enact a temporary change in fishing regulations, this water must be removed from the Big Bass program (58 Pa. Code § 65.9).

A notice of proposed designation was published at 55 Pa.B. 2404 (March 22, 2025) (Exhibit I). The Commission did not receive any public comments relating to this proposal.

#### Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

#### Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission remove Harris Pond, Luzerne County, from the Big Bass program (58 Pa. Code § 65.9). If approved, the designation will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

#### Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gibney and seconded by Commissioner Charlesworth to recommend the removal of Harris Pond, Luzerne County, from the Big Bass program (58 Pa. Code § 65.9). Motion carried by unanimous vote

#### **DESIGNATIONS**

D. Removal of Rose Valley Lake, Lycoming County, from the Big Bass program (58 Pa. Code § 65.9).

#### Commentary:

Rose Valley Lake, a 389-acre impoundment owned by the Commonwealth and managed by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission), is located in Gamble Township, Lycoming County, approximately nine miles north of the City of Williamsport. This reservoir is expected to be completely dewatered in 2026 to complete dam and spillway repairs and modifications per the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection dam safety standards.

Effective April 1, 2025, the Executive Director of the Commission, acting under the authority of 58 Pa. Code § 65.25 (relating to temporary changes to fishing regulations), lifted all seasons, sizes, and creel limits for all species at Rose Valley Lake. This action was necessary and appropriate for the management of the fishery at this lake. Given the impending lake drawdown and action taken by the Executive Director to enact a temporary change in fishing regulations, this water must be removed from the Big Bass program (58 Pa. Code § 65.9).

A notice of proposed designation was published at 55 Pa.B. 2404 (March 22, 2025) (Exhibit J). The Commission did not receive any public comments relating to this proposal.

#### Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

#### Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission remove Rose Valley Lake, Lycoming County, from the Big Bass program (58 Pa. Code § 65.9). If approved, the designation will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

#### Action:

Commissioner Hussar asked how the salvage of fish is coordinated. Dave Nihart described the coordination efforts that take place between fisheries and hatcheries, law enforcement, and engineering as well as the distribution of a press release and a local public meeting. A motion was then made by Commissioner Hussar and seconded by Commissioner Mahn to recommend the removal of Rose Valley Lake, Lycoming County, from the Big Bass program (58 Pa. Code § 65.9). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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#### **Other New Business**

Commissioner Mahn announced that as April draws to an end it is a good time for a reminder that May is Law Enforcement Appreciation Month when we take time to honor the men and women in law enforcement who put their lives on the line every day to keep our communities safe.

#### **Time and Place of July 2025 Commission Meeting**

President Pastore announced that the next quarterly commission meeting will be held on July 28, 2025, at the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission headquarters located at 1601 Elmerton Avenue in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

#### <u>Adjournment</u>

A motion was made by President Pastore and seconded by Commissioner Charlesworth to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

# **NOTICES**

# FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Temporary Change to Fishing Regulations; Harris Pond, Luzerne County

[55 Pa.B. 2404] [Saturday, March 22, 2025]

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 Harris Pond, Luzerne County, in anticipation of a complete drawdown at the lake. The Executive Director is lifting all seasons, sizes and daily limits for all species. The Executive Director has found that this action is necessary and appropriate for the management of the fishery 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 January 1, 2026, unless the Commission shall by then, by appropriate action, have approved the designation 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; Rose Valley Lake, Lycoming County

[55 Pa.B. 2404] [Saturday, March 22, 2025]

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 Rose Valley Lake, Lycoming County, in anticipation of a complete drawdown at the lake. The Executive Director is lifting all seasons, sizes and daily limits for all species. The Executive Director has found that this action is necessary and appropriate for the management of the fishery 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 January 1, 2026, unless the Commission shall by then, by appropriate action, have approved the designation 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; High Point Lake, Somerset County

[55 Pa.B. 2404] [Saturday, March 22, 2025]

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 High Point Lake, Somerset County, in anticipation of a complete drawdown at the lake. The Executive Director is lifting all seasons, sizes and daily limits for all species. The Executive Director has found that this action is necessary and appropriate for the management of the fishery 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 January 1, 2026, unless the Commission shall by then, by appropriate action, have approved the designation of waters or shall have approved the revision of the regulation in question.

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER, Executive Director

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# STATEMENTS OF POLICY

### FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

[58 PA. CODE CH. 57]

**Class A Wild Trout Streams; Statements of Policy** 

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

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

#### A. Effective Date

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

#### B. Contact Person

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

#### C. Statutory Authority

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

#### D. Purpose and Background

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

#### E. Summary of Proposal

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### F. Paperwork

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

#### G. Fiscal Impact

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

#### H. Public Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, objections or suggestions about this proposed statement of policy to the Executive Director, Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, within 30 days after publication of this notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Comments submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

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

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

#### Annex A

#### TITLE 58. RECREATION

#### PART II. FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

## **Subpart A. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **CHAPTER 57. STATEMENTS OF POLICY**

#### **Subchapter A. FISHERIES POLICIES**

#### § 57.8a. Class A wild trout streams.

It is the policy of the Commission to manage self-sustaining Class A wild trout populations as a renewable natural resource to conserve that resource and the angling it provides. Class A wild trout populations represent the best of this Commonwealth's naturally reproducing trout fisheries. With rare exceptions, these stream sections are managed solely for the perpetuation of the wild trout fishery with no stocking. However, there may be circumstances that justify stocking a Class A wild trout stream section.

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

- (1) Criteria developed for Class A [Wild Trout] wild trout fisheries are species specific.
- (2) Wild [Trout Biomass Class Criteria] trout biomass class criteria include provisions for:
- (i) Wild brook trout fisheries.
- (A) Total brook trout biomass of at least 30 kg/ha (26.7 lbs/acre).
- (B) Total biomass of brook trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
  - (C) Brook trout biomass must comprise at least 75% of the total trout biomass.
  - (ii) Wild brown trout fisheries.

- (A) Total brown trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).
- (B) Total biomass of brown trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
  - (C) Brown trout biomass shall comprise at least 75% of the total trout biomass.
  - (iii) Mixed wild brook and brown trout fisheries.
  - (A) Combined brook and brown trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).
- (B) Total biomass of brook trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
- (C) Total biomass of brown trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
  - (D) Brook trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.
  - (E) Brown trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.
- (iv) Wild rainbow trout fisheries. Total biomass of rainbow trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 2.0 kg/ha (1.78 lbs/acre).
  - (v) Mixed wild brook and rainbow trout fisheries.
  - (A) Combined brook and rainbow trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).
- (B) Total biomass of brook trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
- (C) Total biomass of rainbow trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
  - (D) Brook trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.
  - (E) Rainbow trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.
  - (vi) Mixed wild brown and rainbow trout fisheries.
  - (A) Combined brown and rainbow trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).
- (B) Total biomass of brown trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
- (C) Total biomass of rainbow trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
  - (D) Brown trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.
  - (E) Rainbow trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.
- (3) A water will not be removed from the Class A **[Wild Trout Streams]** wild trout streams designation unless the cause leading to the reduction in the wild trout population has been clearly identified and it has been determined that the water is beyond remediation to re-establish the Class A wild trout population. Possible reasons include the following:

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

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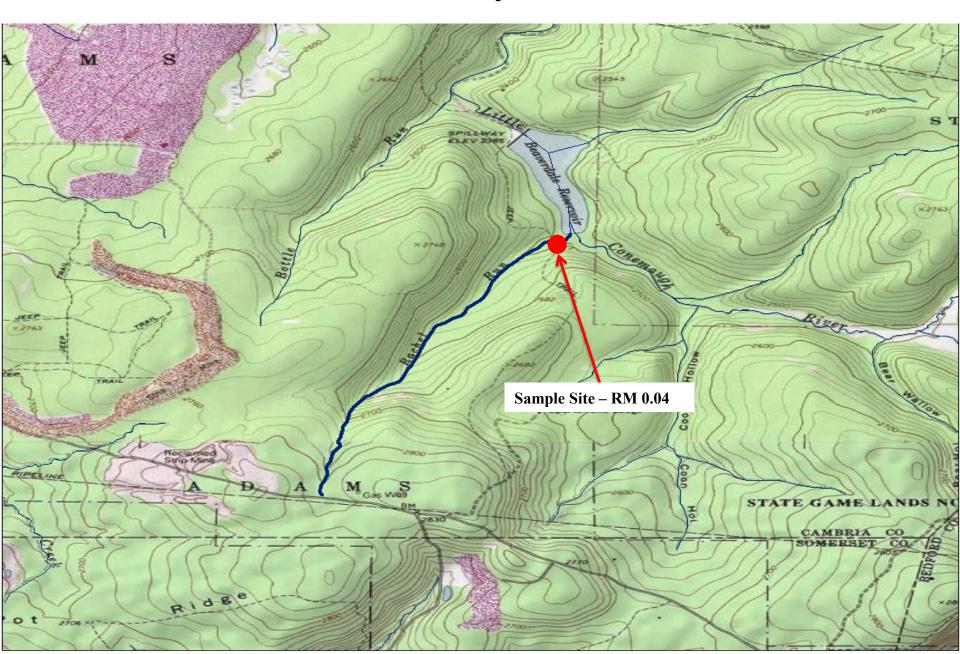
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#### **EXHIBIT E**

### **Class A Additions**

### Rachel Run, Cambria County

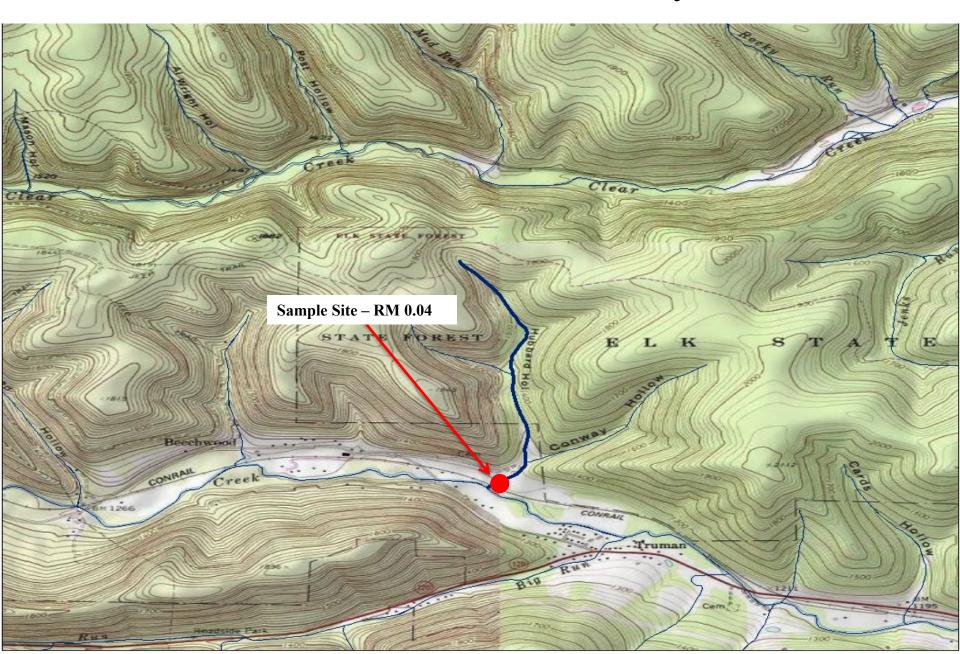


### Rachel Run, Cambria County

Brook Trout RM – 0.04 Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	16	0.21	53
2	164	4.99	547
3	22	1.59	73
4	50	8.39	167
5	32	9.61	107
6	14	7.07	47
7	5	3.93	17
8	1	1.14	3
9	1	1.62	3
Total	305	38.55	1017

### Hubbard Hollow Run, Cameron County

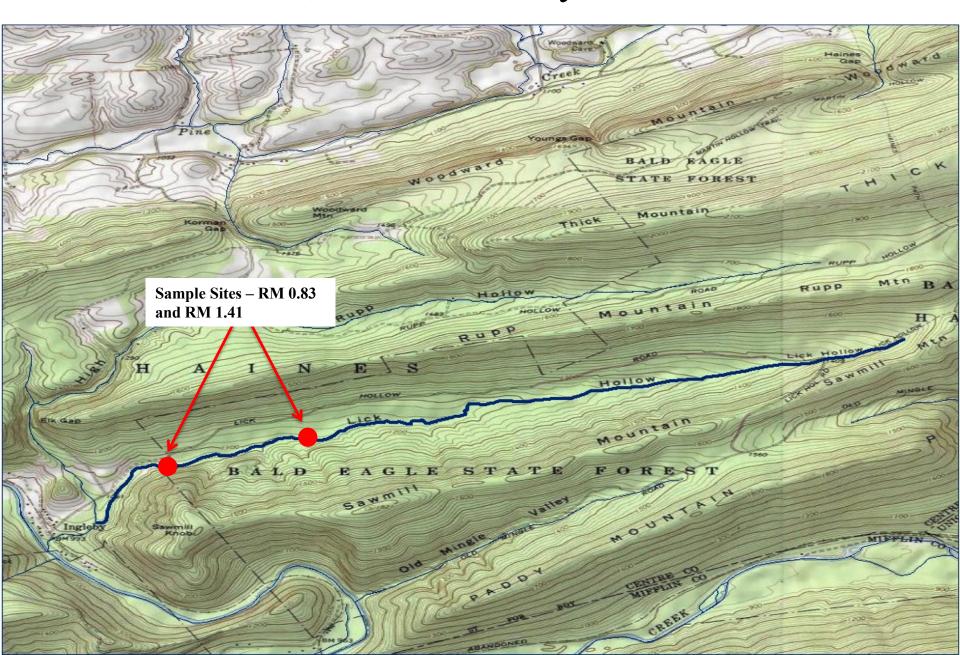


### Hubbard Hollow Run, Cameron County

Brook Trout RM – 0.04 Site Length – 210 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	1	0.04	5
2	20	1.69	95
4	2	0.93	10
5	11	9.19	52
6	8	11.25	38
7	4	8.75	19
8	2	6.34	10
10	1	6.20	5
Total	49	44.39	234

### Lick Hollow Run, Centre County



### Lick Hollow Run, Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 0.83 Site Length – 325 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	9	0.34	28
6	2	1.24	6
7	5	4.84	15
8	3	4.21	9
10	1	2.74	3
Total	20	13.37	61

Brown Trout RM - 0.83Site Length -325 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	43	0.68	132
2	18	0.69	55
3	25	2.40	77
4	62	13.46	191
5	14	5.57	43
6	8	5.31	25
8	3	4.41	9
10	1	2.76	3
12	1	4.60	3
Total	175	39.88	538

#### Lick Hollow Run, Centre County

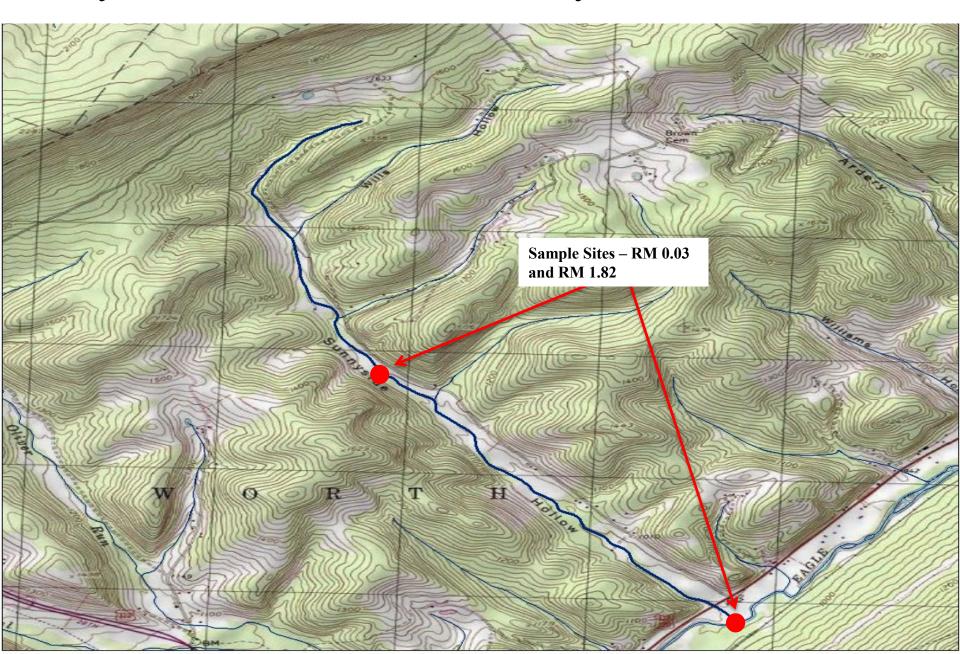
Brook Trout RM – 1.41 Site Length – 335 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	1	0.02	3
2	8	0.29	24
4	2	0.40	6
5	6	2.15	18
6	6	3.62	18
7	6	5.64	18
9	1	1.94	3
Total	30	14.06	90

Brown Trout RM – 1.41 Site Length – 335 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	84	1.30	251
2	4	0.15	12
3	54	5.04	161
4	64	13.49	191
5	3	1.16	9
6	2	1.29	6
8	1	1.43	3
Total	212	23.86	633

### Sunnyside Hollow, Centre County



### Sunnyside Hollow, Centre County

Brown Trout RM – 0.03 Site Length – 300 meters

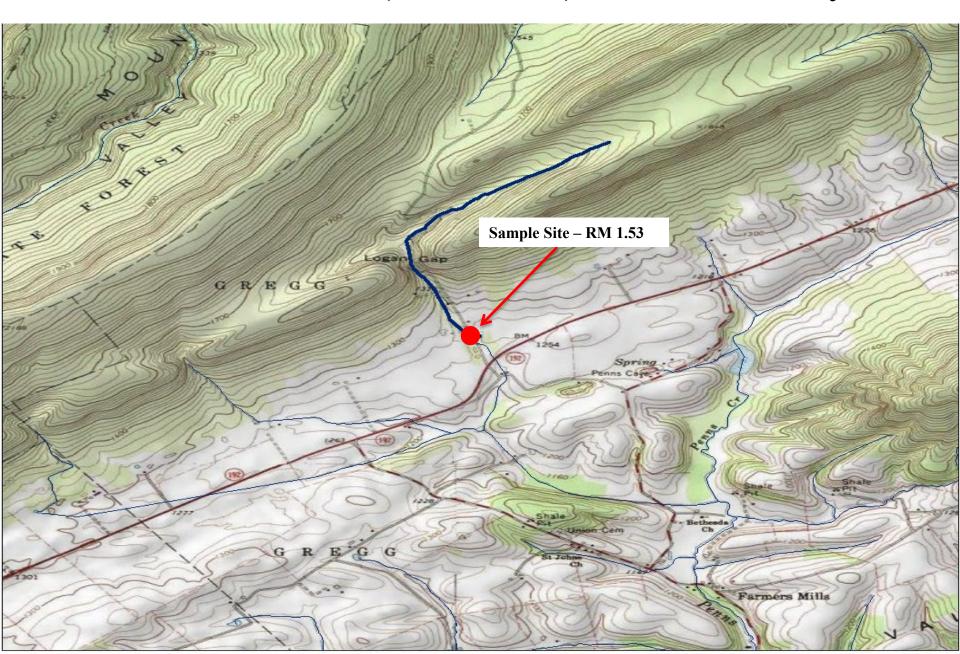
Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	5	0.18	17
3	9	0.81	30
5	4	1.50	13
6	7	4.37	23
7	7	6.70	23
8	2	2.77	7
9	3	5.77	10
10	5	12.98	17
11	1	3.38	3
13	2	10.89	7
Total	45	49.35	150

### Sunnyside Hollow, Centre County

Brown Trout RM – 1.82 Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	7	0.35	23
3	13	1.64	43
4	1	0.28	3
5	10	5.21	33
6	20	17.40	67
7	6	7.99	20
8	2	3.85	7
9	2	5.36	7
10	3	10.85	10
11	1	4.70	3
Total	65	57.63	216

# UNT to Penns Creek (RM 63.29), Centre County

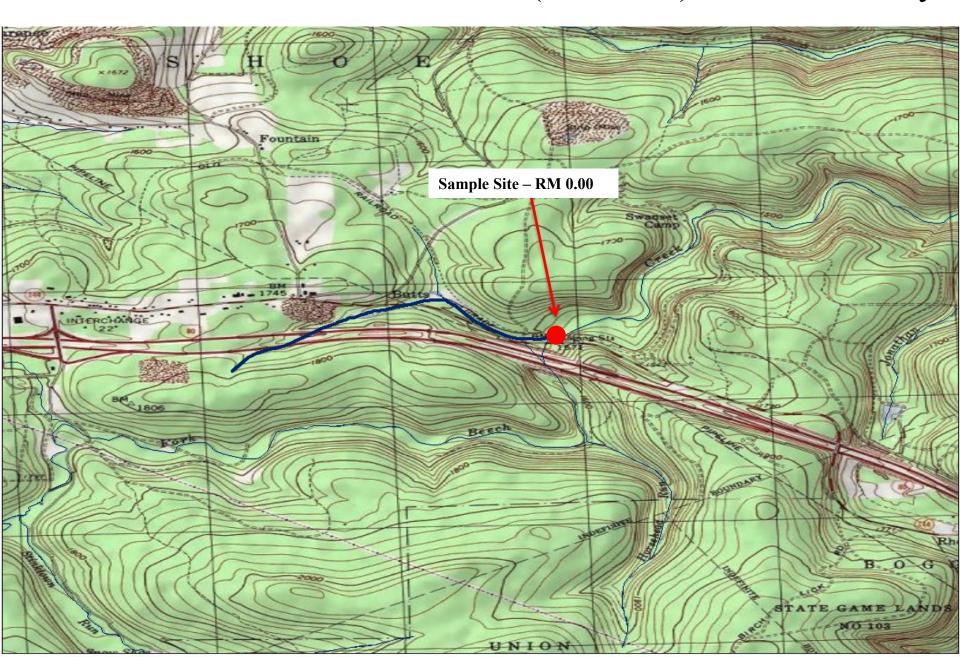


### UNT to Penns Creek (RM 63.29), Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 1.53 Site Length – 250 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	12	0.89	48
3	57	10.01	228
4	7	2.85	28
5	4	2.91	16
6	7	8.58	28
7	1	1.91	4
8	2	5.52	8
9	1	3.93	4
Total	91	36.60	364

#### UNT to South Fork Beech Creek (RM 4.43), Centre County



#### UNT to South Fork Beech Creek (RM 4.43), Centre County

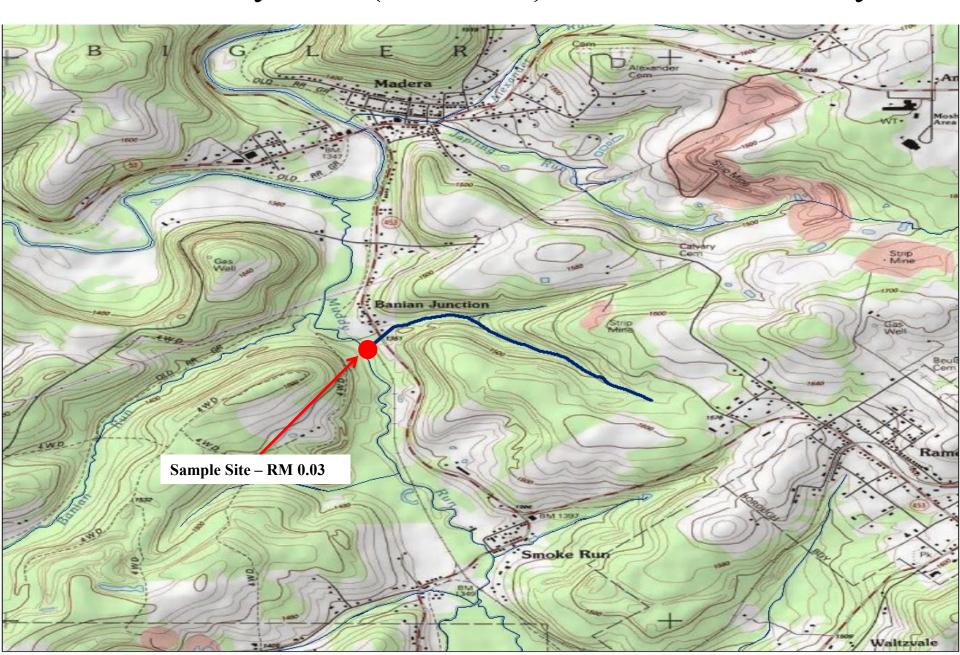
Brook Trout RM – 0.00 Site Length – 200 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	9	0.93	45
3	23	5.64	115
5	1	1.02	5
6	3	5.13	15
7	2	5.32	10
8	1	3.86	5
Total	39	21.90	195

Brown Trout RM – 0.00 Site Length – 200 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	1	0.11	5
5	2	2.19	10
6	3	5.48	15
12	1	12.65	5
Total	7	20.43	35

### UNT to Muddy Run (RM 1.01), Clearfield County



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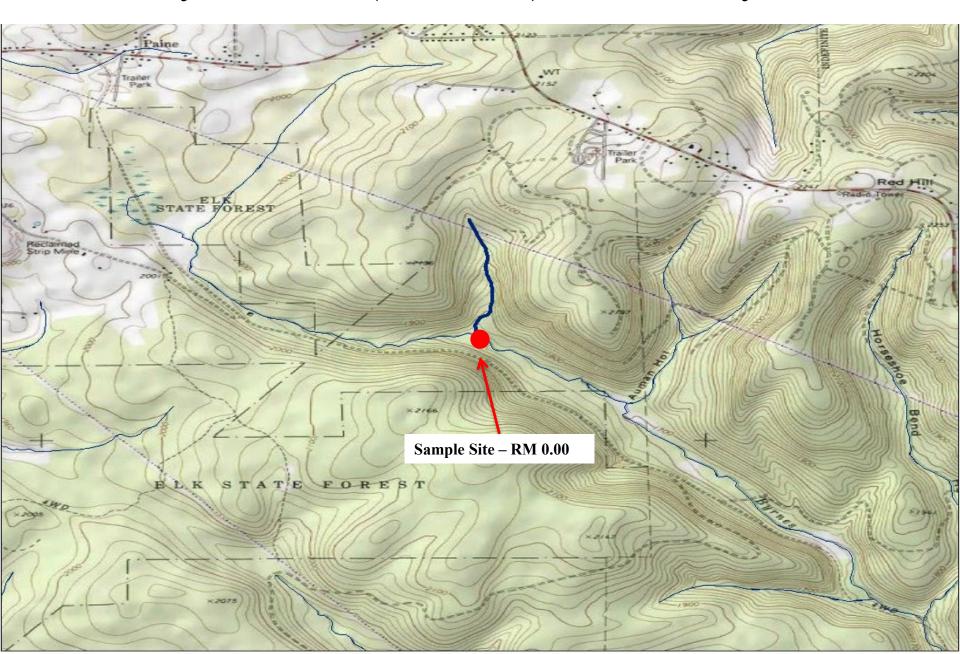
Brook Trout RM – 0.03 Site Length – 200 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	2	0.16	10
2	44	8.37	220
5	4	7.51	20
6	4	12.63	20
7	4	19.65	20
8	2	14.24	10
Total	60	62.56	300

Brown Trout RM - 0.03Site Length -200 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
5	2	4.04	10
Total	2	4.04	10

# UNT to Byrnes Run (RM 4.34), Elk County

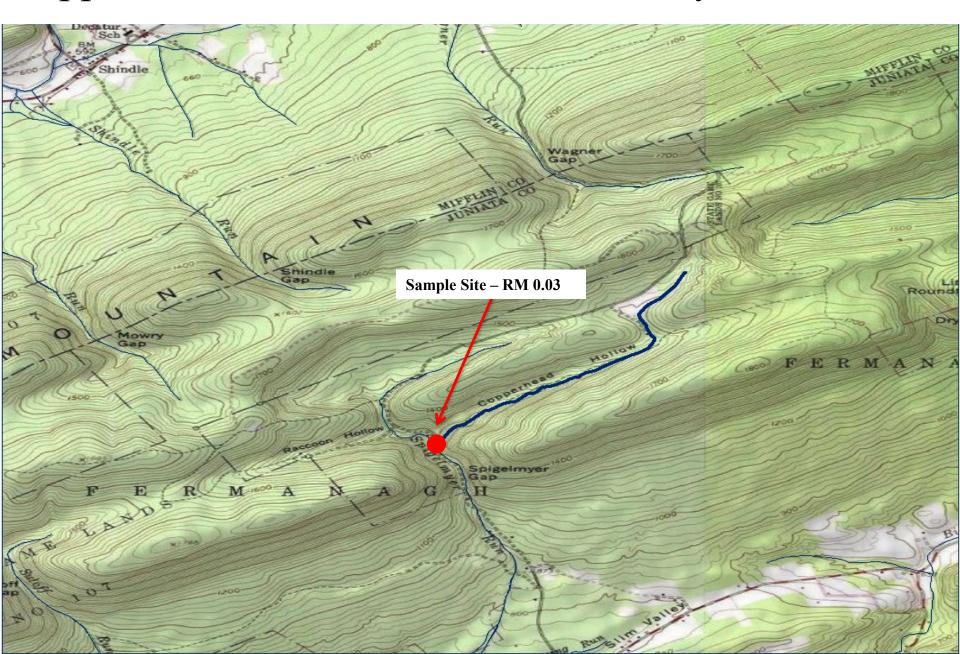


### UNT to Byrnes Run (RM 4.34), Elk County

Brook Trout RM – 0.00 Site Length – 125 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	2	0.14	16
2	30	10.55	512
3	14	7.85	160
4	23	33.66	296
5	2	3.25	16
6	1	2.74	8
Total	72	58.19	1008

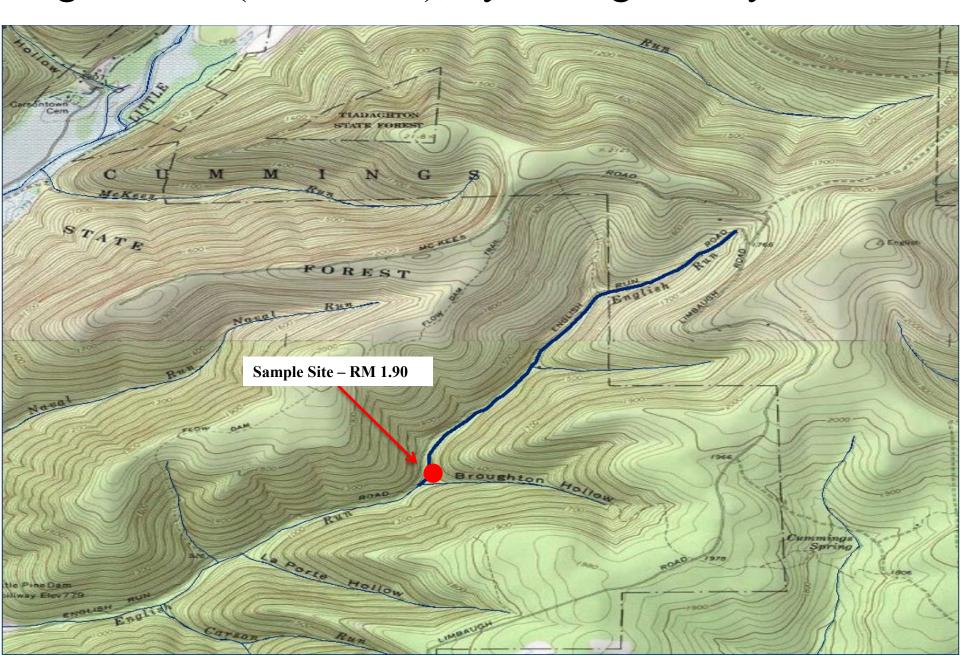
### Copperhead Hollow Run, Juniata County



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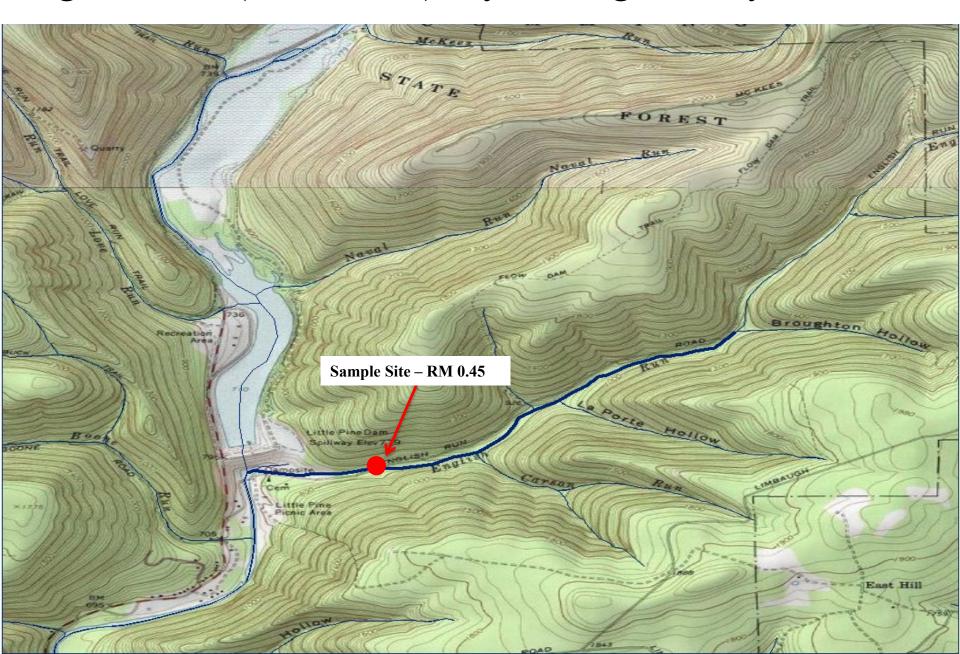
Brook Trout RM – 0.03 Site Length – 225 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	1	0.02	4
2	5	0.23	22
3	3	0.33	13
4	35	10.15	178
5	29	15.88	156
6	6	4.58	27
7	1	1.19	4
Total	80	32.38	404



Brook Trout RM – 1.90 Site Length – 300 meters

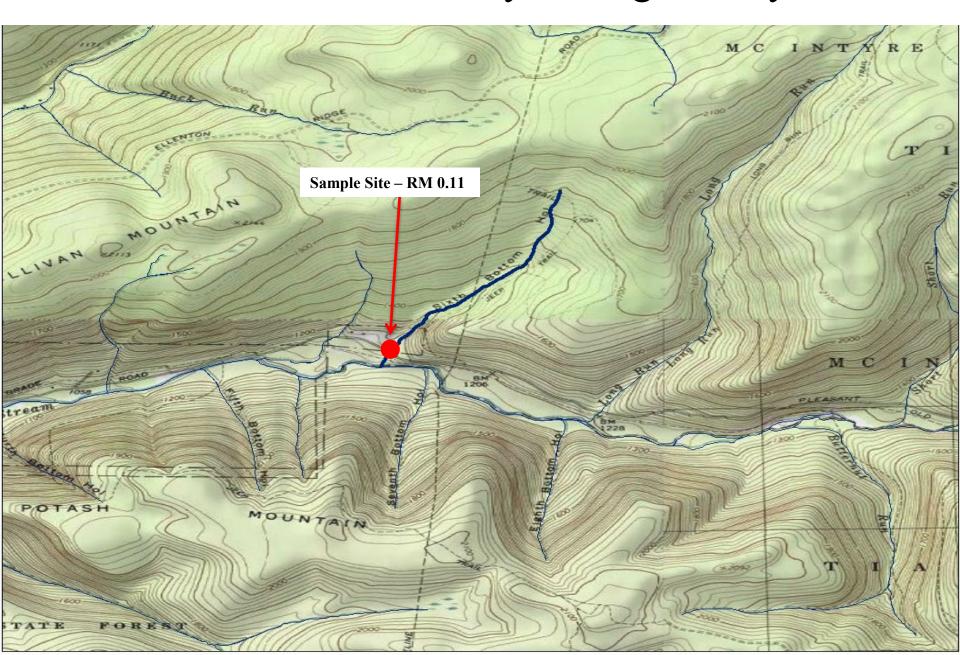
Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	29	1.52	97
3	37	4.62	123
4	2	0.58	7
5	6	3.11	20
6	15	13.08	50
7	11	14.92	37
8	5	9.82	17
Total	105	47.65	351



Brook Trout RM – 0.45 Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	21	1.43	117
3	2	0.19	7
4	43	15.31	227
5	27	13.29	110
6	9	8.13	40
7	4	4.22	13
8	3	4.58	10
9	1	2.17	3
Total	110	49.32	527

### Sixth Bottom Hollow Run, Lycoming County



### Sixth Bottom Hollow Run, Lycoming County

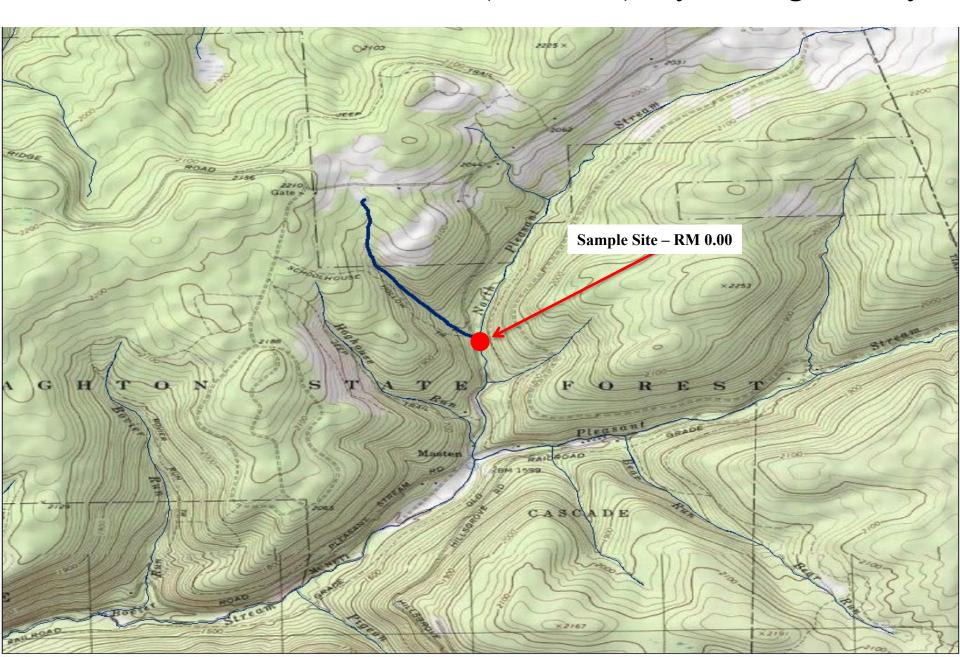
Brook Trout RM – 0.11 Site Length – 215 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	8	0.33	37
2	12	1.15	56
4	14	7.41	65
5	14	13.24	65
6	7	11.14	33
7	3	7.43	14
8	2	7.17	9
Total	60	47.87	279

Brown Trout RM – 0.11 Site Length – 215 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
5	6	6.10	28
6	4	6.80	19
Total	10	12.90	47

UNT to North Pleasant Stream (RM 0.65), Lycoming County



#### UNT to North Pleasant Stream (RM 0.65), Lycoming County

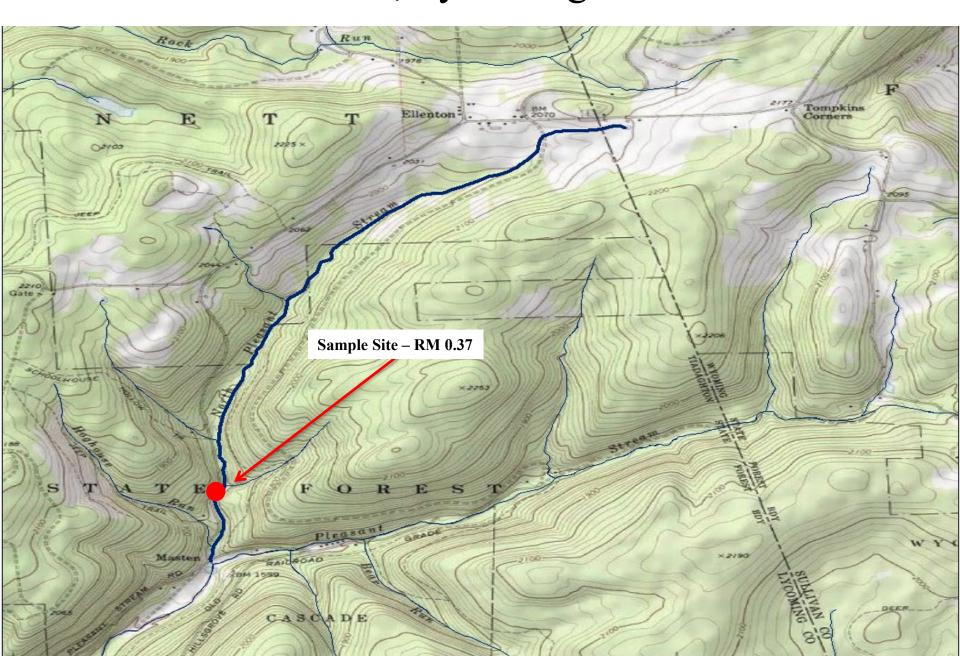
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Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	2	0.15	10
2	31	5.25	155
4	4	3.74	20
5	11	18.39	55
6	8	22.50	40
7	1	4.38	5
Total	57	54.41	285

 $\begin{array}{l} Brown \ Trout \ RM - 0.00 \\ Site \ Length - 200 \ meters \end{array}$ 

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
4	1	0.98	5
Total	1	0.98	5

# North Pleasant Stream, Lycoming/Sullivan Counties



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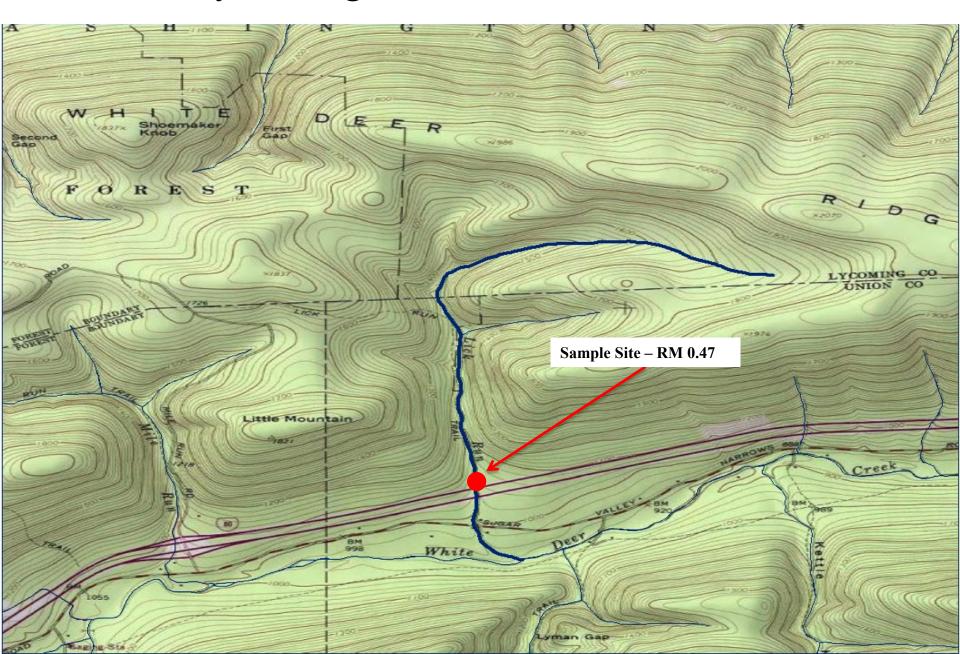
Brook Trout RM – 0.37 Site Length – 500 meters

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Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	9	0.08	18
2	20	0.42	40
3	2	0.10	4
4	36	4.13	72
5	31	6.36	62
6	15	5.18	30
7	16	8.59	32
8	1	0.78	2
9	2	2.21	4
10	2	3.04	4
Total	134	30.89	268

Brown Trout RM – 0.37 Site Length – 500 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	6	0.32	12
4	2	0.24	4
5	4	0.88	8
6	1	0.37	2
8	1	0.82	2
10	2	3.06	4
14	1	3.98	2
Total	17	9.67	34

# Lick Run, Lycoming/Union Counties

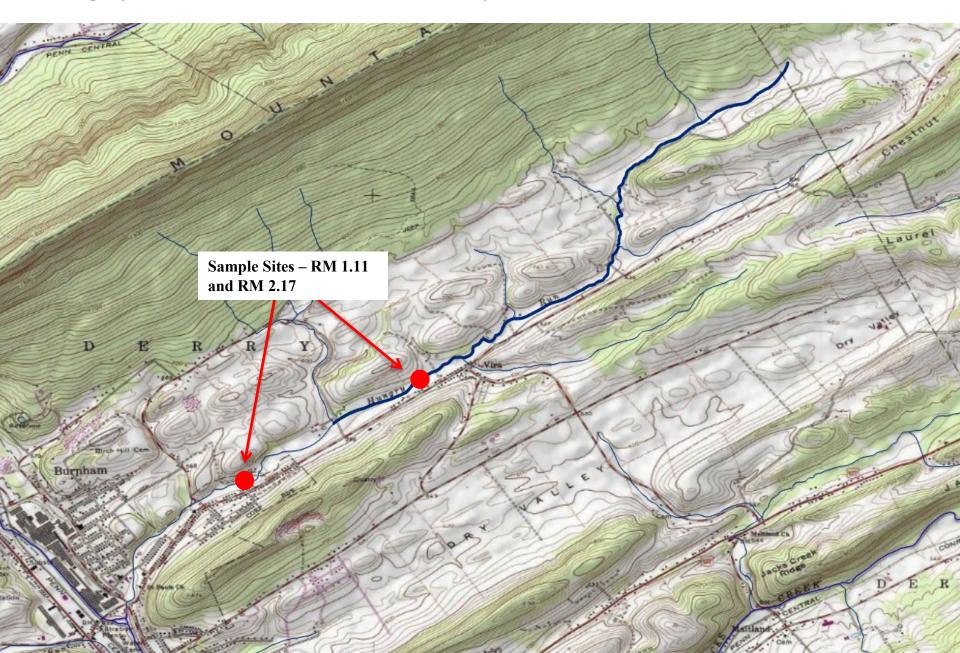


# Lick Run, Lycoming/Union Counties

Brook Trout RM – 0.47 Site Length – 440 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	124	3.09	282
3	21	1.24	48
4	97	13.32	220
5	63	15.47	143
6	30	12.39	68
7	16	10.28	36
8	3	2.79	7
9	1	1.32	2
Total	355	59.90	806

# Hungry Run, Mifflin County



# Hungry Run, Mifflin County

Brown Trout RM – 1.11 Site Length – 300 meters

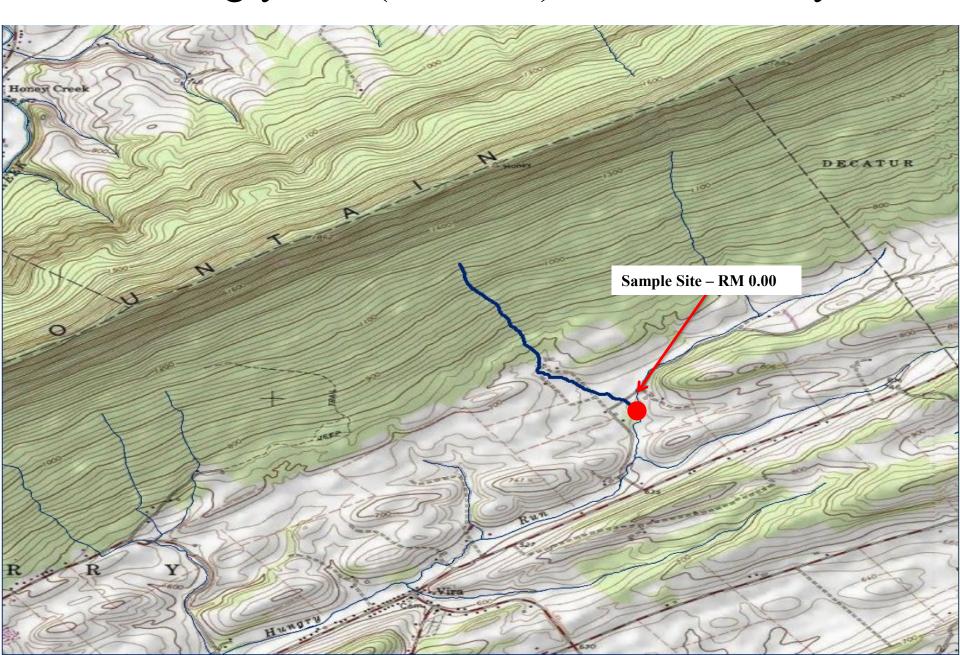
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Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	1	0.02	3
3	43	5.53	347
4	4	0.48	13
5	1	0.22	3
6	8	4.04	37
7	15	13.50	80
8	12	13.82	57
9	2	2.26	7
10	2	3.05	7
11	3	5.95	10
12	3	7.63	10
13	2	6.40	7
14	2	7.92	7
Total	98	70.82	588

## Hungry Run, Mifflin County

Brown Trout RM – 2.17 Site Length – 440 meters

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Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	17	0.52	57
3	95	7.44	325
4	5	0.59	11
6	9	3.96	25
7	28	17.63	73
8	16	14.34	41
9	6	7.76	16
10	12	19.44	30
11	4	9.72	11
12	5	14.94	14
13	2	6.27	5
14	4	19.40	11
Total	203	122.01	619

# UNT to Hungry Run (RM 3.86), Mifflin County

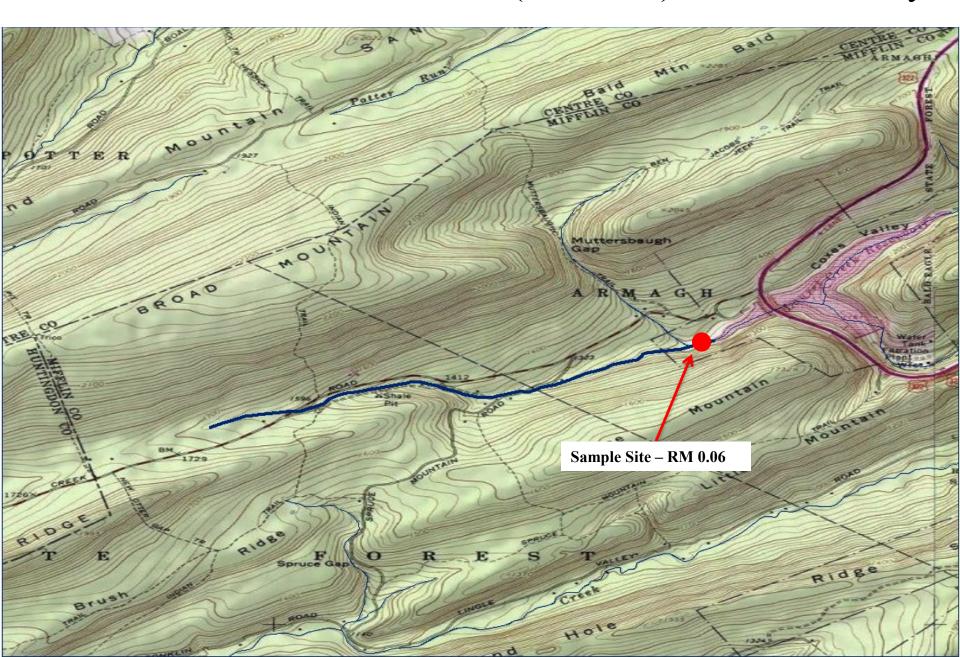


#### UNT to Hungry Run (RM 3.86), Mifflin County

Brown Trout RM – 0.00 Site Length – 180 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	18	6.88	178
4	8	4.86	56
6	4	7.43	28
7	2	4.55	11
9	2	9.16	11
12	1	10.29	6
Total	35	43.17	290

## UNT to Laurel Creek Reservoir (RM 5.82), Mifflin County

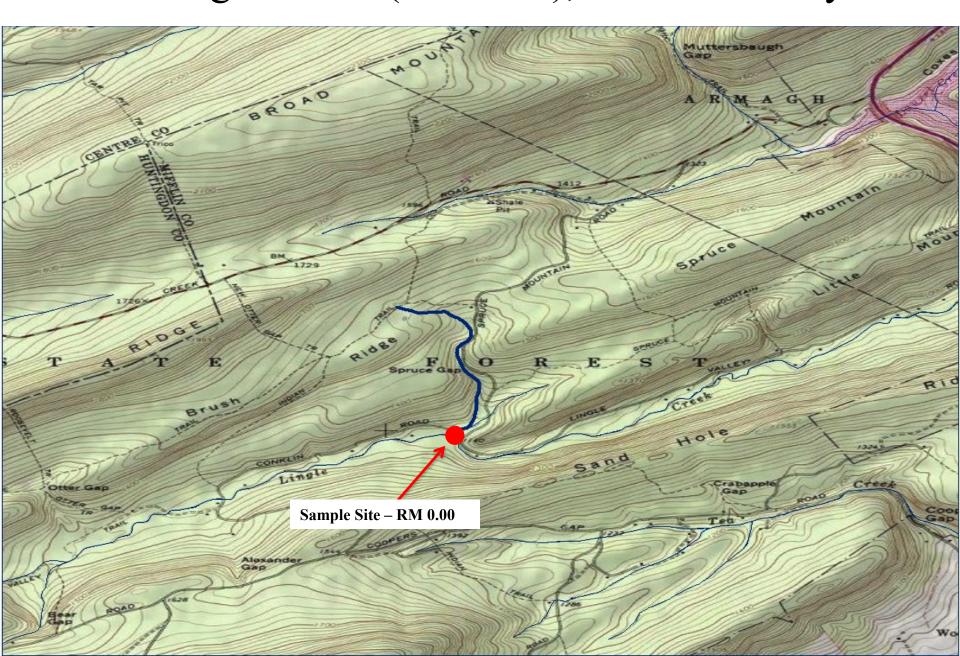


#### UNT to Laurel Creek Reservoir (RM 5.82), Mifflin County

Brook Trout RM – 0.06 Site Length – 295 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	1	0.02	3
2	83	7.32	681
3	21	2.17	85
4	49	14.47	244
5	25	9.70	92
6	5	3.63	20
7	4	3.76	14
Total	188	41.07	1139

# UNT to Lingle Creek (RM 4.06), Mifflin County



#### UNT to Lingle Creek (RM 4.06), Mifflin County

Brook Trout RM – 0.00 Site Length – 150 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	9	1.18	60
3	1	0.31	7
4	8	5.78	53
5	6	7.75	40
6	5	10.86	33
Total	29	25.88	193

Brown Trout RM – 0.00 Site Length – 150 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	1	0.34	7
4	2	1.52	13
5	2	2.78	13
6	1	2.32	7
7	1	3.55	7
8	1	5.14	7
Total	8	15.65	54

# Bailey Run, Potter County



#### Bailey Run, Potter County

Brook Trout RM – 1.82 Site Length – 550 meters

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Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	103	1.84	187
3	34	1.45	62
4	41	4.05	75
5	57	10.07	104
6	19	5.65	35
7	18	8.33	33
8	11	7.37	20
9	7	6.67	13
10	2	2.62	4
11	1	1.75	2
Total	293	49.80	535

Brown Trout RM – 1.82 Site Length – 550 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	22	0.41	40
3	3	0.14	5
4	2	0.21	4
5	2	0.38	4
6	3	0.95	5
7	1	0.49	2
10	1	1.32	2
11	1	1.72	2
12	1	2.20	2
19	1	8.69	2
Total	37	16.51	68

#### Bailey Run, Potter County

Brook Trout RM – 2.63 Site Length – 550 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	106	1.62	193
3	23	0.84	42
4	57	4.81	104
5	32	4.83	58
6	12	3.05	22
4	10	3.95	18
8	11	6.30	20
9	1	0.81	2
10	2	2.24	4
Total	254	28.45	463

Brown Trout RM – 2.63 Site Length – 550 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	12	0.19	22
3	1	0.04	2
4	10	0.89	18
6	1	0.27	2
7	4	1.66	7
11	3	4.40	5
13	1	2.36	2
Total	32	9.81	58

# Green Gap Run, Snyder/Union Counties



#### Green Gap Run, Snyder/Union Counties

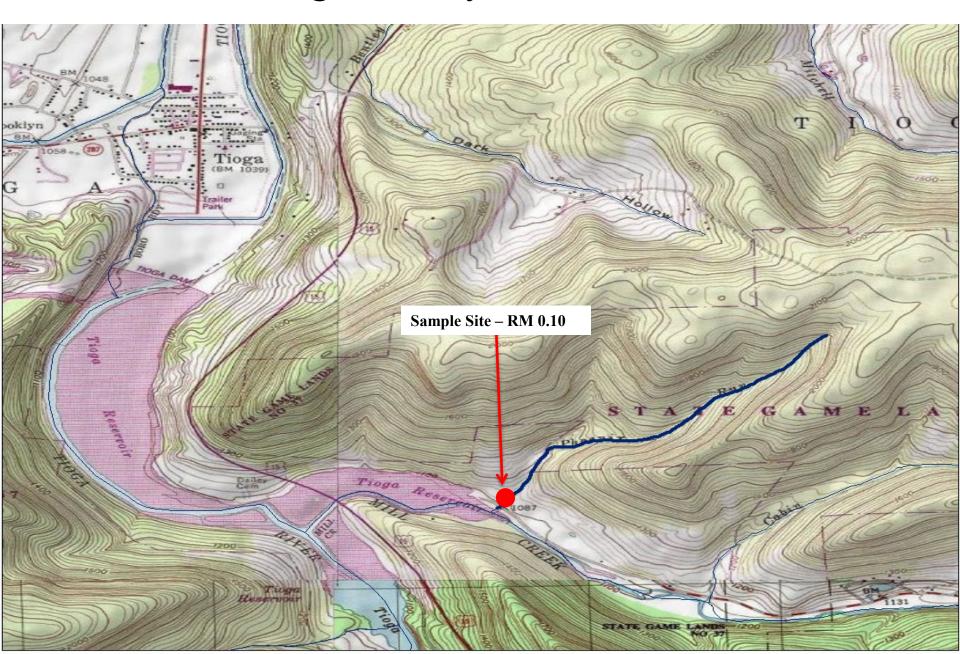
Brook Trout RM – 0.01 Site Length – 380 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	74	2.26	195
3	9	0.65	24
4	43	7.25	113
5	27	8.14	71
6	16	8.12	42
7	10	7.90	26
8	2	2.29	5
9	1	1.63	3
Total	182	38.24	479

Brown Trout RM – 0.01 Site Length – 380 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	17	0.22	45
2	23	0.72	61
3	20	1.57	53
4	39	6.91	103
5	5	1.62	13
6	3	1.63	8
8	2	2.40	5
Total	109	15.07	288

# Phoenix Run, Tioga County

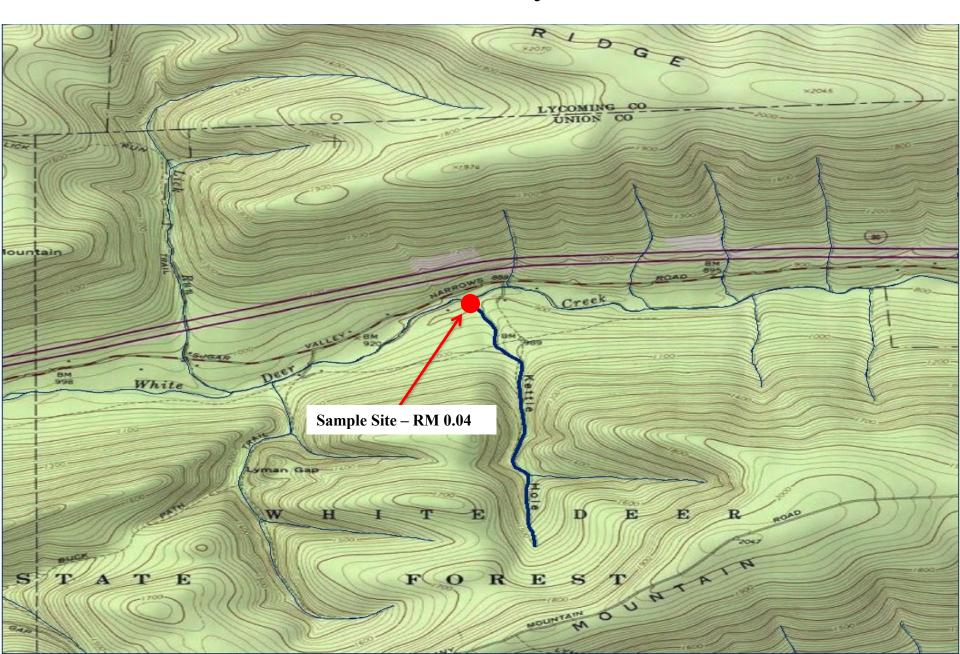


## Phoenix Run, Tioga County

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Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	22	1.71	73
3	1	0.19	3
5	6	4.60	20
6	13	16.78	43
7	5	10.04	17
Total	47	33.32	156

## Kettle Hole Run, Union County



# Kettle Hole Run, Union County

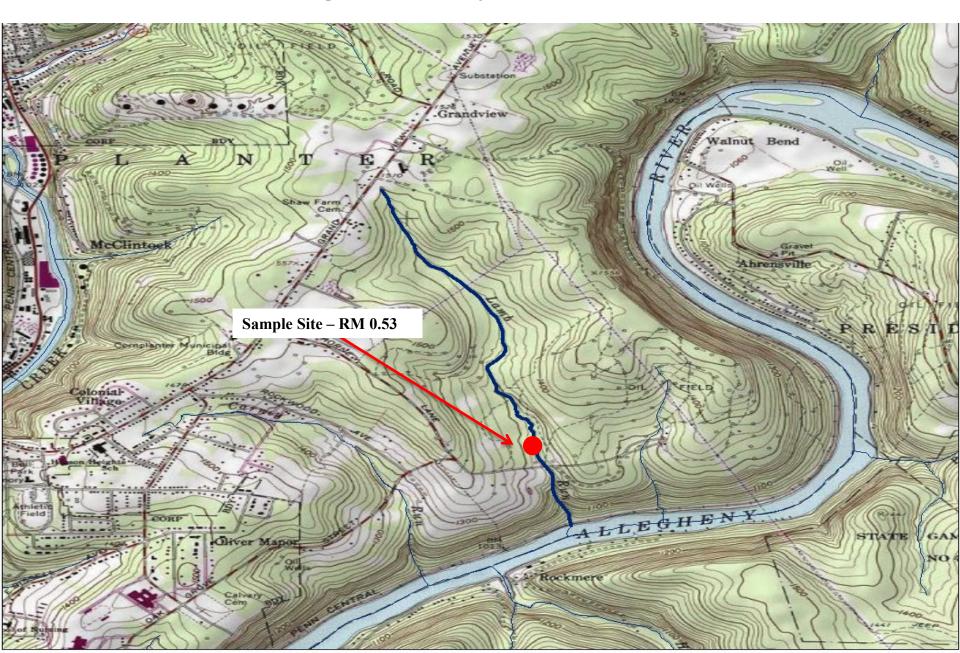
Brook Trout RM – 0.04 Site Length – 220 meters

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Length Group (inches)	Catch	Catch Estimated Kg/Ha	
2	34	1.95	155
3	6	0.82	27
4	25	7.92	114
5	17	9.63	77
6	5	4.76	23
7	3	4.45	14
8	1	2.15	5
Total	91	31.68	415

Brown Trout RM - 0.04Site Length -220 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km	
2	4	0.24	18	
3	1	0.15	5	
4	1	0.33	5	
5	1	0.61	5	
Total	7	1.33	33	

# Lamb Run, Venango County

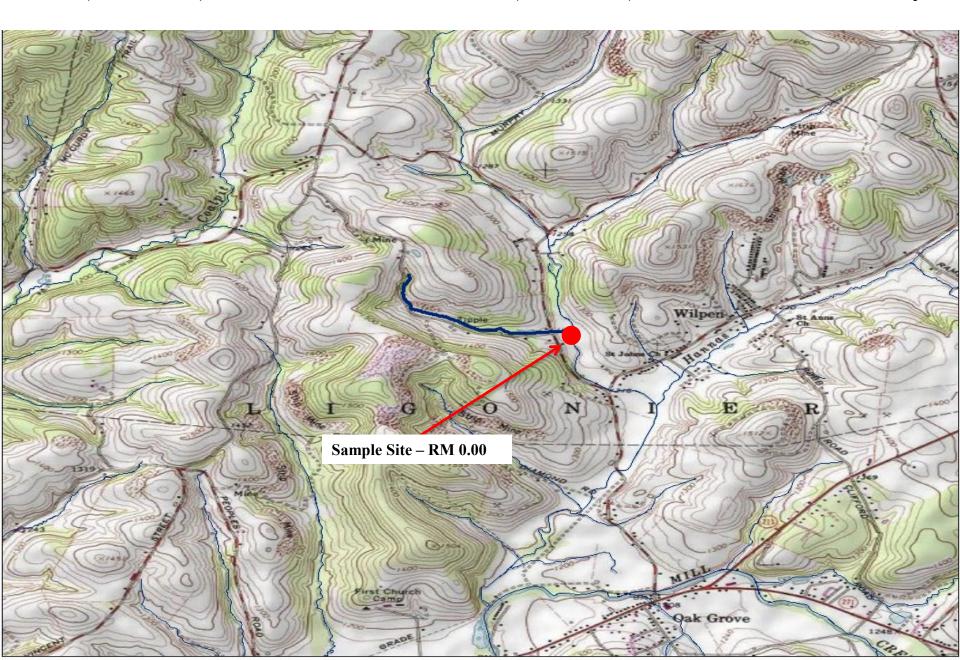


# Lamb Run, Venango County

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Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	87	2.50	276
3	54	3.70	171
4	20	3.17	63
5	51	14.47	162
6	24	11.46	76
7	8	5.94	25
8	6	6.46	19
9	1	1.53	3
Total	251	49.23	795

UNT (RM 0.56) to UNT to Hannas Run (RM 1.43), Westmoreland County



#### UNT (RM 0.56) to UNT to Hannas Run (RM 1.43), Westmoreland County

Brown Trout RM – 0.00 Site Length – 130 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	2	0.73	15
5	1	1.51	8
6	8	20.16	62
7	5	19.30	38
8	2	11.16	15
9	4	31.06	31
10	1	10.48	8
11	1	13.62	8
13	1	21.96	8
Total	25	129.98	193

#### **NOTICES**

#### FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

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

[55 Pa.B. 1778] [Saturday, February 22, 2025]

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

- (1) Criteria developed for Class A Wild Trout fisheries are species specific.
- (2) Wild Trout Biomass Class Criteria include provisions for:
- (i) Wild brook trout fisheries.
- (A) Total brook trout biomass of at least 30 kg/ha (26.7 lbs/acre).
- (B) Total biomass of brook trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
- (C) Brook trout biomass must comprise at least 75% of the total trout biomass.
- (ii) Wild brown trout fisheries.
- (A) Total brown trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).
- (B) Total biomass of brown trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
- (C) Brown trout biomass must comprise at least 75% of the total trout biomass.
- (iii) Mixed wild brook and brown trout fisheries.
- (A) Combined brook and brown trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).
- (B) Total biomass of brook trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
- (C) Total biomass of brown trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
- (D) Brook trout biomass must comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.
- (E) Brown trout biomass must comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.
- (iv) Wild rainbow trout fisheries. Total biomass of rainbow trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 2.0 kg/ha (1.78 lbs/acre).
  - (v) Mixed wild brook and rainbow trout fisheries.
  - (A) Combined brook and rainbow trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).
  - (B) Total biomass of brook trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
- (C) Total biomass of rainbow trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

- (D) Brook trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.
- (E) Rainbow trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.
- (vi) Mixed wild brown and rainbow trout fisheries.
- (A) Combined brown and rainbow trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).
- (B) Total biomass of brown trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
- (C) Total biomass of rainbow trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).
  - (D) Brown trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.
  - (E) Rainbow trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

During recent surveys, Commission staff documented the following stream sections to have Class A wild trout populations. The Commission intends to consider adding these waters to its list of Class A wild trout streams at its meeting on April 28, 2025.

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

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Lycoming	English Run (Waterville)	2	Broughton Hollow Run to Mouth	Little Pine Creek	41.354167 49.32 77.354722	_	_	1.86	2024
Lycoming	Sixth Bottom Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Pleasant Stream	41.497780 47.87 76.892776	12.90	_	1.14	2024
Lycoming	UNT to North Pleasant Stream (RM 0.65)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	North Pleasant Stream	41.516029 54.41 76.820122	0.98	_	0.86	2024
Lycoming/Sullivan	North Pleasant Stream	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Pleasant Stream	41.507221 30.89 76.820274	9.67		2.95	2024
Lycoming/Union	Lick Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	White Deer Creek	41.064999 59.90 77.048058		_	2.72	2024
Mifflin	Hungry Run	1	Headwaters to first Old Park Road crossing upstream of Mouth	Kishacoquillas Creek	40.631164 — 77.564251	96.42	_	4.24	2024
Mifflin	UNT to Hungry Run (RM 3.86)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Hungry Run	40.666071 — 77.518569	43.17	_	1.04	2024
Mifflin	UNT to Laurel Creek Reservoir (RM 5.82)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Laurel Creek Reservoir	40.729424 41.07 77.638665	_	_	1.79	2024
Mifflin	UNT to Lingle Creek (RM 4.06)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Lingle Creek	40.707993 25.88 77.662195	15.65	_	0.91	2024
Potter	Bailey Run	1	Headwaters to 120 meters upstream Little Bailey Run	First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek	41.512222 39.12 3 78.045278	13.16	_	6.52	2023
Snyder/Union	Green Gap Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Weikert Run	40.836903 38.24 77.313240	15.07	_	2.35	2024
Tioga	Phoenix Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Mill Creek	41.880000 33.32 77.115278			1.51	2024
Union	Kettle Hole Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	White Deer Creek	41.071667 31.68 77.032776	1.33	_	1.36	2024
Venango	Lamb Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Allegheny River	41.435692 49.23 79.655968	_	_	1.96	2024
Westmoreland	UNT (RM 0.56) to UNT to Hannas Run (RM 1.43)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	UNT to Hannas Run (RM 1.43)	40.279815 — 79.206553	129.98	_	0.76	2024

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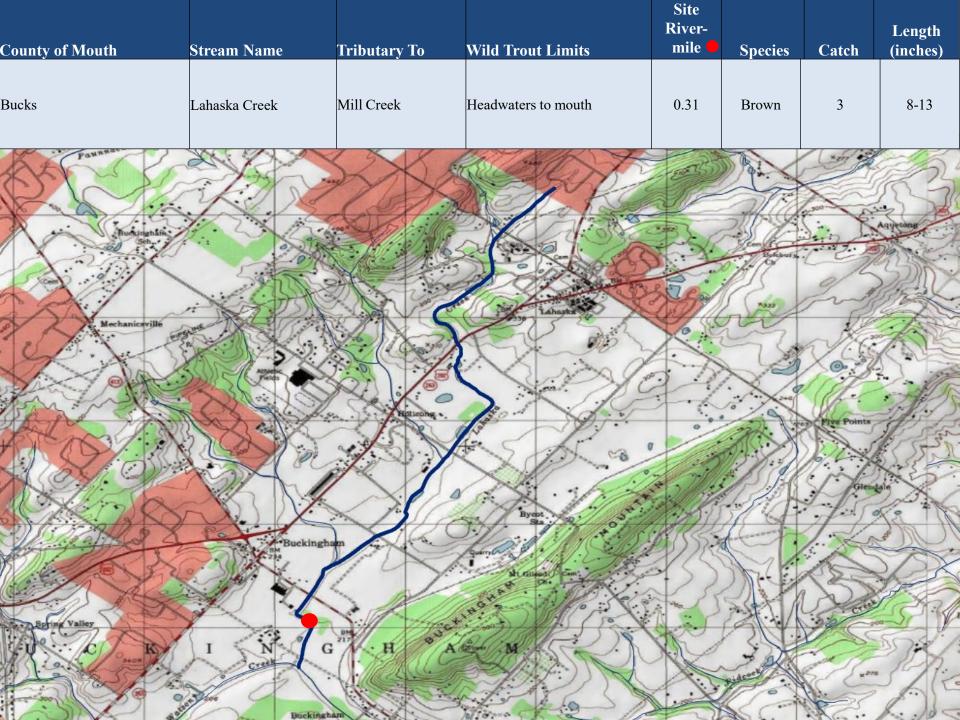
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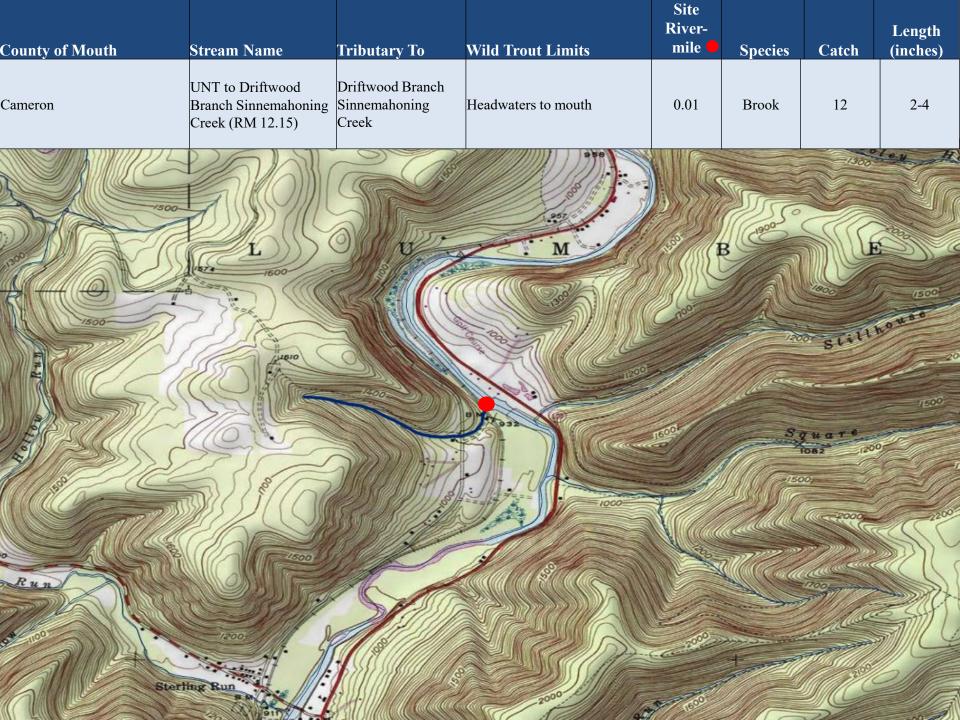
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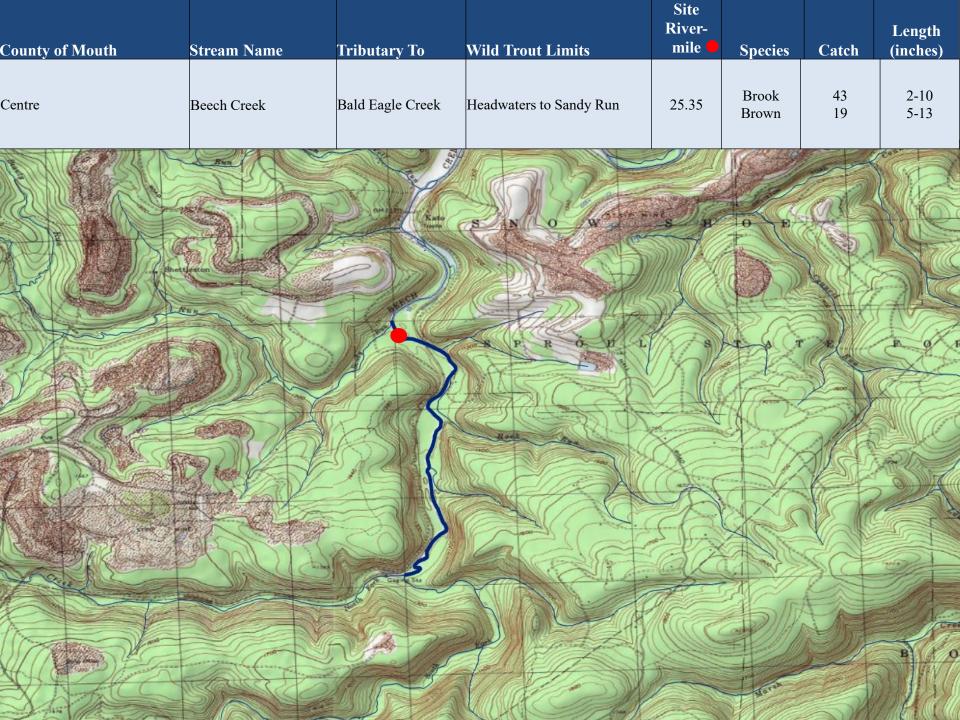
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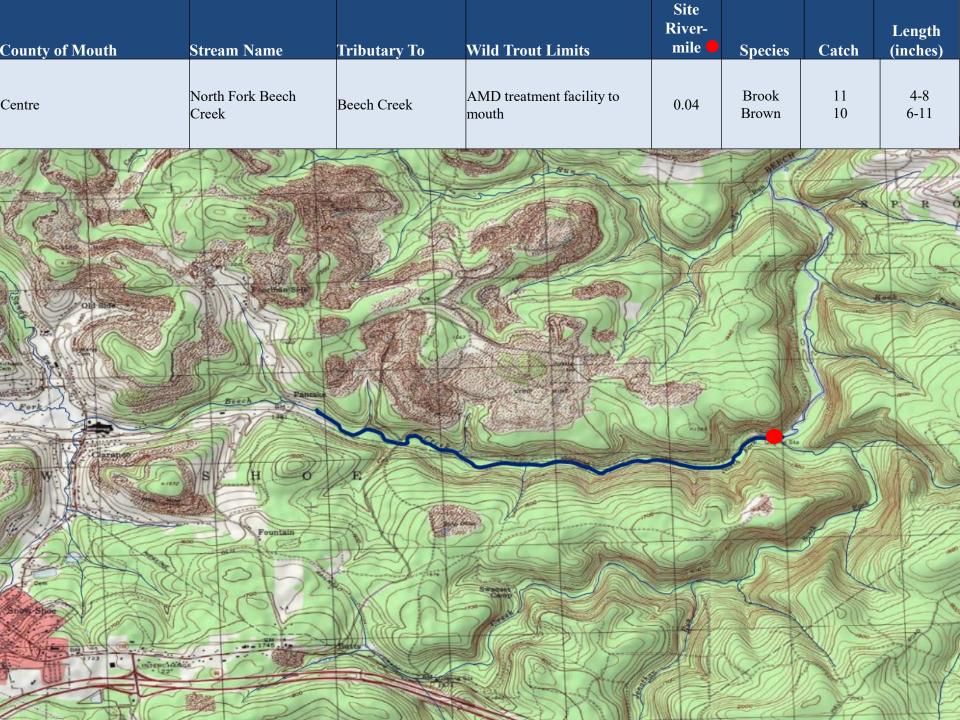
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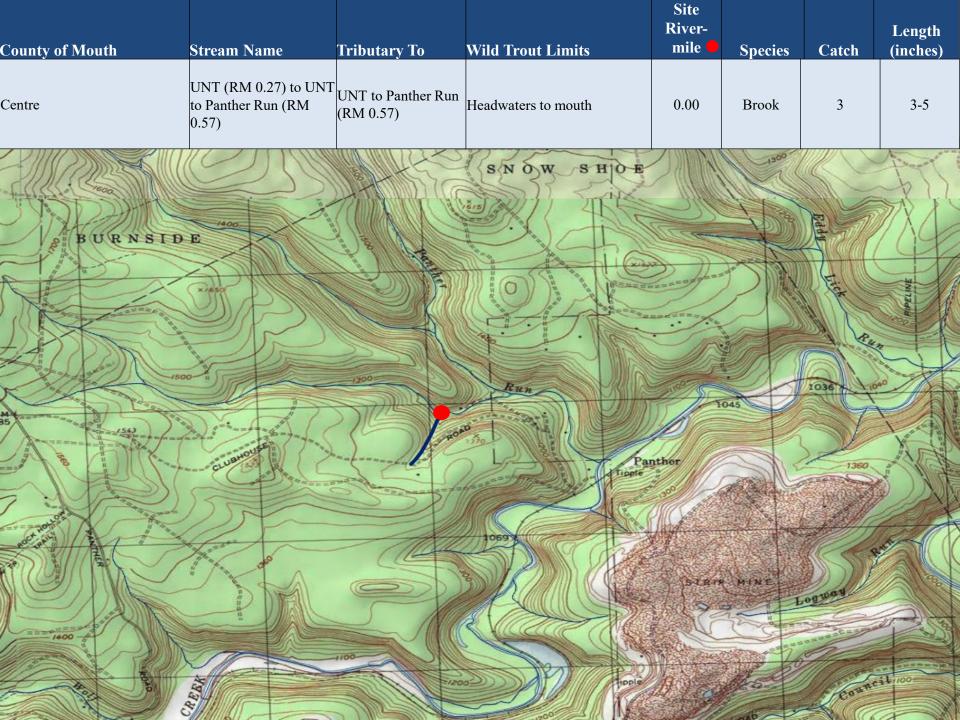
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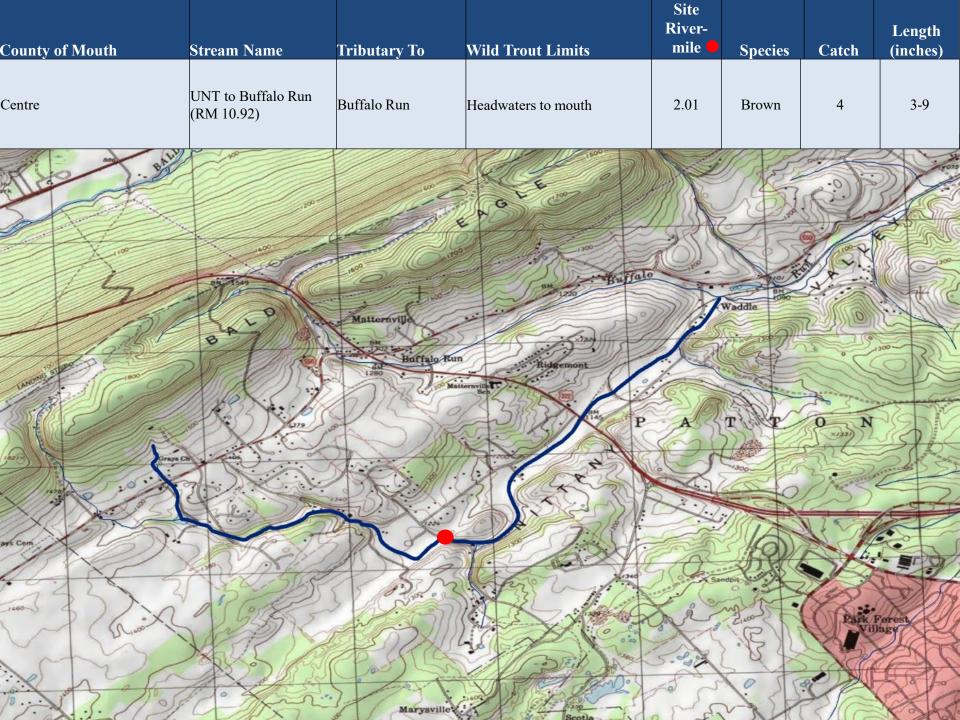


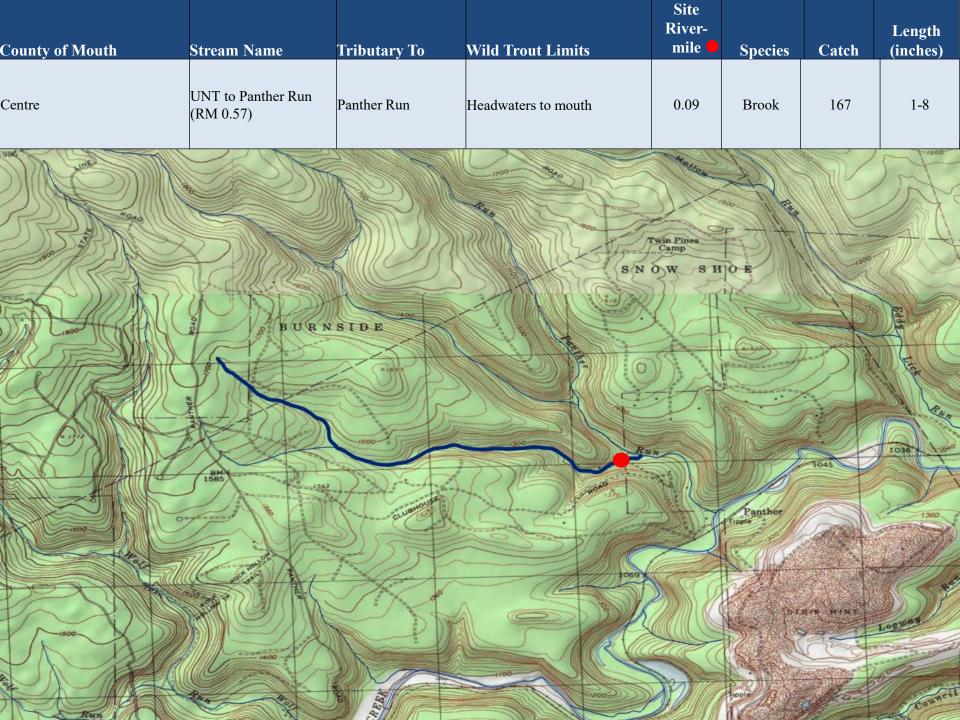


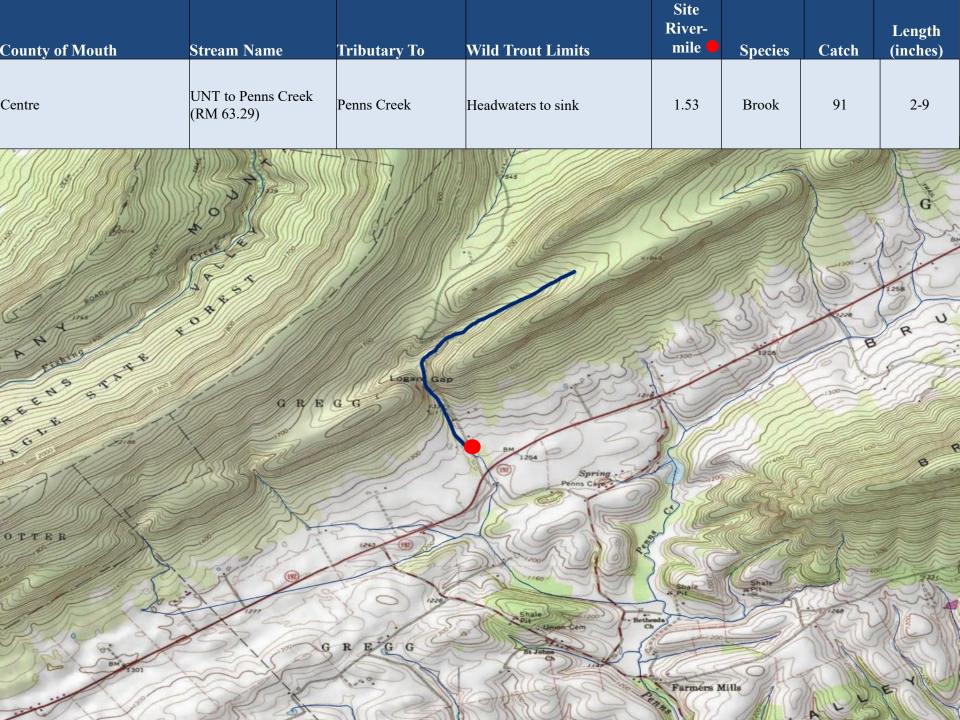


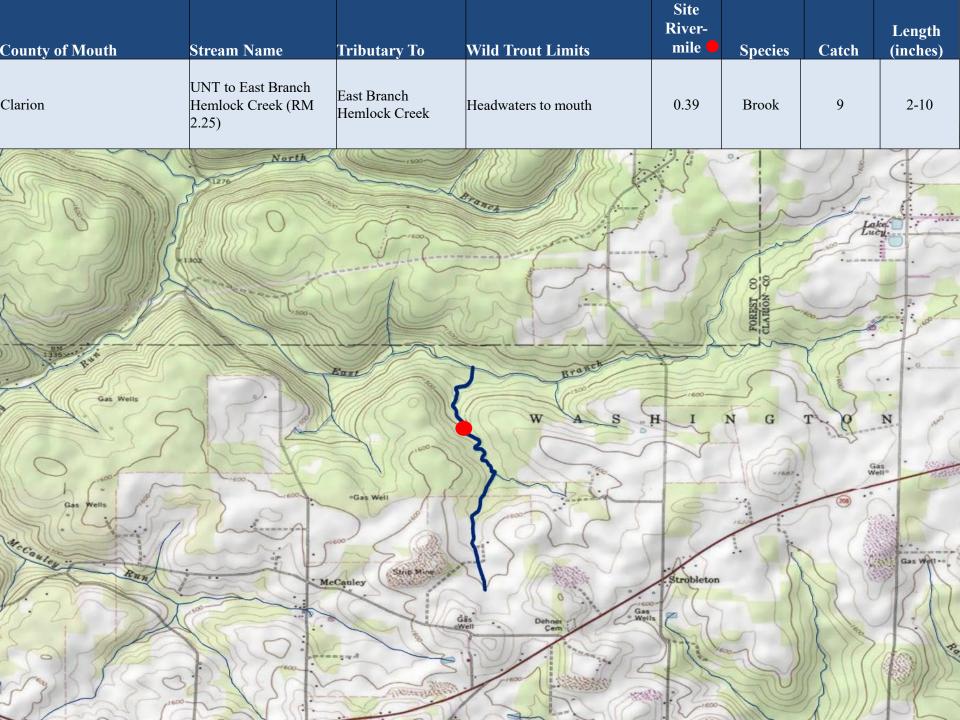


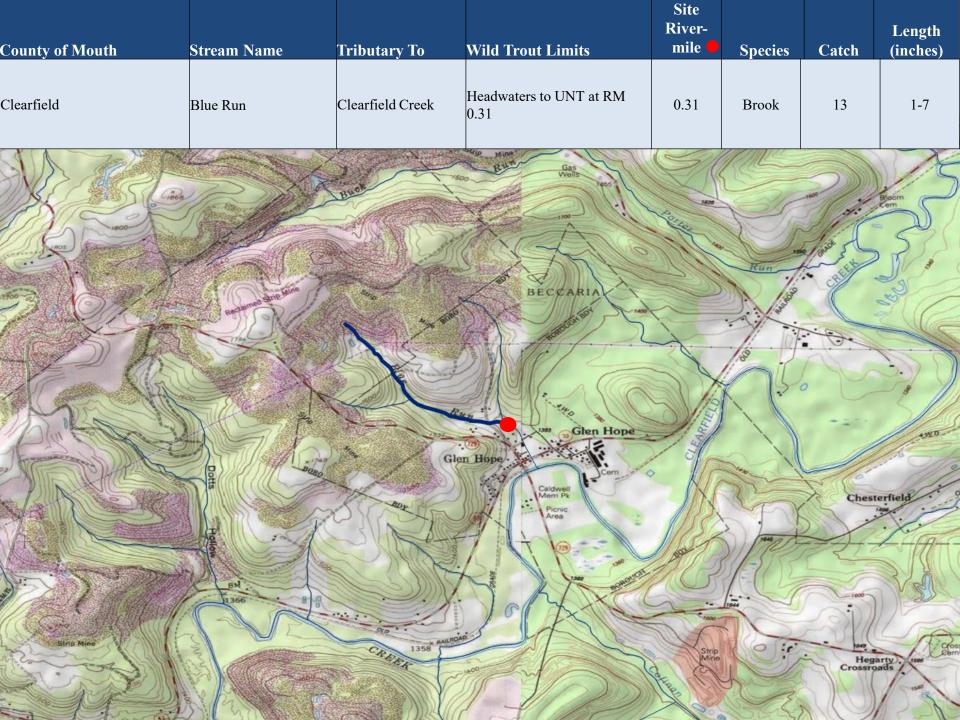


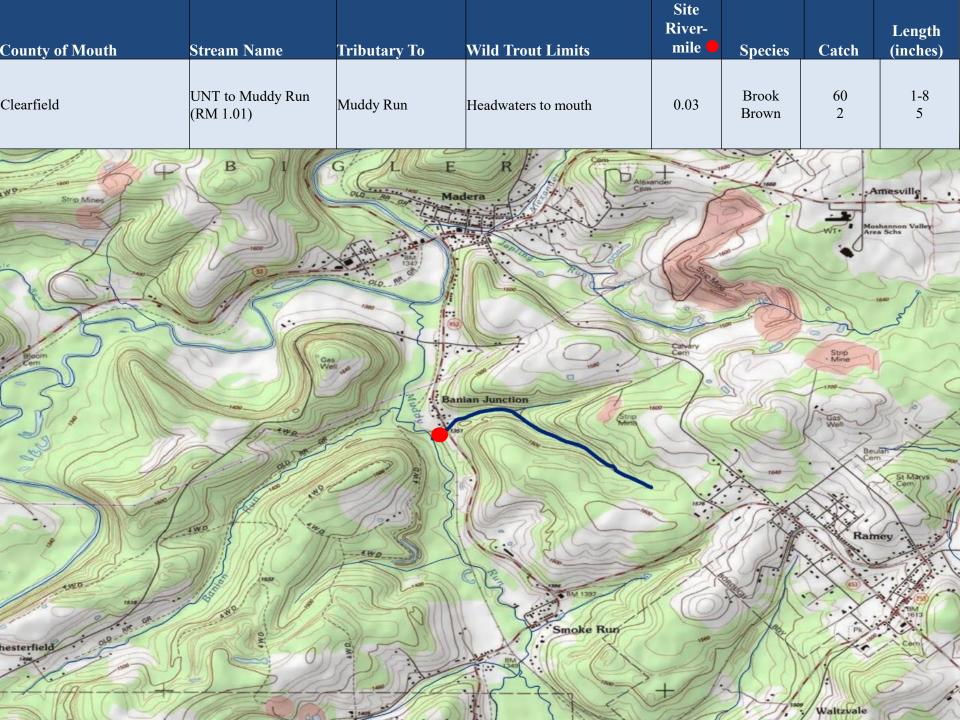


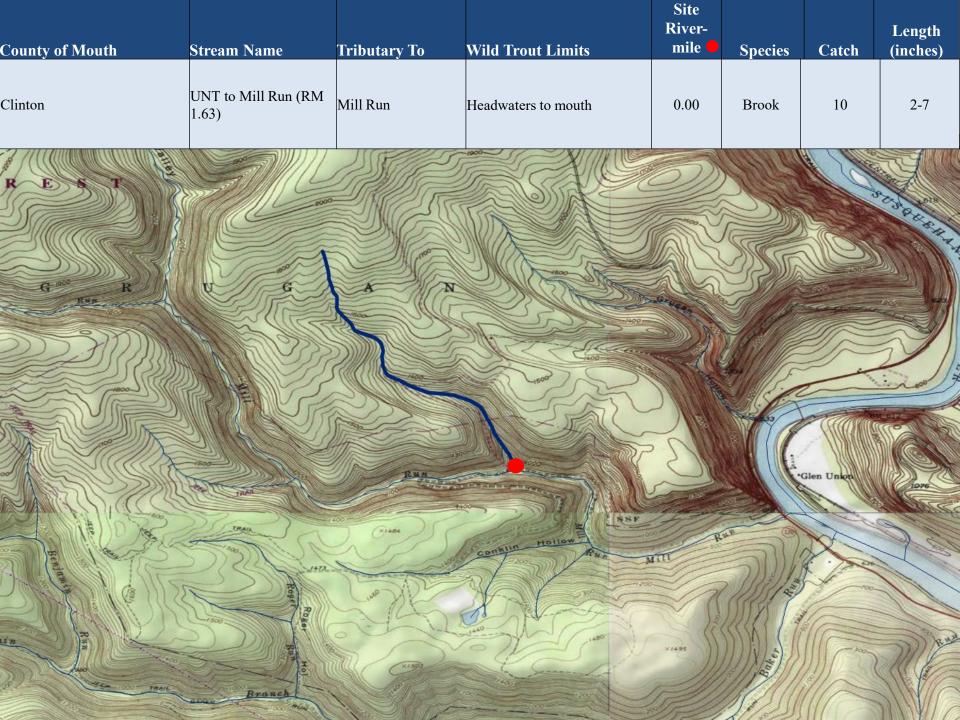


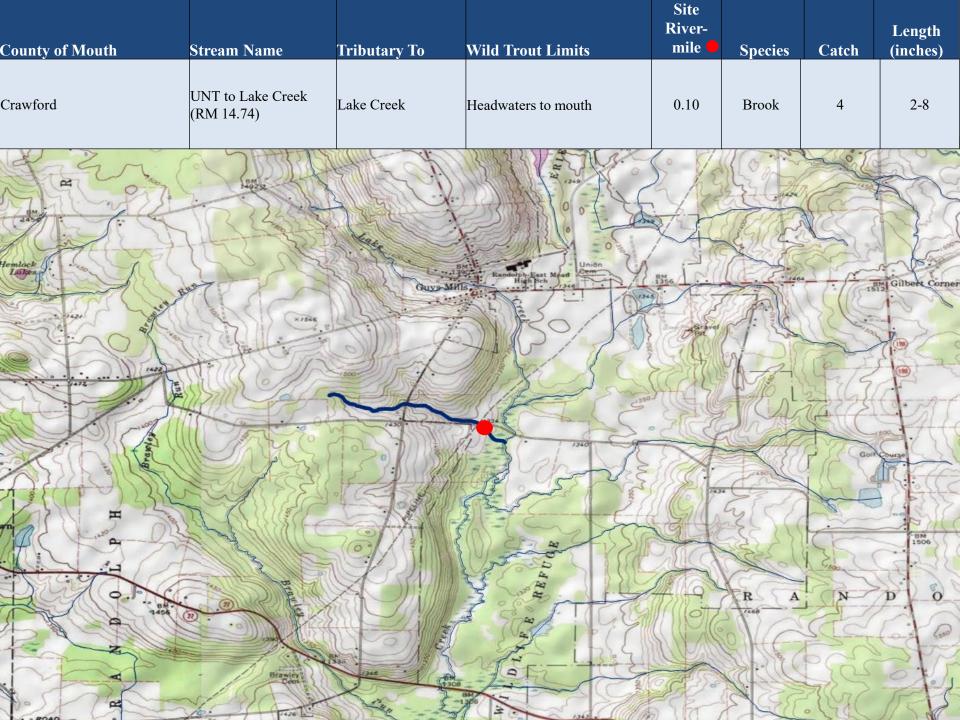


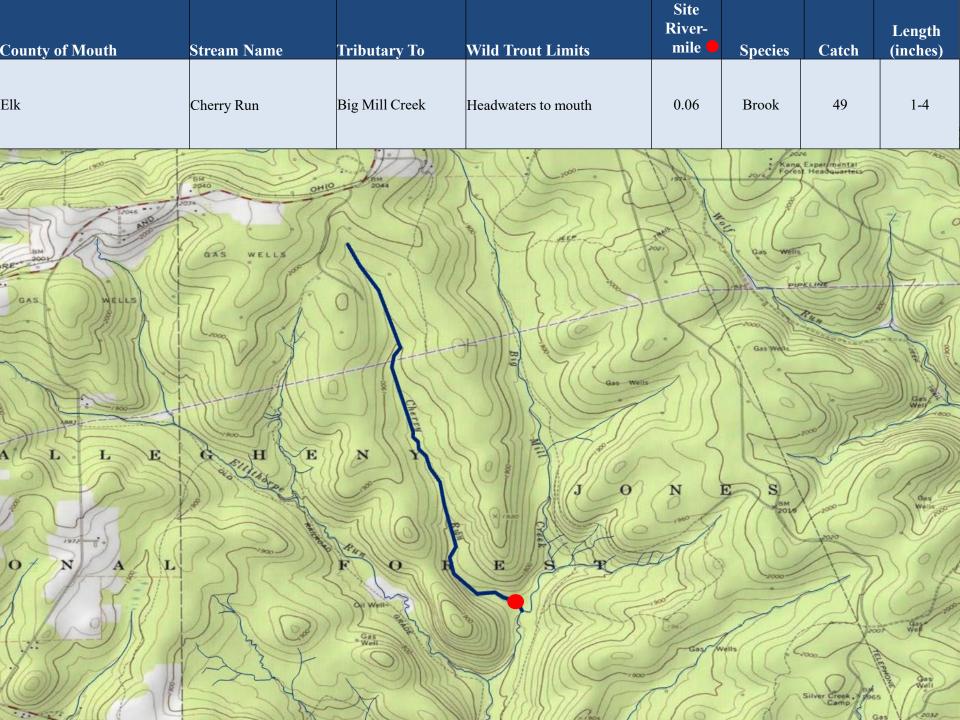


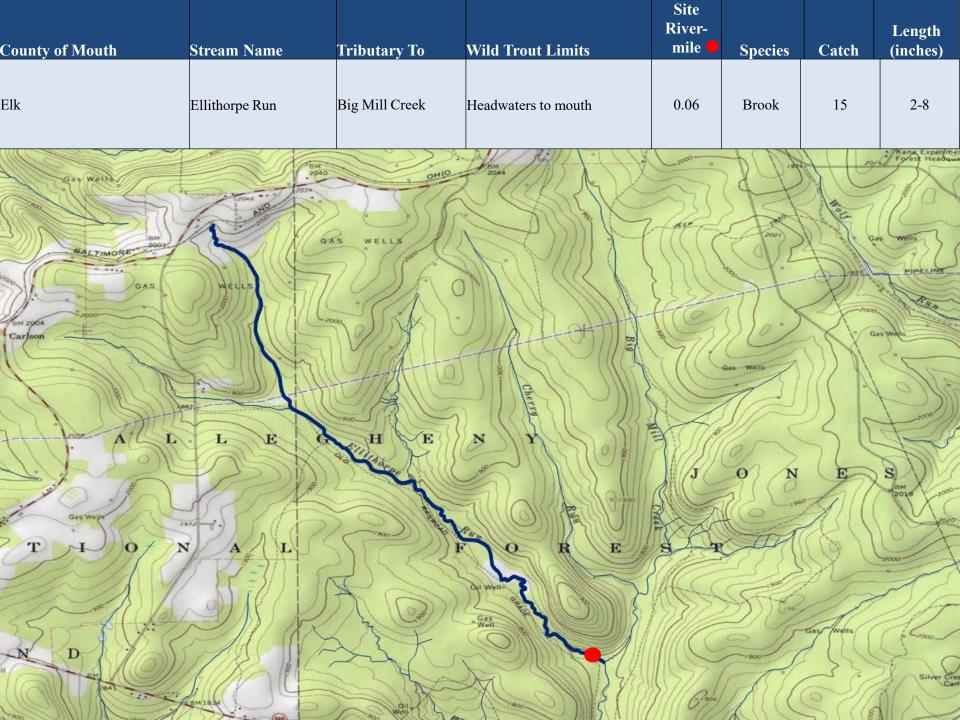


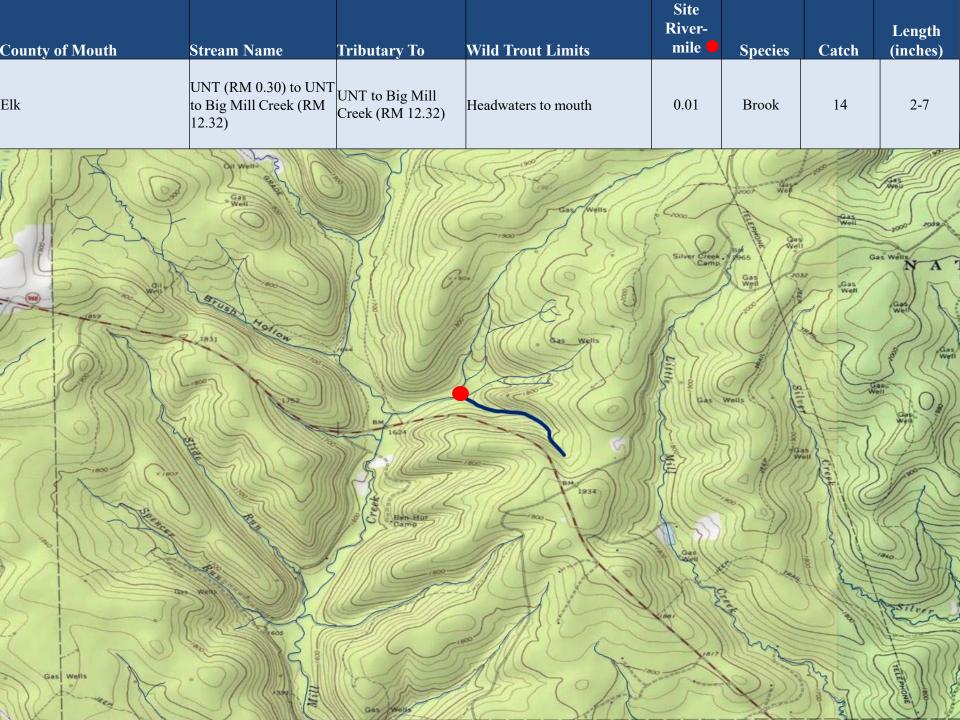


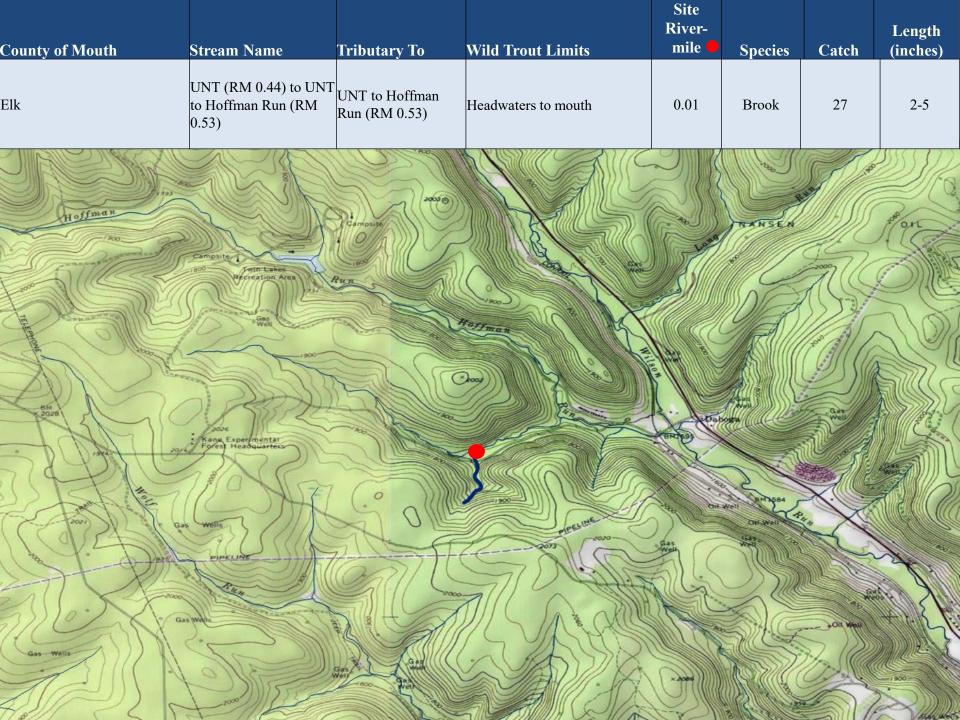


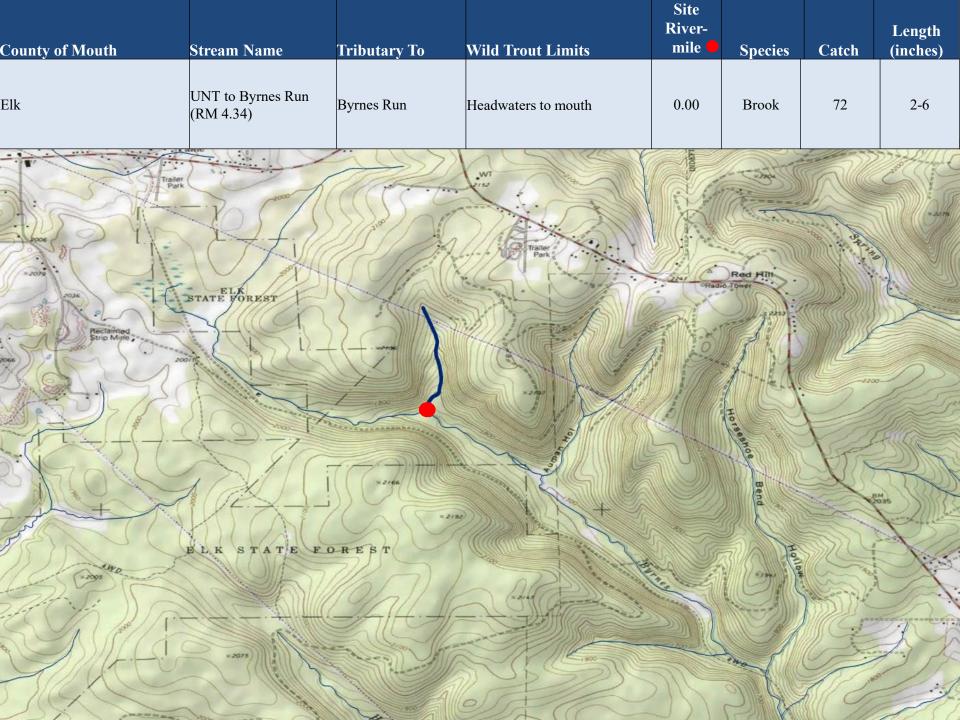


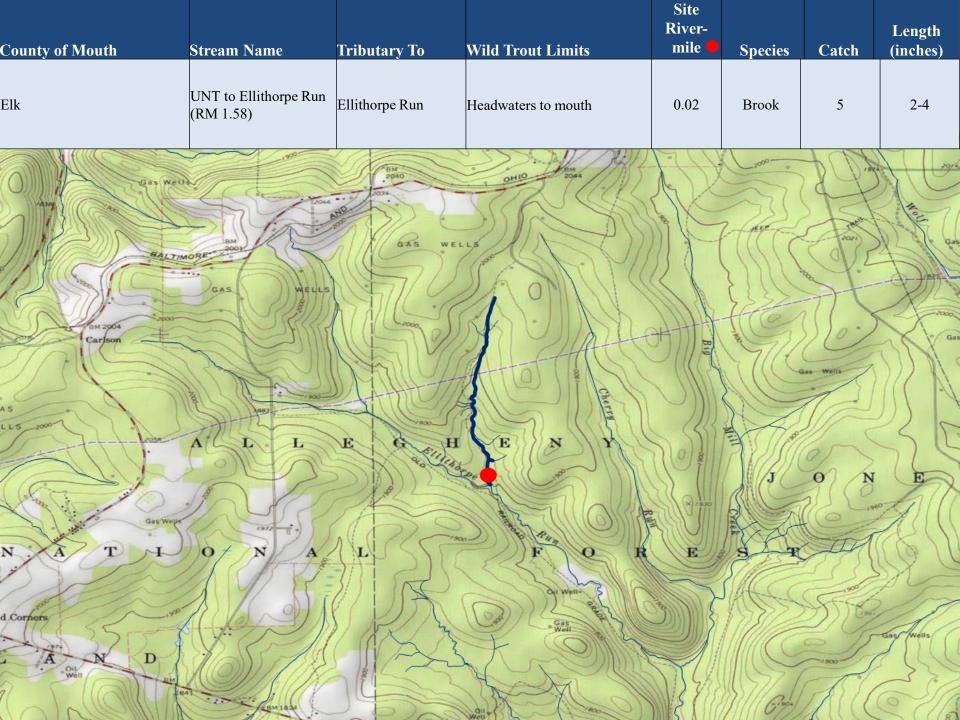


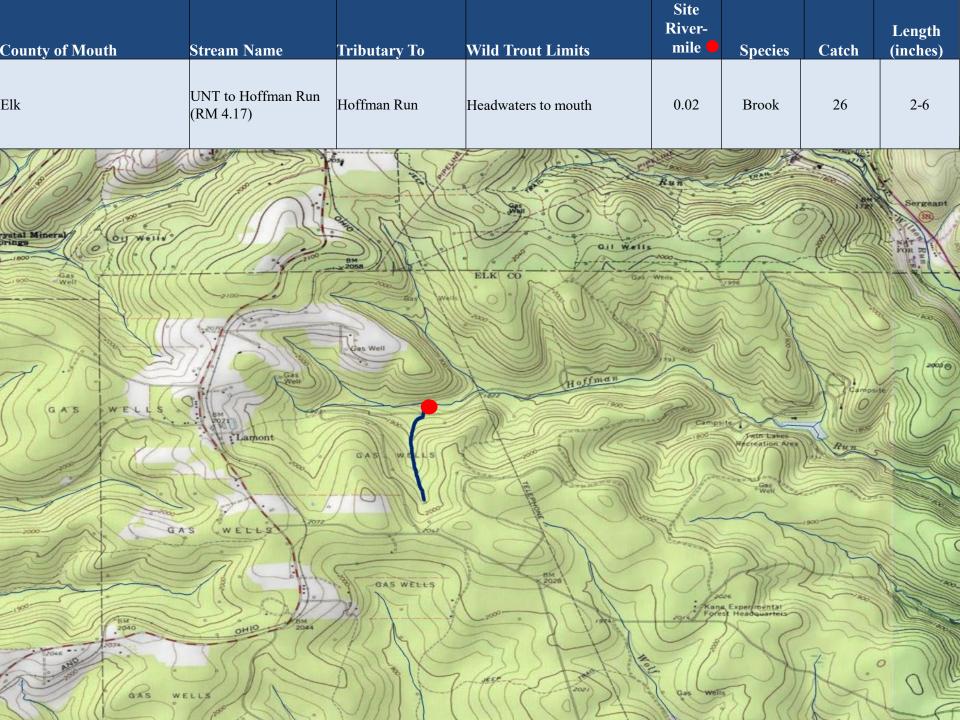


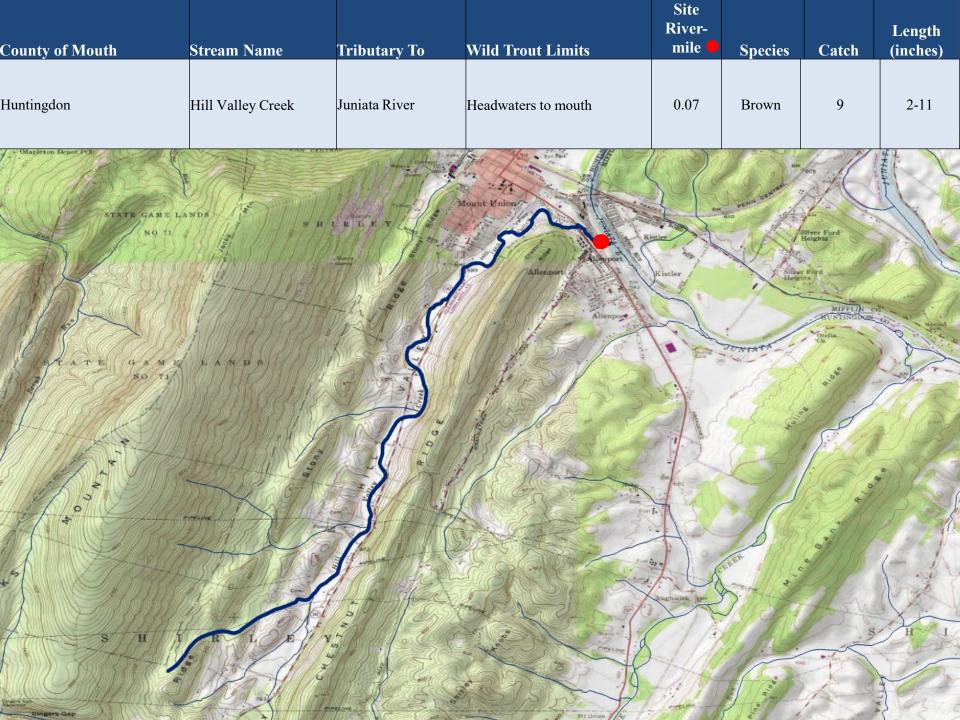


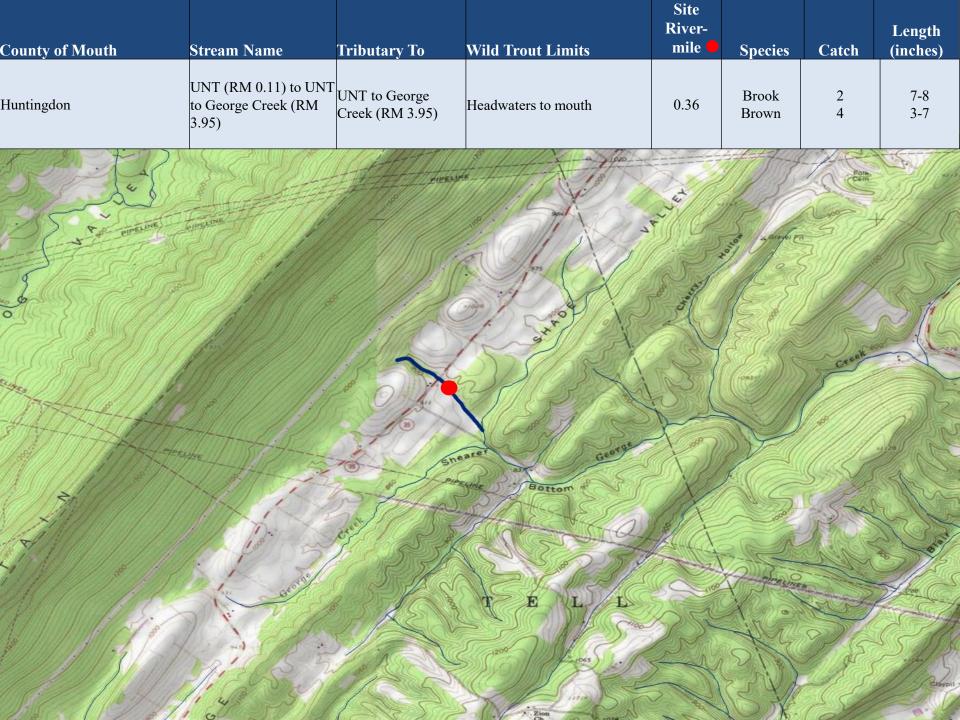


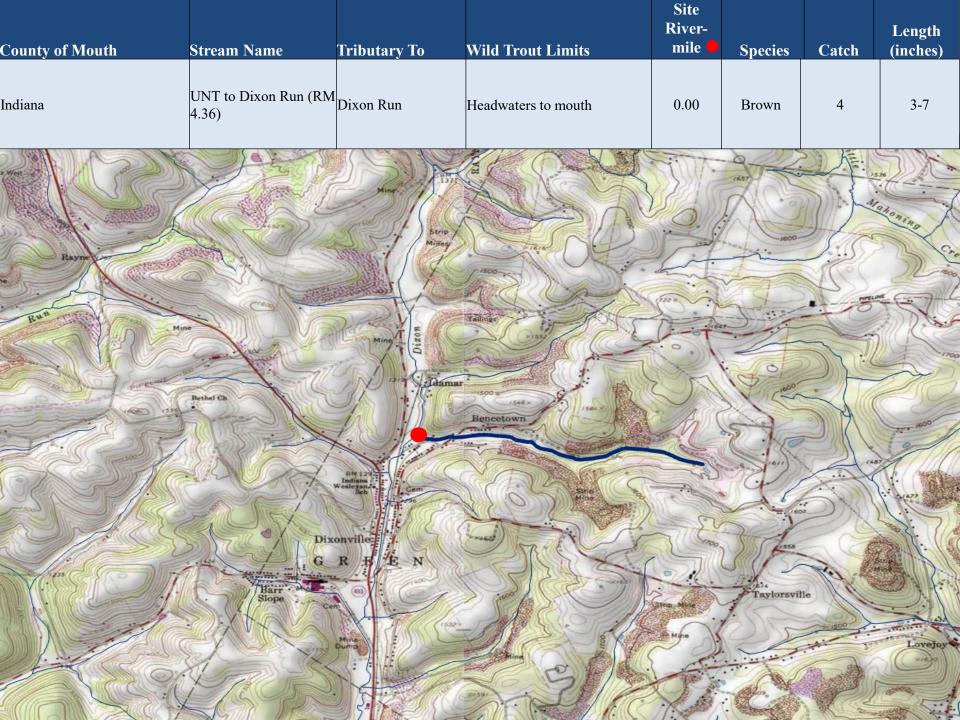


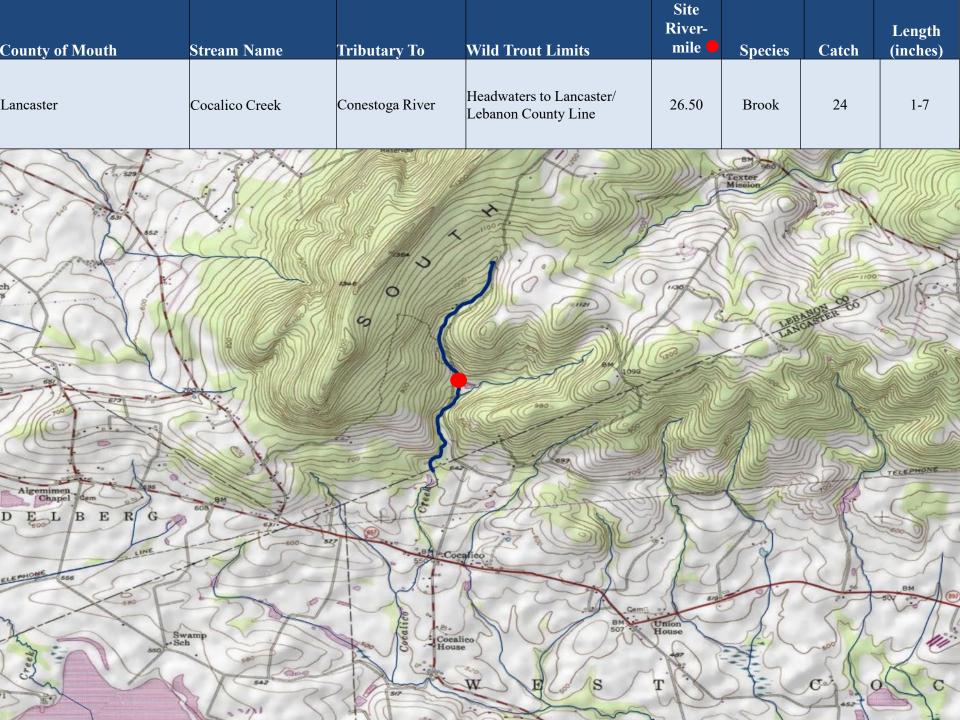


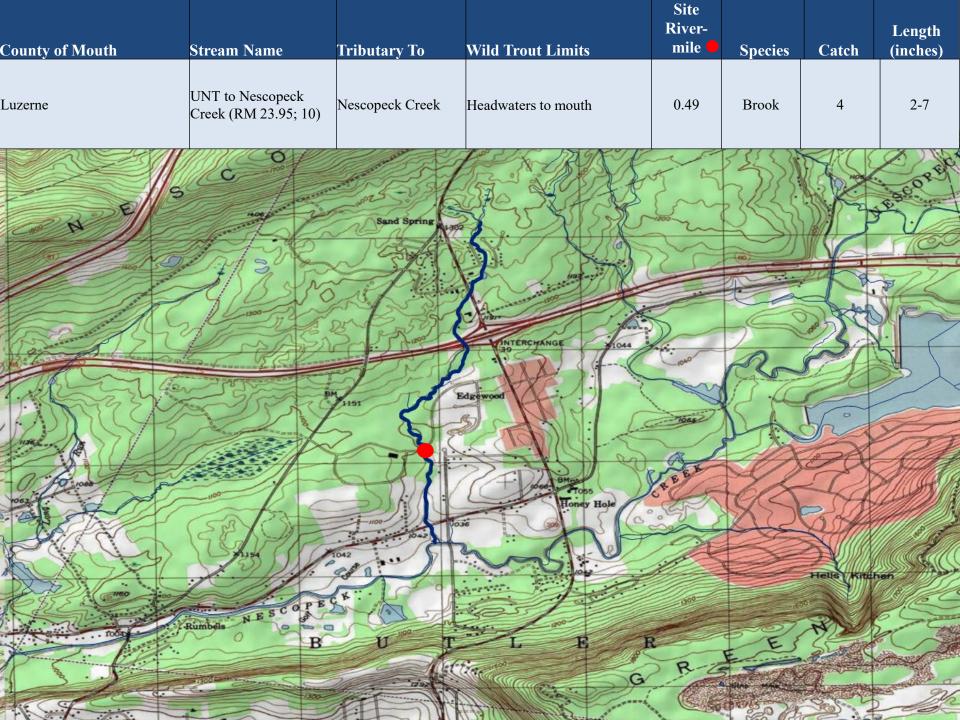


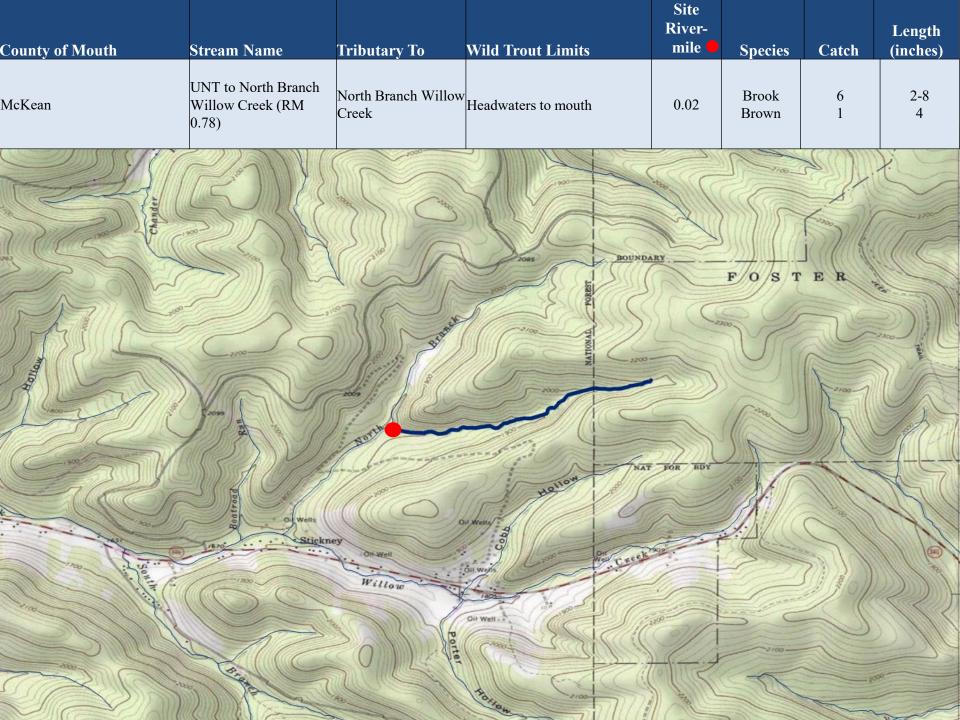


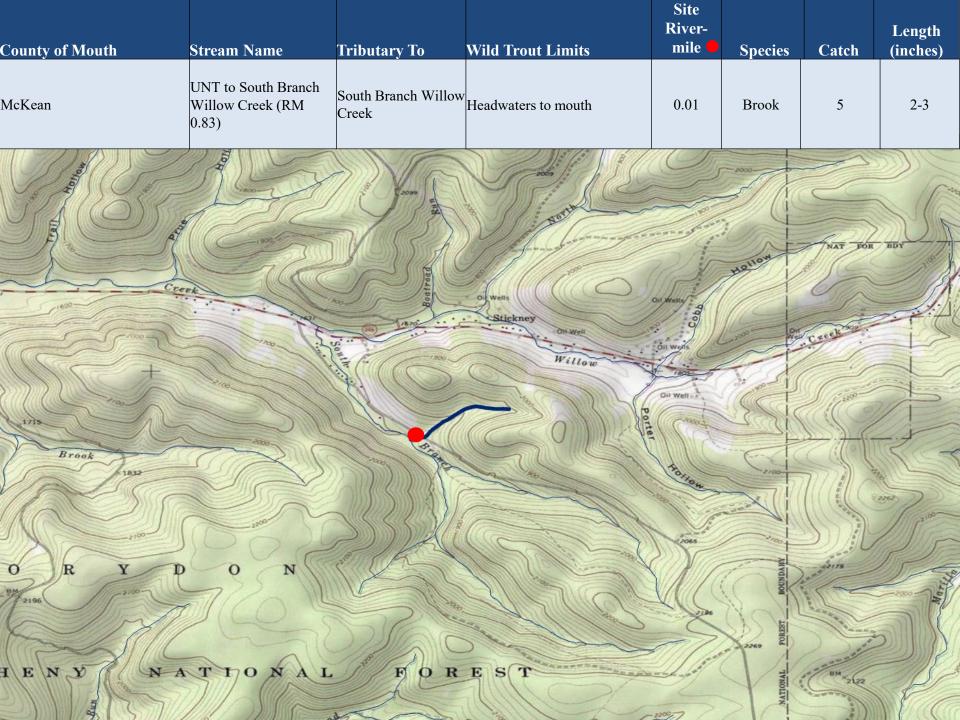




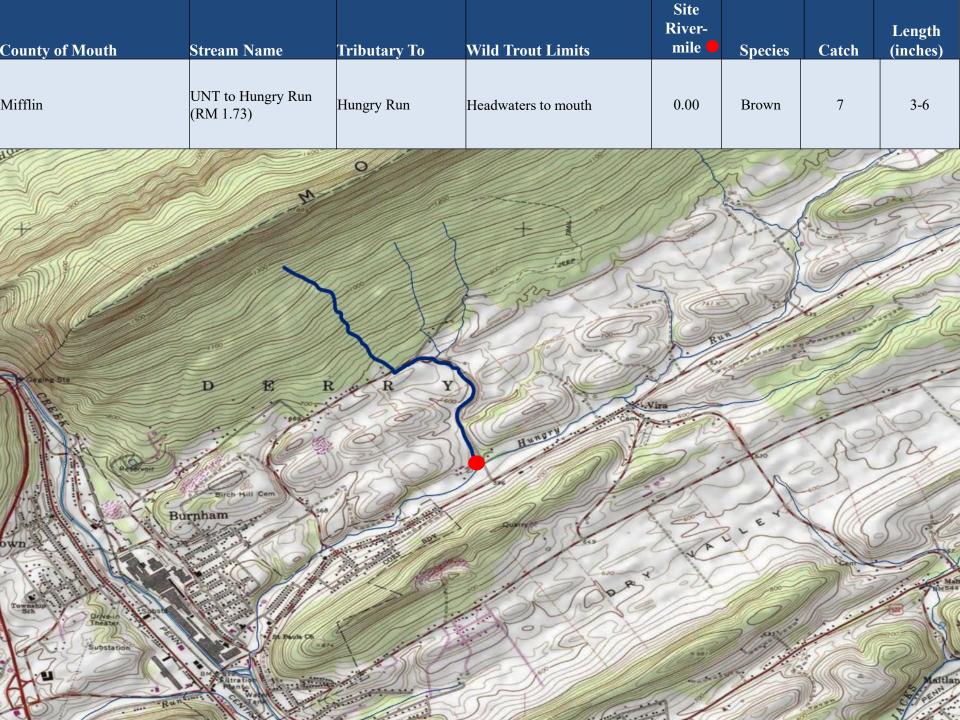


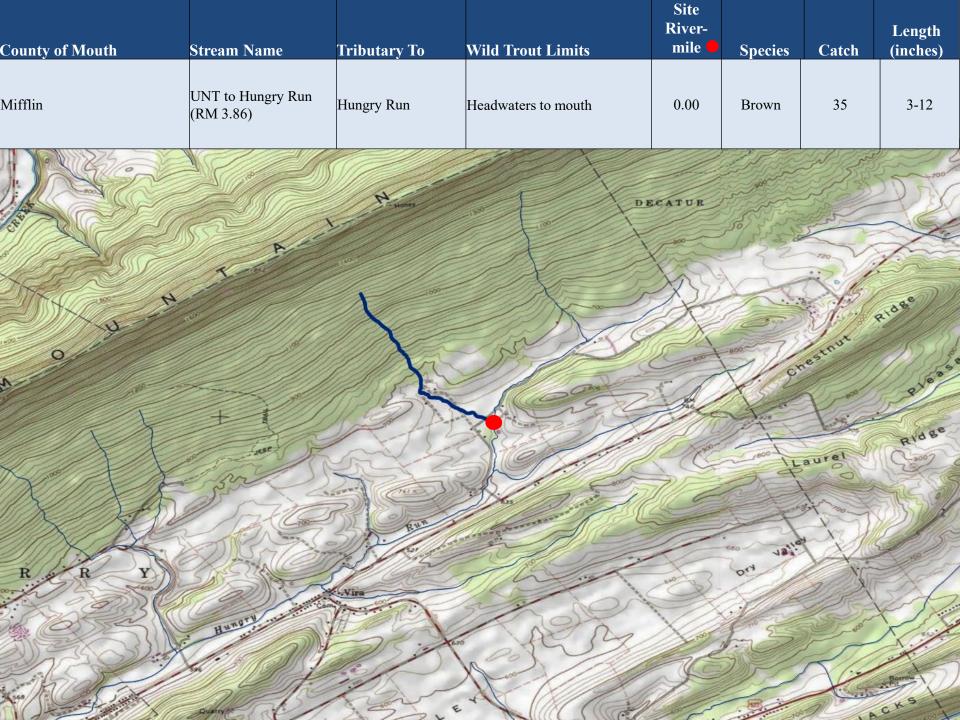




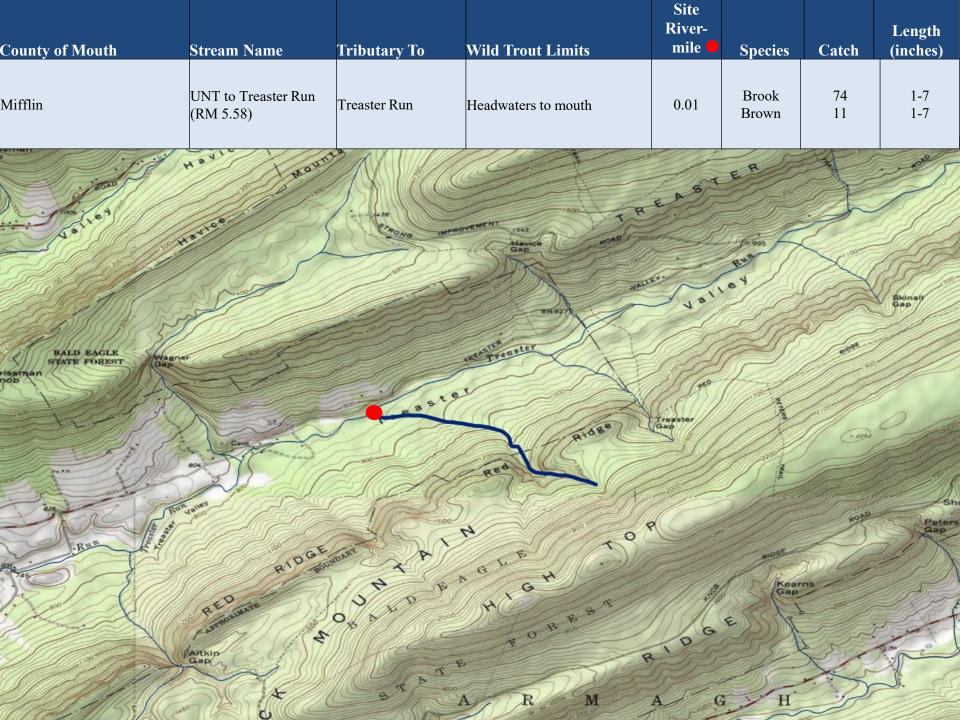


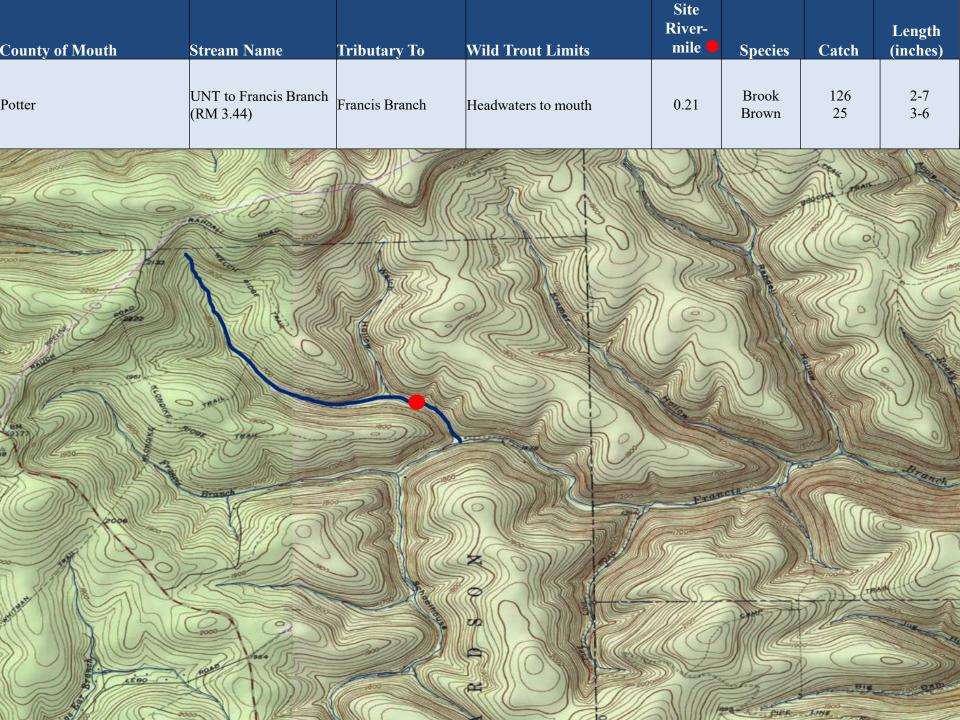
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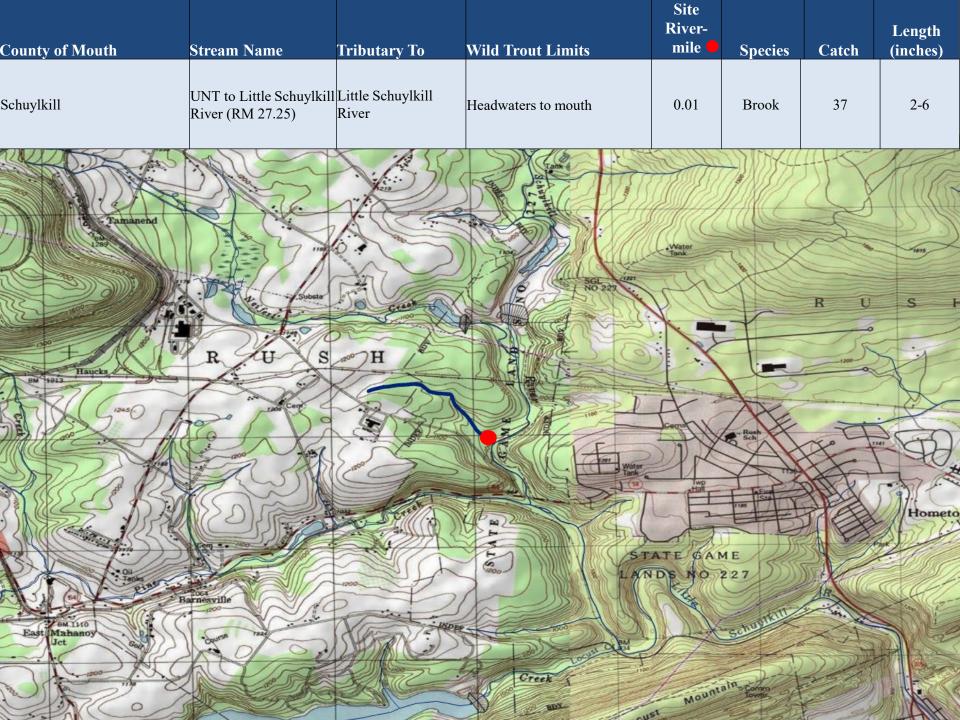


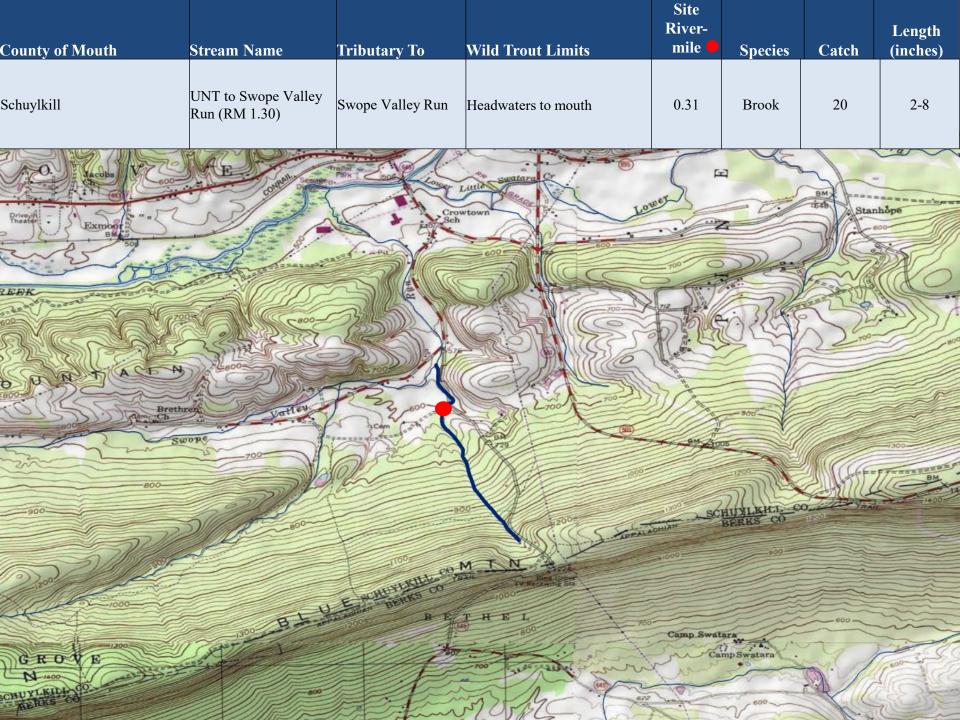


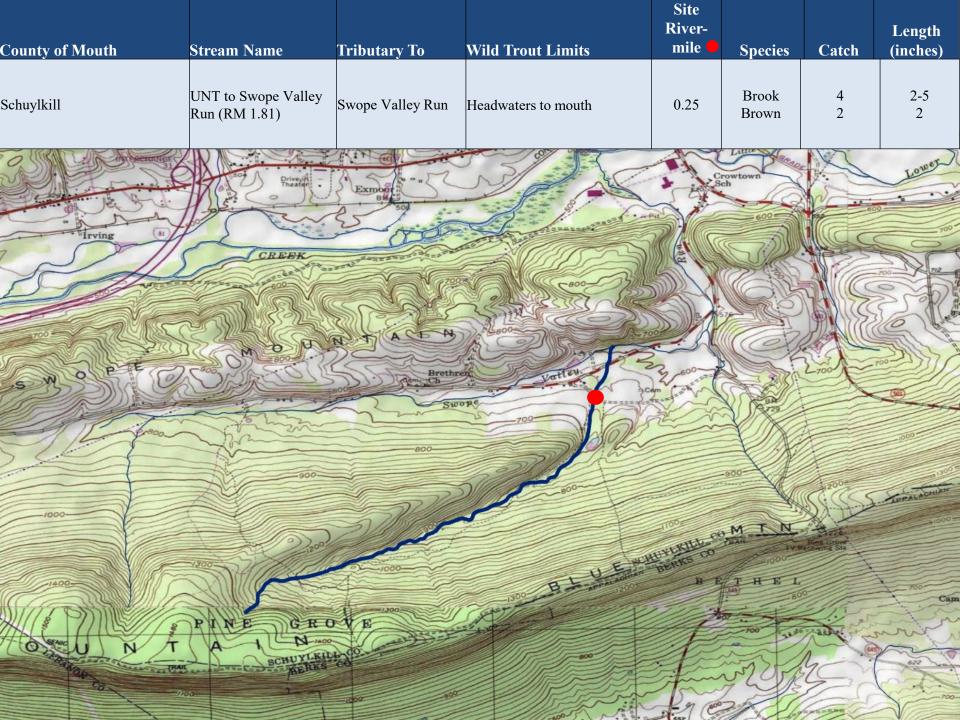


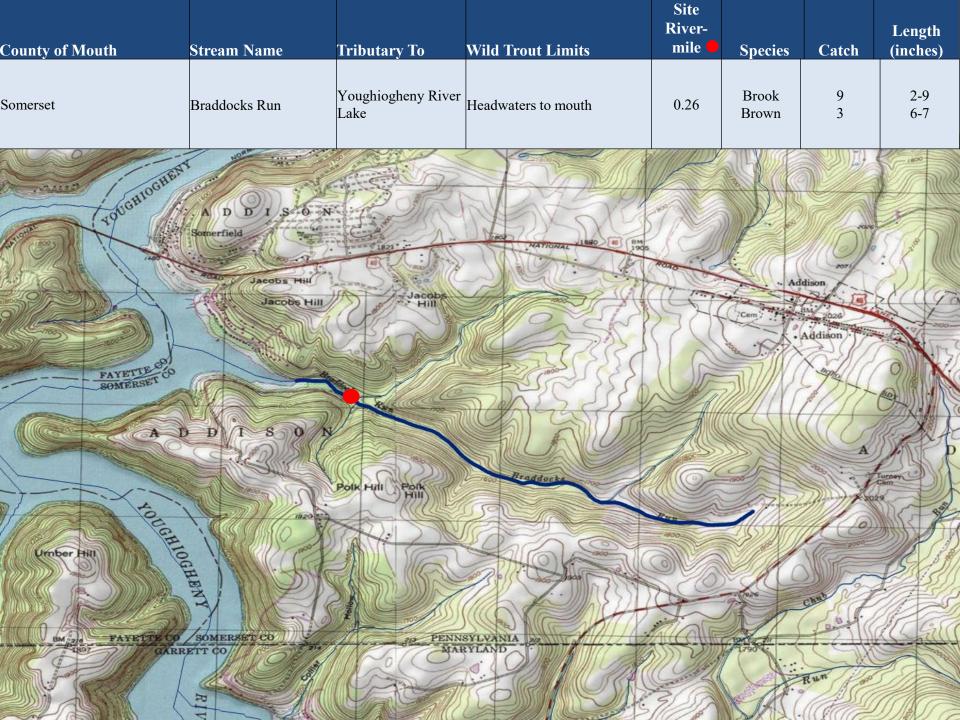


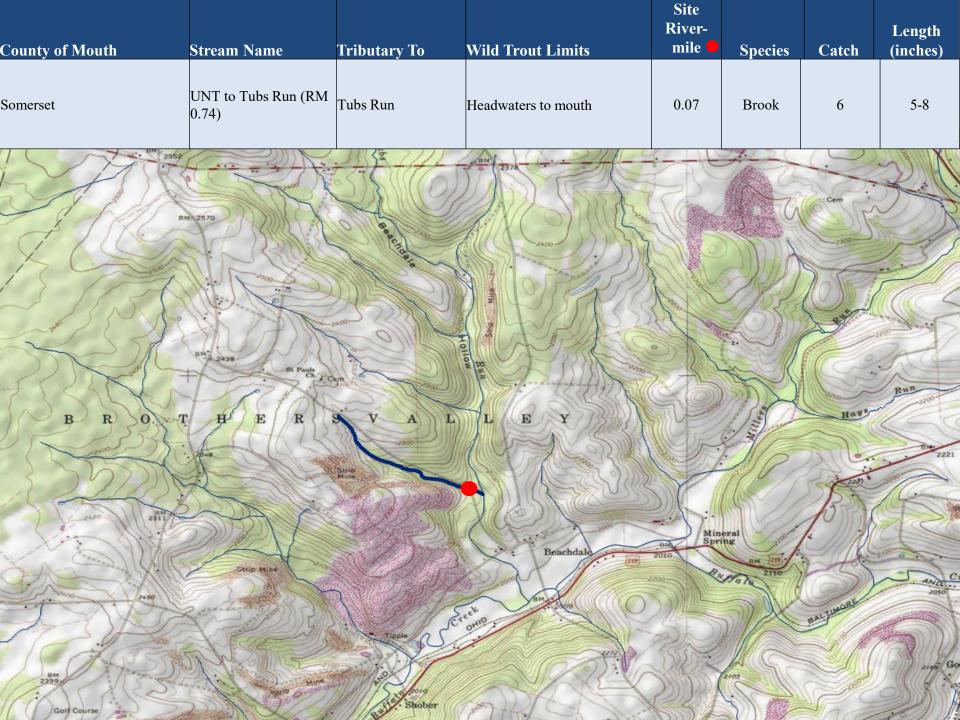


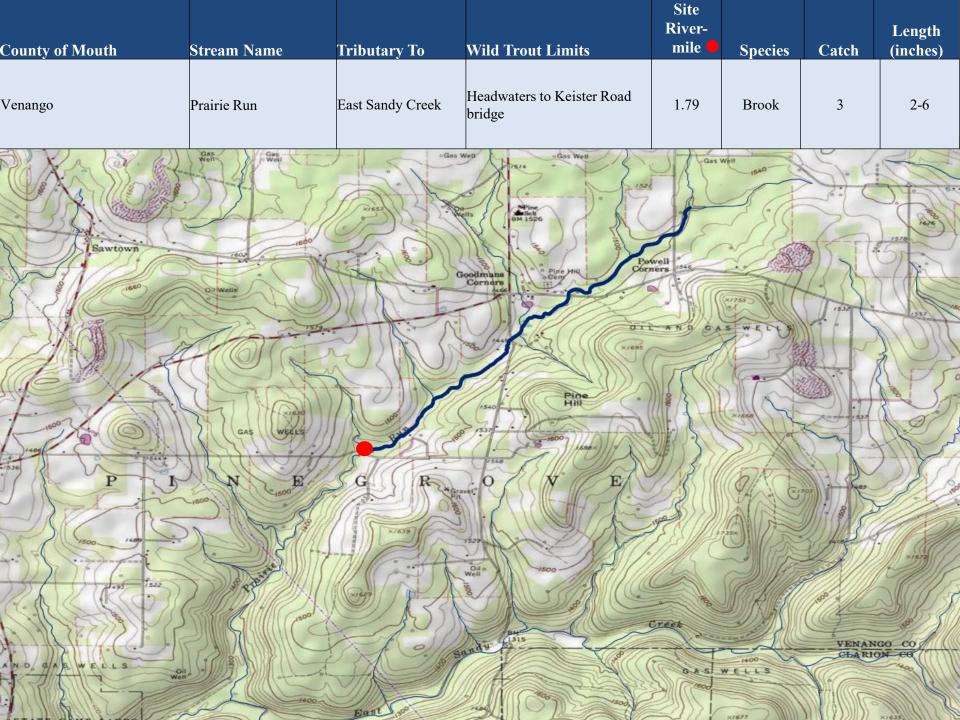


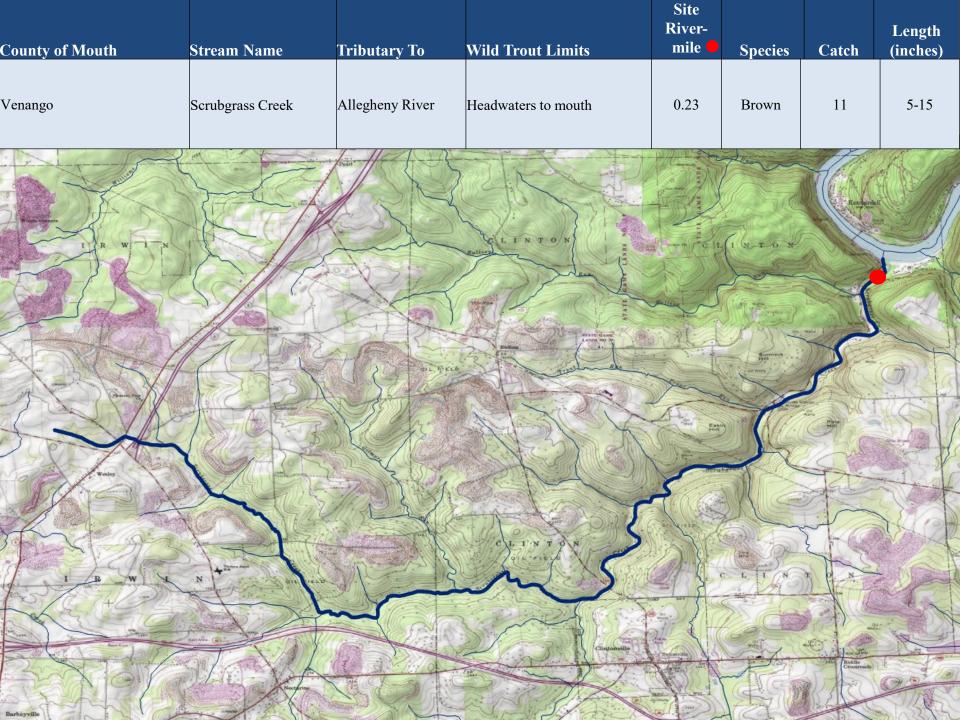


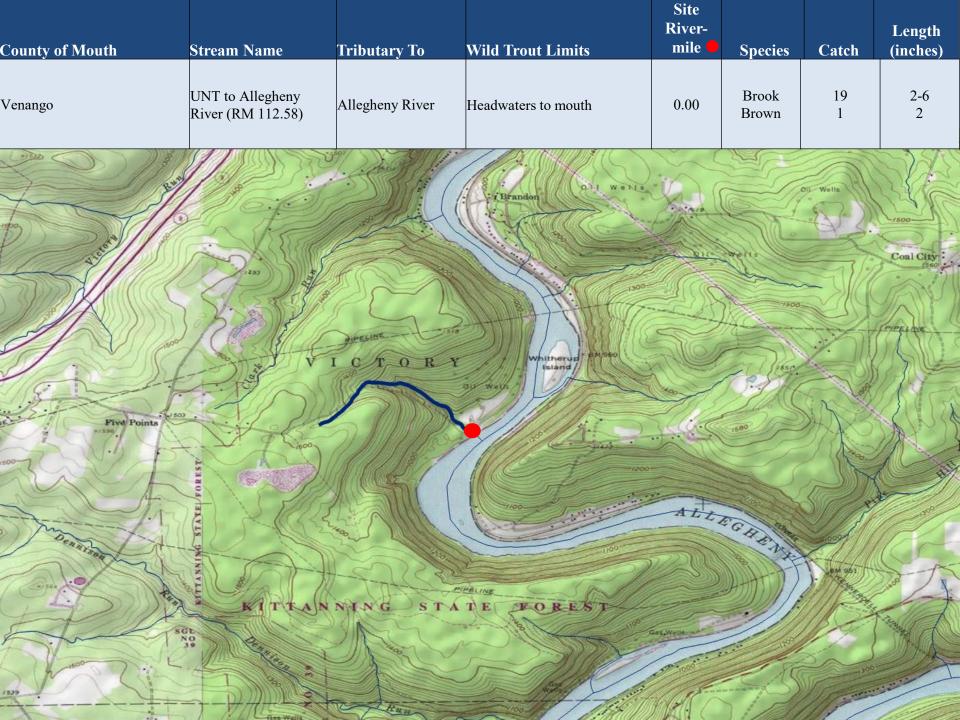


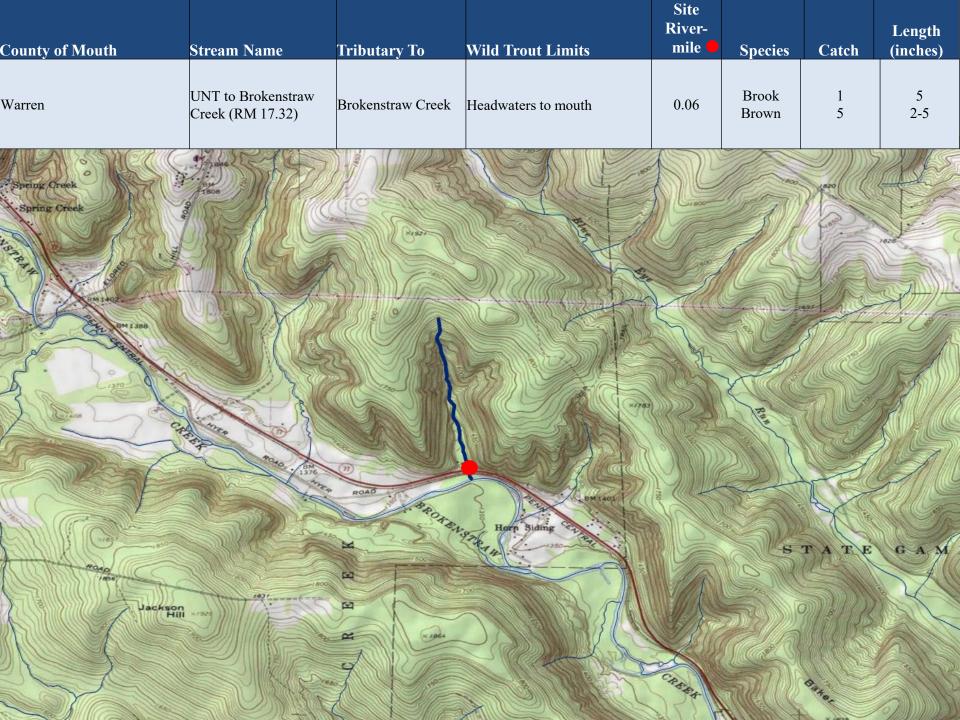


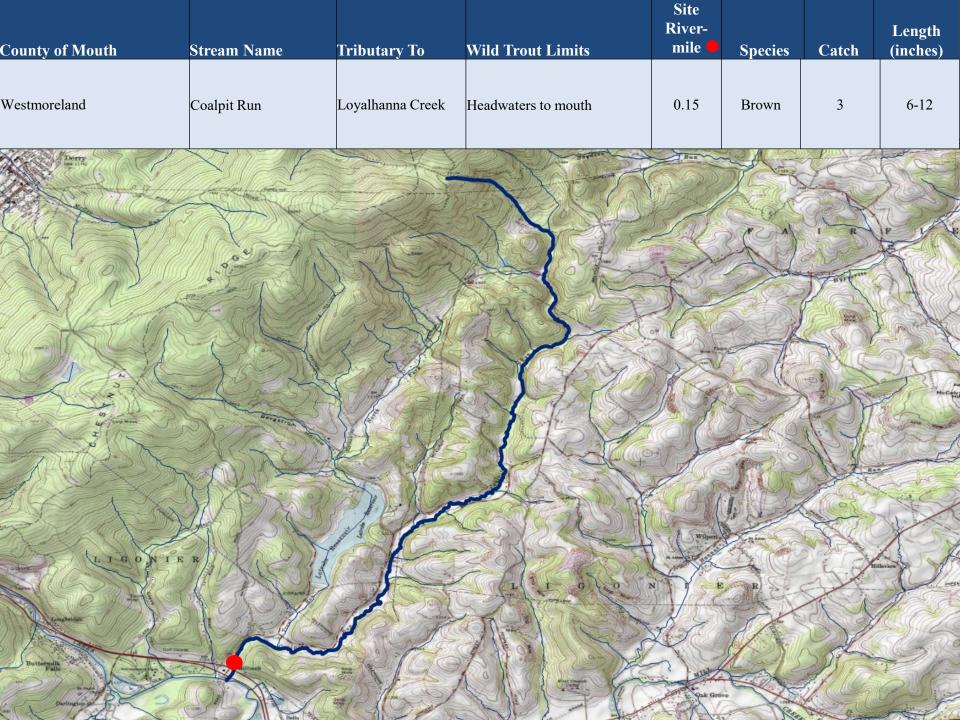


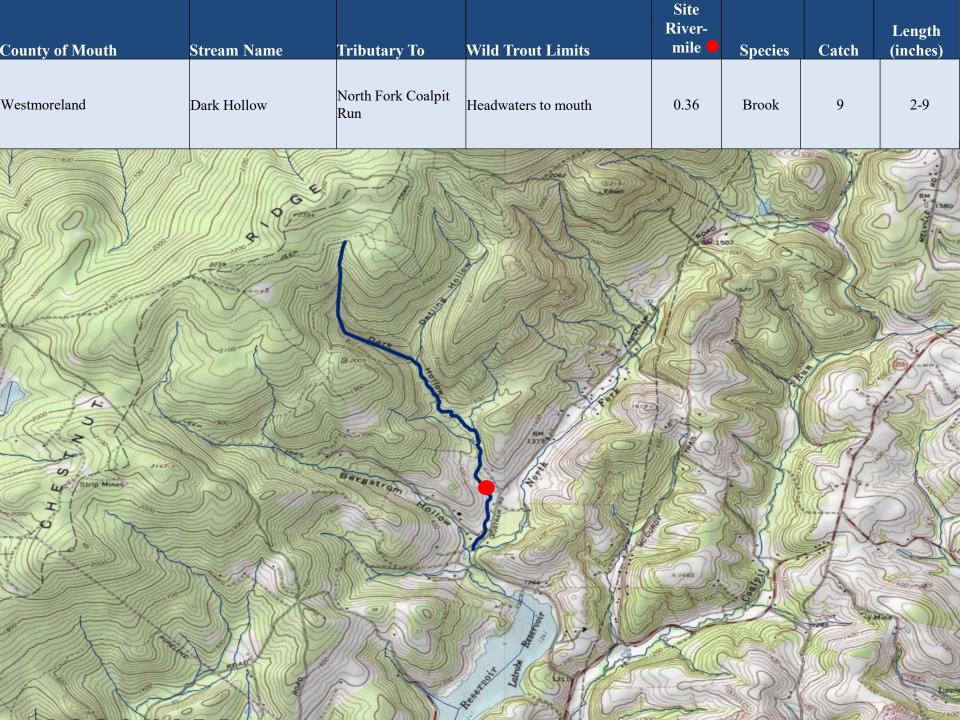












# Wild Trout Revisions

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Current Wild Trout Limits	Revised Wild Trout Limits	Site River- mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
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Indiana	Yellow Creek	LIWO LICK Creek	Headwaters to Laurel	Headwaters to 300 meters upstream Diehl Road Bridge	16.46	Brown	85	2-15
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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Current Wild Trout Limits	Revised Wild Trout Limits	Site River- mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Monroe	Forest Hills Run	Paradise Creek	Unnamed Lake near East Swiftwater to Paradise Creek	Headwaters to mouth	3.41	Brown	336	2-14
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County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Current Wild Trout Limits	Revised Wild Trout Limits	Site River- mile	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Montgomery	Perkiomen Creek	Schuylkill River	Headwaters to Tollgate Road (T- 540)	Headwaters to Green Lane Reservoir	26.59	Brown	3	8-12
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# **NOTICES**

### FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Classification of Wild Trout Streams; Proposed Additions; April 2025

[55 Pa.B. 1776] [Saturday, February 22, 2025]

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

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

County of Mouth	Stream Name	<b>Section Limits</b>	Tributary to	Mouth Lat/Lon
Bedford	Unnamed tributary (UNT) (RM 0.15) to UNT to Raystown Branch Juniata River (RM 39.23)	Headwaters to Mouth	UNT to Raystown Branch Juniata River (RM 39.23)	40.213909 78.267811
Bucks	Lahaska Creek	Headwaters to Mouth	Mill Creek	40.313889 75.057222
Cameron	UNT to Driftwood Branch Sinnemahoning Creek (RM 12.15)	Headwaters to Mouth	Driftwood Branch Sinnemahoning Creek	41.433723 78.183724
Centre	Beech Creek	Headwaters to Sandy Run	Bald Eagle Creek	41.065278 77.567778
Centre	North Fork Beech Creek	AMD treatment facility to Mouth	Beech Creek	41.048748 77.867554
Centre	UNT (RM 0.27) to UNT to Panther Run (RM 0.57)	Headwaters to Mouth	UNT to Panther Run (RM 0.57)	41.110514 77.845251
Centre	UNT to Buffalo Run (RM 10.92)	Headwaters to Mouth	Buffalo Run	40.832885 77.933306
Centre	UNT to Panther Run (RM 0.57)	Headwaters to Mouth	Panther Run	41.111810 77.840690
Centre	UNT to Penns Creek (RM 63.29)	Headwaters to Sink	Penns Creek	40.872273 77.608293

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Clarion	UNT to East Branch Hemlock Creek (RM 2.25)	Headwaters to Mouth	East Branch Hemlock Creek	41.384598 79.424098
Clearfield	Blue Run	Headwaters to UNT at RM 0.31	Clearfield Creek	40.797501 78.498611
Clearfield	UNT to Muddy Run (RM 1.01)	Headwaters to Mouth	Muddy Run	40.811888 78.436032
Clinton	UNT to Mill Run (RM 1.63)	Headwaters to Mouth	Mill Run	41.253445 77.632666
Crawford	UNT to Lake Creek (RM 14.74)	Headwaters to Mouth	Lake Creek	41.618229 79.974599
Elk	Cherry Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Big Mill Creek	41.562236 78.786863
Elk	Ellithorpe Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Big Mill Creek	41.556653 78.789753
Elk	UNT (RM 0.30) to UNT to Big Mill Creek (RM 12.32)	Headwaters to Mouth	UNT to Big Mill Creek (RM 12.32)	41.544253 78.781596
Elk	UNT (RM 0.44) to UNT to Hoffman Run (RM 0.53)	Headwaters to Mouth	UNT to Hoffman Run (RM 0.53)	41.596870 78.742280
Elk	UNT to Byrnes Run (RM 4.34)	Headwaters to Mouth	Byrnes Run	41.341150 78.555590
Elk	UNT to Ellithorpe Run (RM 1.58)	Headwaters to Mouth	Ellithorpe Run	41.571237 78.805576
Elk	UNT to Hoffman Run (RM 4.17)	Headwaters to Mouth	Hoffman Run	41.614141 78.787856
Huntingdon	Hill Valley Creek	Headwaters to Mouth	Juniata River	40.377198 77.870959
Huntingdon	UNT (RM 0.11) to UNT to George Creek (RM 3.95)	Headwaters to Mouth	UNT to George Creek (RM 3.95)	40.316398 77.740887
Indiana	UNT to Dixon Run (RM 4.36)	Headwaters to Mouth	Dixon Run	$\begin{array}{c} 40.723963 \\ 79.003808 \end{array}$
Lancaster	Cocalico Creek	Headwaters to Lancaster/ Lebanon County Line	Conestoga River	40.114722 76.226667
Luzerne	UNT to Nescopeck Creek (RM 23.95; 10)	Headwaters to Mouth	Nescopeck Creek	41.036667 75.964444
McKean	UNT to North Branch Willow Creek (RM 0.78)	Headwaters to Mouth	North Branch Willow Creek	41.971579 78.797321
McKean	UNT to South Branch Willow Creek (RM 0.83)	Headwaters to Mouth	South Branch Willow Creek	41.952844 78.811440
Mifflin	Bear Gap Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Treaster Run	40.789223 77.402396
Mifflin	UNT to Hungry Run (RM 1.73)	Headwaters to Mouth	Hungry Run	40.647606 77.544981
Mifflin	UNT to Hungry Run (RM 3.86)	Headwaters to Mouth	Hungry Run	40.666071 77.518569
Mifflin	UNT to Jacks Creek (RM 5.12)	Headwaters to Mouth	Jacks Creek	40.631843 77.505985

Mifflin	UNT to Treaster Run (RM 5.58)	Headwaters to Mouth	Treaster Run	40.756646 77.480177
Potter	UNT to Francis Branch (RM 3.44)	Headwaters to Mouth	Francis Branch	41.555195 77.610760
Schuylkill	UNT to Little Schuylkill River (RM 27.25)	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Schuylkill River	40.825988 76.006389
Schuylkill	UNT to Swope Valley Run (RM 1.30)	Headwaters to Mouth	Swope Valley Run	40.522246 76.386429
Schuylkill	UNT to Swope Valley Run (RM 1.81)	Headwaters to Mouth	Swope Valley Run	40.520852 76.394308
Somerset	Braddocks Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Youghiogheny River Lake	39.742753 79.382756
Somerset	UNT to Tubs Run (RM 0.74)	Headwaters to Mouth	Tubs Run	39.907296 79.016769
Venango	Prairie Run	Headwaters to Keister Road bridge	East Sandy Creek	41.331667 79.563611
Venango	Scrubgrass Creek	Headwaters to Mouth	Allegheny River	41.260277 79.838058
Venango	UNT to Allegheny River (RM 112.58)	Headwaters to Mouth	Allegheny River	41.297250 79.851890
Warren	UNT to Brokenstraw Creek (RM 17.32)	Headwaters to Mouth	Brokenstraw Creek	41.852486 79.485405
Westmoreland Coalpit Run		Headwaters to Mouth	Loyalhanna Creek	40.260555 79.268608
Westmoreland	l Dark Hollow	Headwaters to Mouth	North Fork Coalpit Run	40.292049 79.252357

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

County of Mouth	Stream Name	<b>Current Limits</b>	<b>Revised Limits</b>	Tributary to	Mouth Lat/Lon
Centre	South Fork Beech Creek	Headwaters to I-80 bridge	Headwaters to Mouth	Beech Creek	41.048332 77.867775
Indiana	Yellow Creek	Headwaters to Laurel Run	Headwaters to 300 meters upstream Diehl Road Bridge	Two Lick Creek	40.541111 79.167222
Monroe	Forest Hills Run	Unnamed Lake near East Swiftwater to Paradise Creek	Headwaters to Mouth	Paradise Creek	41.100664 75.270047
Monroe	Swiftwater Creek	Swiftwater Lake to Mouth	Headwaters to Mouth	Forest Hills Run	41.101111 75.272222
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Special Regulation Designation; Removal of Harris Pond; Big Bass Program

[55 Pa.B. 2404] [Saturday, March 22, 2025]

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*58 Pa. Code § 65.9. Big bass* 

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

County Water
Luzerne Harris Pond

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