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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

MINUTES¹

The 164th Meeting of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission was held on Monday, October 27, 2025, at the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission headquarters, 1601 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110.

The public session for review of this agenda began on October 27, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

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

Staff and Volunteer Recognition

Executive Director Timothy Schaeffer recognized Jeremy Long, the Commission's Deputy Digital Director, for receiving the regional Edward R. Murrow Award for broadcasting in May 2025, as well as the National Edward R. Murrow Award in August 2025. Director Schaeffer noted that the awards are among the most prestigious honors in broadcasting and digital journalism.

Director Schaeffer next recognized Kristy Wilson, Chief of the Commission's Financial Management Division, and Janelle Howard, the Commission's Digital Director, who both graduated from the Office of Administration's Leadership Development Institute. The Institute provides professional development opportunities for employees who demonstrate leadership potential and the ability to succeed in positions of greater responsibility within the state government.

Public Comments to Commissioners and Staff

The following individuals provided public comments:

- Jarrod Manning, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, favors the stocking of Freeman Run, Section 04, Potter County.

¹All items that have been or will be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin are formatted in accordance with the [Pennsylvania Code & Bulletin Style Manual](#).

- Rose Moore, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, Founder and President, This is my Quest, opposes the stocking of Class A wild trout streams, including Freeman Run, Section 04, Potter County.
- Gunner Koser, Junior Board Member, This is my Quest, opposes the stocking of Class A wild trout streams, including Freeman Run, Section 04, Potter County.
- Hayes Brown, Junior Board Member, This is my Quest, opposes the stocking of Class A wild trout streams, including Freeman Run, Section 04, Potter County.
- Carter Shepps, Junior Board Member, This is my Quest, opposes the stocking of Class A wild trout streams, including Freeman Run, Section 04, Potter County.
- Madelyn Shepps, Junior Board Member, This is my Quest, opposes the stocking of Class A wild trout streams, including Freeman Run, Section 04, Potter County.
- Anthony Foster, Junior Board Member, This is my Quest, opposes the stocking of Class A wild trout streams, including Freeman Run, Section 04, Potter County.
- Mia Rice, Junior Board Member, This is my Quest, opposes the stocking of Class A wild trout streams, including Freeman Run, Section 04, Potter County.
- Katie Fogelsonger, Junior Board President, This is my Quest, opposes the stocking of Class A wild trout streams, including Freeman Run, Section 04, Potter County.
- Gwen Buck, Junior Board Member, This is my Quest, opposes the stocking of Class A wild trout streams, including Freeman Run, Section 04, Potter County.
- Gavin Shank, Junior Board Member, This is my Quest, opposes the stocking of Class A wild trout streams, including Freeman Run, Section 04, Potter County.
- Dave Rothrock, Trout Policy Committee Chair, Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited, opposes the stocking of Class A wild trout streams.
- Richard Edwards, Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited, opposes the stocking of Class A wild trout streams.
- Dave Rebuck, Secretary, Trout Unlimited, RB West Chapter, opposes the stocking of Class A wild trout streams.
- Rod Jones, Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited, opposes the stocking of Class A wild trout streams.
- Lenny Lichvar, President, Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited, opposes the stocking of Class A wild trout streams.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Commission President John Mahn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes that were distributed from the July 28, 2025, meeting. Hearing none, a motion was made by Commissioner Charlesworth and seconded by Commissioner Kauffman to approve the Minutes of the July 28, 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 commended the Commission staff for incredible work this field season across Pennsylvania and pointed out that a week after the last quarterly Commission meeting a new class of Waterways Conservation Officer cadets commenced their training. He thanked the Commissioners who joined the cadets at Stackhouse and partners in the field over the past quarter. Director Schaeffer also highlighted numerous topics, including: the mussel restoration project on the West Branch Susquehanna River, Conewago Creek watershed, and several others; the teamwork with partners in Wayne County at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on a boat access on the Lackawaxen River for the third consecutive year; and appreciation for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund which helps

promote, protect and develop accesses throughout the Delaware River watershed. Director Schaeffer also issued a reminder that the Commission's Boating Facility Grant Program is open until December 1st. Grant applications will be accepted for development or enhancement of access for both motorized and unmotorized boats. Lastly, he mentioned that the cold-water life jacket wear requirement goes into effect on November 1st and continues through the end of April. Life jackets are required to be worn by all boaters, regardless of age, in boats less than 16 feet in length and all canoes and kayaks.

Reports of Commissioner Committees

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

Boating Advisory Board (Commissioner Lewis) – The Boating Advisory Board met virtually on September 30, 2025. Agenda items included an introduction of two new members, Ms. Teresa Guerrein and Mr. Brian Kane, and approval of the minutes of the June 2025 meeting. Staff provided five presentations: (1) an overview of the Motorboat Fuel Consumption Survey; (2) progress of abandoned and derelict vessels research conducted by Duquesne University; (3) a briefing on water rescue boat replacements; (4) a summary of year-to-date recreational boating incidents; and (5) an overview of two boating facility grant programs currently accepting applications—the Commission's Boating Facility Grant Program and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Boating Infrastructure Grant Program.

Fisheries (Commissioner Charlesworth) – The Fisheries Committee met virtually on September 30, 2025. There were five discussion items on the agenda: (1) an update on the staff assessment of Freeman Run in Potter County; (2) an update on the Commission's Notice of Stocking requirement; (3) minimum size for trout; (4) a collaborative project to evaluate post-release movements of smallmouth bass weighed in at tournaments held on rivers; and (5) a brief overview of the Fisheries voting items planned for the October Commission meeting.

Habitat (Richard Kauffman) – The Habitat Committee met virtually on October 2, 2025. There were four discussion items on the agenda: (1) an interagency fish passage partnership; (2) habitat improvement projects of the past twenty years; (3) aquatic invasive species workgroup; and (4) an update on the West Branch Susquehanna River mussel restoration project.

Law Enforcement (Commissioner Gibney) – The Law Enforcement Committee met in-person on October 27, 2025. The Committee approved a revocation of fishing privileges for an individual for a period of two years.

Announcement of Executive Session

President Mahn announced two executive sessions. On October 1, 2025, an executive session was held to discuss potential and ongoing litigation and personnel matters. On October 27, 2025, at 8:15 a.m., an executive session was held to discuss potential and ongoing litigation and personnel matters. There were also various real estate acquisitions and dispositions discussed, including those listed on the agenda for today's Commission meeting.

**EXECUTIVE
OTHER MATTERS**

A. Dates for Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Meetings in 2026.

Commentary:

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

Staff have reviewed the available dates and possible conflicts for scheduling 2026 quarterly Commission meetings. Based upon this review, the following dates are proposed for 2026 quarterly Commission meetings:

- January 26, 2026
- April 27, 2026
- July 27, 2026
- October 26, 2026

The January and July 2026 meetings will be held at the Harrisburg headquarters. The April and October 2026 meetings will be held at locations designated by the Commission for the transaction of business.

Briefer:

Timothy Schaeffer, Executive Director

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve the 2026 quarterly Commission meeting dates as described in the Commentary.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the 2026 quarterly Commission Meeting dates as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE
OTHER MATTERS**

- B. Cooperative Nursery Grant program: Grant to the Salisbury-Elklick Hunting Club for a stream habitat and nursery intake improvement project on the unnamed tributary (UNT) to Tub Mill Run, Somerset County.

Commentary:

The Salisbury-Elklick Hunting Club's Jack Wagner nursery raises approximately 9,000 trout per year, which are stocked in Somerset County streams. The Salisbury-Elklick Hunting Club is requesting grant funding to install 10 stream habitat structures to reduce streambank erosion and provide in-stream habitat to aquatic organisms. Included are two Coanda boxes which will provide water to the Jack Wagner nursery for trout-rearing purposes. Coanda boxes require minimal maintenance, improve user safety and provide aquatic organism passage. These habitat and intake improvements go hand-in-hand. The habitat structures allow for the Coanda boxes to work properly while stabilizing the streambank. Due to the various floods that occurred over the past few years, there is some destabilization of the streambank above and below the nursery. The habitat structures will stabilize the streambank which will allow the Wagner nursery to operate without the threat of structural damage. The total estimated cost of the project is \$56,000. The Salisbury-Elklick Hunting Club is requesting \$55,000 to complete this project.

Briefer:

Brian McHail, Chief, Division of Fish Production Services

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$55,000 to the Salisbury-Elklick Hunting Club as described in the Commentary.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Pastore and seconded by Commissioner Brock to approve a grant not to exceed \$55,000 to the Salisbury-Elklick Hunting Club as described in the Commentary. Motion carried with seven votes in favor, Commissioners Hussar and Charlesworth opposing and Commissioner Anderson abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

**EXECUTIVE
PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

A. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 53.12a (relating to access areas and marinas).

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) proposes to amend 58 Pa. Code § 53.12a (relating to access areas and marinas) to remove the Commission’s restrictions prohibiting hunting that apply to the North East Access and Marina, which the Commission no longer owns.

On June 18, 2025, through a notational vote, the Commission voted to authorize the disposition of the North East Marina Property to the North East Community Marina Authority (NECMA) and consented to the acquisition of an easement from NECMA for the purpose of a public boating and fishing access. On July 9, 2025, the Commission conveyed the North East Marina Property to NECMA and acquired an easement from NECMA. As a result, the Commission is no longer responsible for the control, management and operation of the property.

Staff propose an amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 53.12a to delete the now irrelevant language as follows:

§ 53.12a. Relating to access areas and marinas.

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[(c) *North East Access and Marina, Erie County.* The following restrictions apply to the North East Access area and Marina: It is unlawful to hunt on Commission property at the North East Access area and Marina.]

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Briefer:

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

Recommendation:

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

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Kauffman to approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE
PROPERTY SERVICES**

- A. Acquisition of Property adjacent to Huntsdale State Fish Hatchery, Penn Township, Cumberland County.

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) owns +/- 169 acres known as the Huntsdale State Fish Hatchery (Hatchery), in Penn and Dickinson Townships, Cumberland County. The Hatchery is located eight miles west of Mt. Holly Springs on State Route 3006 as depicted on Exhibit A (Location Map). The Hatchery property contains Bucher Spring, a fresh water source for the Hatchery, as well as Irishtown Run, a small stream fed by the spring.

Albert H. Shuller, Jr., owns 7.3 acres adjacent to the Hatchery as depicted on Exhibit B (Site Map). The property contains a portion of Irishtown Run. Mr. Shuller has offered to sell the property to the Commission. Currently the Commission only has access to the east side of the stream. The acquisition would add approximately 240 yards of riparian access on the west side of the stream. The Commission having full access to both sides of the stream will help ensure that this water source for the Hatchery can be kept clear of debris and be otherwise available for Hatchery needs. The land also provides additional space for future Hatchery projects.

Another benefit of this acquisition will be the addition of 175 yards of access along Leeds Road, which will better enable the Commission to use the property for future projects, as well as providing protection from potential residential development close to the Hatchery.

The Commission has received a signed Agreement of Sale to purchase the property for \$120,000. Staff will adhere to the Commission's standard practices for acquiring property including meeting due diligence and funding requirements.

Briefer:

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

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission consent to the acquisition of property adjacent to Huntsdale State Fish Hatchery in Penn Township, Cumberland County, as described in the Commentary.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Small to consent to the acquisition of property adjacent to Huntsdale State Fish Hatchery in Penn Township, Cumberland County, as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE
PROPERTY SERVICES**

- B. Acquisition of a Flowage Easement of 0.41 acres at Beechwood Lake, Clymer Township, Tioga County.

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) owns +/-186 acres in Clymer Township, Tioga County, containing a +/-67-acre impoundment, known as Beechwood Lake. Beechwood Lake is located one mile southwest of Sabinsville as depicted on Exhibit C (Location Map). The existing Beechwood Lake dam structure was designed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Soil Conservation Service, and constructed by McCormick Contracting Company in 1963.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) classifies Beechwood Dam as a high-hazard-potential dam. Additionally, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has categorized Beechwood Dam as a Hazard Potential Category 1 dam. Both classifications are based on the potential for loss of life and property damage as a result of a dam failure due to the prevalence of population, bridges, roads and buildings existing in the downstream breach inundation zone.

The objectives of this project are to rehabilitate the dam to meet state and NRCS dam safety criteria, maintain the current level of flood protection and extend the service life of the structure by 100 years. The dam rehabilitation project will include raising the dam crest height from 1,800.4 feet to 1,802.7 feet.

The required flowage easement consists of +/-0.41 acres and is depicted on Exhibit D (Site Map). The Commission will pay the estimated fair market value of the easement.

Staff will pursue the acquisition of the easement areas in an amicable manner and only use the Commonwealth's power of eminent domain as a last resort. Additionally, staff will adhere to the Commission's standard practices for acquiring property including meeting due diligence and funding requirements.

Briefer:

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

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission consent to the acquisition of the flowage easement at Beechwood Lake in Clymer Township, Tioga County, by donation, fair market value purchase or eminent domain as described in the Commentary.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hussar and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to consent to the acquisition of the flowage easement at Beechwood Lake in Clymer Township, Tioga County, by donation, fair market value purchase or eminent domain as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE
PROPERTY SERVICES**

- C. Acquisition of a Flowage Easement of 0.01 acres at Beechwood Lake, Clymer Township, Tioga County.

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) owns +/-186 acres in Clymer Township, Tioga County, containing a +/-67-acre impoundment, known as Beechwood Lake. Beechwood Lake is located one mile southwest of Sabinsville as depicted on Exhibit E (Location Map). The existing Beechwood Lake dam structure was designed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Soil Conservation Service, and constructed by McCormick Contracting Company in 1963.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) classifies Beechwood Dam as a high-hazard-potential dam. Additionally, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has categorized Beechwood Dam as a Hazard Potential Category 1 dam. Both classifications are based on the potential for loss of life and property damage as a result of a dam failure due to the prevalence of population, bridges, roads and buildings existing in the downstream breach inundation zone.

The objectives of this project are to rehabilitate the dam to meet state and NRCS dam safety criteria, maintain the current level of flood protection and to extend the service life of the structure by 100 years. The dam rehabilitation project will include raising the dam crest height from 1,800.4 feet to 1,802.7 feet.

The required flowage easement consists of +/- 0.01 acres and is depicted on Exhibit F (Site Map). The Commission will pay the estimated fair market value of the easement.

Staff will pursue the acquisition of the easement area in an amicable manner and only use the Commonwealth's power of eminent domain as a last resort. Additionally, staff will adhere to the Commission's standard practices for acquiring property including meeting due diligence and funding requirements.

Briefer:

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

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission consent to the acquisition of the flowage easement at Beechwood Lake in Clymer Township, Tioga County, by donation, fair market value purchase or eminent domain as described in the Commentary.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Charlesworth and seconded by Commissioner Hussar to consent to the acquisition of the flowage easement at Beechwood Lake in Clymer Township, Tioga County, by donation, fair market value purchase or eminent domain as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE
PROPERTY SERVICES**

D. Acquisition of Property at Beechwood Lake, Clymer Township, Tioga County.

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) owns +/-186 acres in Clymer Township, Tioga County, containing a +/-67-acre impoundment, known as Beechwood Lake. Beechwood Lake is located one mile southwest of Sabinsville as depicted on Exhibit G (Location Map). The existing Beechwood Lake dam structure was designed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Soil Conservation Service, and constructed by McCormick Contracting Company in 1963.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) classifies Beechwood Dam as a high-hazard-potential dam. Additionally, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has categorized Beechwood Dam as a Hazard Potential Category 1 dam. Both classifications are based on the potential for loss of life and property damage as a result of a dam failure due to the prevalence of population, bridges, roads and buildings existing in the downstream breach inundation zone.

The objectives of this project are to rehabilitate the dam to meet state and NRCS dam safety criteria, to maintain the current level of flood protection and to extend the service life of the structure by 100 years. The dam rehabilitation project will include raising the dam crest from 1,800.4 feet to 1,802.7 feet.

Although the pool elevation will stay at its current level, revised design criteria require the acquisition of +/-0.49 acres consisting of two separate parcels as depicted on Exhibit H (Site Map). The Commission will pay the \$3,000 estimated fair market value of the acquisition. The Commission has received a signed offer to purchase the combined parcels for this amount.

Staff will adhere to the Commission's standard practices for acquiring property, including meeting due diligence and funding requirements.

Briefer:

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

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission consent to the acquisition of property at Beechwood Lake in Clymer Township, Tioga County, as described in the Commentary.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Kauffman to consent to the acquisition of property at Beechwood Lake, in Clymer Township, Tioga County, as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE
PROPERTY SERVICES**

- E. Acquisition of a Conservation Easement at Minsi Lake Vernal Pool Preserve, Upper Mt. Bethel Township, Northampton County.

Commentary:

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) has offered a conservation easement to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) on +/-115 acres adjacent to Commission-owned property near Minsi Lake, known as the Minsi Lake Vernal Pool Preserve (Preserve). The Preserve is located one-half mile north of Minsi Lake, as depicted on Exhibit I (Location Map).

TNC currently owns this property and intends to transfer fee title to Northampton County while reserving a conservation easement for the Commission for the purchase price of \$1.00. The conservation easement covers a combined area of +/-115 acres as depicted on Exhibit J (Site Map). TNC requests that the Commission hold the conservation easement in perpetuity to ensure the property cannot be developed. This area provides destination habitat for regionally declining plant and invertebrate populations, while the stream corridors provide pathways for species movement and migration. Holding an easement on this parcel allows the Commission to maintain control of key areas with the Minsi Lake watershed.

The Preserve lies within the Minsi Lake Corridor, which extends from the Kittatinny Ridge and the National Park Service's Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to Northampton County's Park System at Minsi Lake and Bear Swamp. The corridor is a series of forested tracts and encompasses the headwaters of an exceptional value stream, several perennial and intermittent streams and a system of vernal pools and wetlands. The preserve is primarily forested, interspersed with a series of vernal pools and traversed by a series of north/south tributaries to the East Fork of Martin's Creek. The corridor has the highest concentration of vernal pools in the glaciated portion of Eastern and Central Pennsylvania. Notably, the area contains Martin's Creek, which is designated by the Commission as a wild trout stream and as a high-quality cold-water fishery by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The protection of headwaters in the Minsi Lake corridor ensures the preservation of the quality of these streams. The Commission's ability to continue to monitor, manage and enhance the aquatic habitat will allow for greater public fishing opportunities.

Staff will adhere to the Commission's standard practices for acquiring easements including meeting due diligence.

Briefer:

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

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission consent to the acquisition of a conservation easement at Minsi Lake Vernal Pool Preserve in Upper Mt. Bethel Township, Northampton County, as described in the Commentary.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Kauffman and seconded by Commissioner Hussar to consent to the acquisition of a conservation easement at Minsi Lake Vernal Pool Preserve in Upper Mt. Bethel Township, Northampton County, as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE
PROPERTY SERVICES**

- F. Acquisition of Four Conservation Easements at Mt. Bethel Fens Preserve, Upper Mt. Bethel Township, Northampton County.

Commentary:

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) has offered a conservation easement to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) on +/- 30 acres along Jacoby Creek, known as Mt. Bethel Fens Preserve (Preserve). The Preserve is located one-half mile north of Minsi Lake as depicted on Exhibit K (Location Map) and consists of four separate parcels of land as depicted on Exhibit L (Site Map).

TNC currently owns these properties and intends to transfer fee title to Northampton County while reserving conservation easements for the Commission for the purchase price of \$1.00. TNC requests that the Commission hold the conservation easements in perpetuity to ensure the property cannot be developed. This area provides destination habitat for regionally declining plant and invertebrate populations while the stream corridors provide pathways for species movement and migration. Holding an easement on this parcel allows the Commission to maintain control of key areas with the Minsi Lake watershed.

The Preserve contains nine acres of fens that support an impressive variety of state imperiled conservation targets both at the community level as well as individual species. There are over 20 state-ranked plant species and several state-ranked invertebrates in these fens. The significance of the fens as critical habitats is probably attributable to the extent, distribution and interconnection of these habitats along the riverine corridor and valley bottom. The glaciated limestone valley supports a network of spring-fed fens, seeps, marshes and swamps all connected through small perennial stream corridors. The fens and seeps provide destination habitat for regionally declining metapopulations while the stream corridors provide pathways for species movement and migration.

Staff will adhere to the Commission's standard practices for acquiring easements including meeting due diligence.

Briefer:

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

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission consent to the acquisition of four conservation easements at Mt. Bethel Fens Preserve in Upper Mt. Bethel Township, Northampton County, as described in the Commentary.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Small and seconded by Commissioner Kauffman to consent to the acquisition of four conservation easements at Mt. Bethel Fens Preserve in Upper Mt. Bethel Township, Northampton County, as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE
PROPERTY SERVICES**

G. Disposition of Halifax Access, Halifax Township, Dauphin County.

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) owns +/-12.3 acres in fee simple and +/-0.7 acres in easement known as the Halifax Access (Access Area) along the Susquehanna River in Halifax Township, Dauphin County, as depicted on Exhibit M (Location Map). The Access Area is located on Route 147, approximately six miles upriver from the Clarks Ferry bridge as depicted on Exhibit N (Site Map) and was acquired in 1981.

The Access Area has a shared entrance with a railroad crossing that complicates its management and operation. Due to this complication, the Commission has determined it would be best to dispose of the property.

Staff will request a market value analysis from the chosen real estate professional and will seek fair market value for the property. Proceeds from the sale of the property will be used for a similar or comparable future public access acquisition or public access improvements within the same geographic area.

Briefer:

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

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission authorize the disposition of Halifax Access for fair market value, to be determined in coordination with a real estate professional, as described in the Commentary.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Charlesworth and seconded by Commissioner Small to consent to the disposition of Halifax Access for fair market value, to be determined in coordination with a real estate professional, as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

BOATING
FINAL RULEMAKING

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

Commentary:

A notice of proposed rulemaking was published at 55 Pa.B. 6544 (September 13, 2025) (Exhibit O). The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) did not receive any public comments relating to this proposal.

Briefer:

Mark Sweppenhiser, Director, Bureau of Boating

Recommendation:

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

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adopt the amendments as set forth in the notice of proposed rulemaking. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FISHERIES
OTHER MATTERS

- A. Exemptions to 58 Pa. Code § 57.8a (Class A wild trout streams) to allow for the stocking of trout at Freeman Run, Section 04, Potter County.

Commentary:

A notice of proposed exemptions was published at 55 Pa.B. 6807 (September 20, 2025) (Exhibit P). The Commission received 109 public comments relating to this proposal: 13 support the proposal and 96 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 approve exemptions to 58 Pa. Code § 57.8a (Class A wild trout streams) to allow for Commission and cooperative nursery stocking of trout at Freeman Run, Section 04, Potter County, as set forth in the notice of proposed exemption.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Brock and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve exemptions to 58 Pa. Code § 57.8a (Class A wild trout streams) to allow for Commission and cooperative nursery stocking of trout at Freeman Run, Section 04, Potter County, as set forth in the notice of proposed exemption. Motion carried with eight votes in favor and Commissioners Hussar and Charlesworth opposing.

FISHERIES
FINAL RULEMAKING

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

Commentary:

A notice of proposed rulemaking was published at 55 Pa.B. 6541 (September 13, 2025) (Exhibit Q). The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) received 24 public comments relating to this proposal: 4 support the proposal and 20 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, the amendment will go into effect January 1, 2026.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Kauffman and seconded by Commissioner Brock to adopt the amendment as set forth in the notice of proposed rulemaking. Motion carried with eight votes in favor and Commissioners Hussar and Charlesworth opposing.

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

Commentary:

A notice of proposed rulemaking was published at 55 Pa.B. 6543 (September 13, 2025) (Exhibit R). The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (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 adopt the amendment as set forth in the notice of proposed rulemaking. If adopted, the amendment will go into effect January 1, 2026.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Gibney to adopt the amendment as set forth in the notice of proposed rulemaking. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FISHERIES DESIGNATIONS

- A. Addition of Donegal Lake, Westmoreland County, to the Big Bass program (58 Pa. Code § 65.9) and Panfish Enhancement program (58 Pa. Code § 65.11) for crappies.

Commentary:

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

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

The black bass and panfish populations were evaluated during 2025 to monitor progress towards development of a high-quality, warm-water and cool-water fishery. Sportfish abundance and population size structure have improved to levels where populations can now sustain limited harvest. As such, it is recommended that the black bass fishery in this reservoir be managed with Big Bass regulations (58 Pa. Code § 65.9) and the crappie fishery with Panfish Enhancement angling regulations (58 Pa. Code § 65.11).

Big Bass regulations applied to lakes allow for the harvest of a combined total of four black bass species (Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass) greater than or equal to 15 inches in length from January 1 to midnight the day before the second Saturday in April and 12:01 a.m. the second Saturday in June to midnight December 31. No harvest is permitted from 12:01 a.m. the second Saturday in April to 12:01 a.m. the second Saturday in June. Panfish Enhancement regulations allow for year-round harvest of crappies (Black Crappie and White Crappie) greater than or equal to nine inches in

length with a daily limit of 20, with the total creel not to exceed 50 panfish combined. All other fish species not managed under these special regulations will be managed with Commonwealth Inland Waters angling regulations (58 Pa. Code § 61.1).

A notice of proposed designations was published at 55 Pa.B. 6808 (September 20, 2025) (Exhibit S). The Commission did not receive any public comments relating to this proposal.

Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission add Donegal Lake, Westmoreland County, to the Big Bass program (58 Pa. Code § 65.9) and the Panfish Enhancement program (58 Pa. Code § 65.11) for crappies. If approved, these designations will go into effect January 1, 2026.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Kauffman to add Donegal Lake, Westmoreland County, to the Big Bass program (58 Pa. Code § 65.9) and the Panfish Enhancement program (58 Pa. Code § 65.11) for crappies. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FISHERIES DESIGNATIONS

- B. Removal of Kyle Lake, Jefferson County, from the Catch and Release Lakes program (58 Pa. Code § 65.17) and addition to the Big Bass program (58 Pa. Code § 65.9) and Panfish Enhancement program (58 Pa. Code § 65.11) for crappies and sunfish.

Commentary:

Kyle Lake, a 165-acre impoundment owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and managed by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission), is located in Washington Township, Jefferson County, approximately four miles northwest of the City of Dubois. This reservoir was completely dewatered in 2016 to complete dam and spillway repairs and modifications per Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection dam safety standards. Following completion of these repairs and modifications refill occurred in 2020. The Commission stocked the lake from 2020 through 2025 with select fish species to establish a high-quality, warm-water and cool-water fishery.

Since 2020, Kyle Lake has been managed in the Catch and Release Lakes program (58 Pa. Code § 65.17) which allows catch-and-release fishing for all species. The intent of these temporary regulations was to facilitate rapid development of the warm-water and cool-water fish populations in the absence of harvest, and once re-established, the lake would be recommended for removal from these regulations and moved to one or more of the Commission's existing regulation programs.

The black bass and panfish populations were evaluated from 2022 through May 2025 to monitor progress towards development of a high-quality, warm-water and cool-water fishery. Sportfish abundance and population size structure have improved to levels where populations can now sustain limited harvest. As such, it is recommended to remove Kyle Lake from the Catch and Release Lakes program and manage the black bass fishery with Big Bass regulations (58 Pa. Code § 65.9) and the crappie and sunfish fisheries with Panfish Enhancement regulations (58 Pa. Code § 65.11).

Big Bass regulations applied to lakes allow for the harvest of four black bass (Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, and Spotted Bass; combined species) greater than or equal to 15 inches in length from January 1 to midnight the day before the second Saturday in April, and 12:01 a.m. the second Saturday in June to midnight December 31. No harvest is permitted from 12:01 a.m. the second Saturday in April to 12:01 a.m. the second Saturday in June. Panfish Enhancement regulations allow for year-round harvest of sunfish greater than or equal to seven inches in length with a daily limit of 20 and the year-round harvest of crappies (Black Crappie and White Crappie) greater than or equal to nine inches in length with a daily limit of 20, with the total creel not to exceed 50

panfish combined. All other fish species not managed under these special regulations will be managed with Commonwealth Inland Waters angling regulations (58 Pa. Code § 61.1).

A notice of proposed designations was published at 55 Pa.B. 6808 (September 20, 2025) (Exhibit T). 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 Kyle Lake, Jefferson County, from the Catch and Release Lakes program (58 Pa. Code § 65.17) and add this reservoir to the Big Bass program (58 Pa. Code § 65.9) and the Panfish Enhancement program (58 Pa. Code § 65.11) for crappies and sunfish. If approved, these designations will go into effect January 1, 2026.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Gibney to remove Kyle Lake, Jefferson County, from the Catch and Release Lakes program (58 Pa. Code § 65.17) and add this reservoir to the Big Bass program (58 Pa. Code § 65.9) and Panfish Enhancement program (58 Pa. Code § 65.11) for crappies and sunfish. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FISHERIES DESIGNATIONS

- C. Removal of Lake Luxembourg, Bucks County, from Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-Round Fishing program (58 Pa. Code § 65.19).

Commentary:

Lake Luxembourg, a 166-acre impoundment owned by Bucks County and managed by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission), is located in Core Creek Park, Middletown Township, Bucks County, approximately two miles southeast of the Borough of Newtown. The reservoir is included in the Commission's Stocked Trout Waters (STW) program and managed with Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-Round Fishing (STW-OYR) regulations (58 Pa. Code § 65.19).

In December 2021, the Commission was notified by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) of a do-not-eat fish consumption advisory issued for the entire Neshaminy Creek basin, which includes Lake Luxembourg. The consumption advisory was issued due to elevated levels of Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) in water samples collected and analyzed by the DEP. Subsequently, the Commission cancelled stockings of all waters included in the STW program within the Neshaminy Creek basin beginning in 2022. Staff have not proposed to remove Lake Luxembourg from the STW-OYR program until this time because additional water quality sampling by the DEP could have resulted in the consumption advisory being revised to be less inclusive of the entire basin; however, the consumption advisory for the basin will remain through 2026 and potentially longer. Given that the consumption advisory has remained in effect since 2022, staff recommend Lake Luxembourg be removed from the STW-OYR program. Upon removal of this regulation, Lake Luxembourg will be managed with Commonwealth Inland Waters regulations (58 Pa. Code § 61.1).

A notice of proposed designation was published at 55 Pa.B. 6808 (September 20, 2025) (Exhibit U). 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 Lake Luxembourg, Bucks County, from the Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-Round Fishing program (58 Pa. Code § 65.19). If approved, the section will revert to Commonwealth Inland Waters regulations (58 Pa. Code § 61.1) on January 1, 2026.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Kauffman and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to remove Lake Luxembourg, Bucks County, from the Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-Round Fishing program (58 Pa. Code § 65.19). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FISHERIES DESIGNATIONS

- D. Removal of West Valley Creek, Section 03, Chester County, from the Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only Areas program (58 Pa. Code § 65.6).

Commentary:

West Valley Creek, Chester County, is a nine-mile-long stream that originates near the Borough of Malvern and flows southwest to its confluence with the East Branch Brandywine Creek near the Borough of Downingtown. The stream is currently managed as four sections for fisheries management purposes. Sections 02 and 03, which total 3.44 miles in length, are included in the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's (Commission) Stocked Trout Waters (STW) program. Sections 01, 02, and 04 are managed under Commonwealth Inland Waters angling regulations (58 Pa. Code § 61.1), while Section 03 is managed under Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only (DHALO) regulations (58 Pa. Code § 65.6).

The DHALO program is designed to maintain a recreational trout fishery through stocking. Delayed harvest management provides for an extended period of catch-and-release angling, then, as angler interest for trout fishing declines and stream conditions become less favorable for survival of stocked trout due to decreased flows and elevated water temperatures, harvest is allowed utilizing a reduced creel limit so that emphasis remains on the angling experience rather than harvest. The harvest season has been set to allow for some harvest before hatchery trout are lost to natural mortality.

In February 2024, the Commission was notified by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) of an issue with sinkholes forming in the immediate vicinity of West Valley Creek. To ensure safety of Commission personnel, volunteers and anglers, the Commission cancelled all trout stockings for both Sections 02 and 03 for 2024 and 2025. To date, the DEP has documented over 100 sinkholes, creating a very unsafe and unstable environment in sections 02 and 03. Given the ongoing safety concerns, staff recommend that Section 03 be removed from the DHALO program. Sections 02 and 03 will also be removed from the STW program for 2026.

A notice of proposed designation was published at 55 Pa.B. 6808 (September 20, 2025) (Exhibit V). 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 West Valley Creek, Section 03, Chester County, from the Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only Areas program (58 Pa. Code § 65.6). If approved, the stream section will revert to Commonwealth Inland Waters regulations (58 Pa. Code § 61.1) on January 1, 2026.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Charlesworth and seconded by Commissioner Kauffman to remove West Valley Creek, Section 03, Chester County, from the Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only Areas program (58 Pa. Code § 65.6). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FISHERIES DESIGNATIONS

- E. Revision to the limits of two stream sections managed as Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only Areas (58 Pa. Code § 65.6).

Commentary:

Staff identified two stream sections currently managed under Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only (DHALO) regulations (58 Pa. Code § 65.6) that warrant a revision to their section limits. Public and landowner feedback received in 2025 pertaining to these sections suggest that small reaches on each of the two streams would be better managed under alternative regulations. As such, it is recommended that portions of these streams be removed from the DHALO program in favor of Commonwealth Inland Waters regulations (58 Pa. Code § 61.1) to optimize angling opportunities while meeting the desires of landowners and anglers that fish these waters.

Manada Creek, Section 02, Dauphin County, extends 1.18 miles from Fogarty Road downstream to Furnace Road. An increase in landowner posting has resulted in a loss of angler access to the upstream portion of the stream section. Upon further review of this stream section, staff recommend reducing the limits of Section 02 by 0.50 miles to the unnamed tributary (UNT) to Manada Creek at river mile (RM) 11.50 downstream to Furnace Road. If this recommendation is approved, the 0.50-mile portion removed from Section 02 will also be removed from the Stocked Trout Waters (STW) program.

Muncy Creek, Section 06, Lycoming County, extends 1.10 miles from 0.25 miles downstream of the state route (SR) 220 bridge downstream to 0.20 miles downstream of the Pine Run Road bridge. Section 06 was added to the DHALO for 2025; however, staff met with a landowner and determined the section limits should be revised, allowing for optimal use of this section while meeting the desires of landowners and anglers. Upon further review of this stream section, staff recommend reducing the limits of Section 06 by 0.19 miles to 0.44 miles downstream of the SR 220 bridge downstream to 0.20 miles downstream of the Pine Run Road bridge. If this recommendation is approved, the 0.19-mile portion removed from Section 06 will be added to Section 05 which is included in the STW program.

A notice of proposed designation was published at 55 Pa.B. 6808 (September 20, 2025) (Exhibit W). 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 revise the limits of two stream sections managed as Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only Areas (58 Pa. Code § 65.6) as described in the Commentary. If approved, the designations will go into effect January 1, 2026.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Brock and seconded by Commissioner Small to revise the limits of two stream sections managed as Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only Areas (58 Pa. Code § 65.6) as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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F. 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 20 additional stream sections to have Class A wild trout populations. Exhibit X provides information on the locations and a data summary for each of these waters.

A notice of proposed designation was published at 55 Pa.B. 5960 (August 16, 2025) (Exhibit Y). The Commission received a total of 13 public comments regarding the proposed additions: all support the full proposal. Copies of public comments were provided to the commissioners.

Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission add 20 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 Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Charlesworth to add 20 stream sections to its Class A wild trout streams list as set forth in the notice. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FISHERIES
DESIGNATIONS

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

A notice of proposed additions and revision was published at 55 Pa.B. 5964 (August 16, 2025) (Exhibit AA). The Commission received a total of 10 public comments regarding the proposed additions and revisions: all support the full 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 five streams or portions of streams to its list of wild trout streams and revise the section limits of one water that is currently listed as set forth in the notice of proposed changes. If approved, these additions and revision 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 Anderson to add five streams or portions of streams to its list of wild trout streams and revise the section limits of one water that is currently listed as set forth in the notice. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Other New Business

There was no other new business.

Time and Place of January 2026 Commission Meeting

President Mahn announced that the next quarterly commission meeting will be held on January 26, 2026, at the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission headquarters located at 1601 Elmerton Avenue in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Adjournment

A motion was made by President Mahn and seconded by Commissioner Pastore to adjourn the meeting at 12:48 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title 58—RECREATION

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

[58 PA. CODE CH. 51]

General Provisions; Administrative Provisions

[55 Pa.B. 6276]

[Saturday, August 30, 2025]

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

A. *Effective Date*

This final-form rulemaking will go into effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

B. *Contact Person*

For further information on this final-form rulemaking, contact Robert J. Schefter, Esq., P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, (717) 705-7810. This final-form rulemaking is available on the commission's website at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/fishandboat>.

C. *Statutory Authority*

This amendment to § 51.125 (relating to insurance) is published under the statutory authority of 30 Pa.C.S. § 2907.3(d) (relating to fishing guide and charter boat permits).

D. *Purpose and Background*

The specific purpose and background of this final-form rulemaking is described in more detail under the summary of proposal.

E. *Summary of Proposal*

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

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

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

The commission approved § 51.125 as set forth at 55 Pa.B. 3881 (June 7, 2025).

F. *Paperwork*

This final-form rulemaking will not increase paperwork and will not create new paperwork requirements.

G. *Fiscal Impact*

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

H. *Public Comments*

A notice of proposed rulemaking was published at 55 Pa.B. 3881. The commission did not receive any public comments.

Findings

The commission finds that:

(1) Public notice of intention to adopt the amendment adopted by this order has been given under sections 201 and 202 of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L. 769, No. 240) (45 P.S. §§ 1201 and 1202), referred to as the Commonwealth Documents Law, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, 1 Pa. Code §§ 7.1 and 7.2 (relating to notice of proposed rulemaking required; and adoption of regulations).

(2) A public comment period was provided, and no public comments were received regarding the proposal.

(3) The adoption of the amendment of the commission in the manner provided in this order is necessary and appropriate for administration and enforcement of the authorizing statutes.

Order

The commission, acting under the authorizing statutes, orders that:

(A) The regulations of the commission, 58 Pa. Code Chapter 51, are amended by amending § 51.125 to read as set forth at 55 Pa.B. 3881.

(B) The Executive Director will submit this order and 55 Pa.B. 3881 to the Office of Attorney General for approval as to legality and form as required by law.

(C) The Executive Director shall certify this order and 55 Pa.B. 3881 and deposit them with the Legislative Reference Bureau as required by law.

(D) This order shall take effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

Fiscal Note: Fiscal Note 48A-363 remains valid for the final adoption of the subject regulation.

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STATEMENTS OF POLICY

Title 58—RECREATION

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

[58 PA. CODE CH. 57]

Class A Wild Trout Streams; Statements of Policy

[55 Pa.B. 6279]

[Saturday, August 30, 2025]

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

A. *Effective Date*

This statement of policy will go into effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

B. *Contact Person*

For further information on this statement of policy, contact Robert J. Schefter, Esq., P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, (717) 705-7810. This final-form statement of policy is available on the commission's website at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/fishandboat>.

C. *Statutory Authority*

The 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 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 fisheries 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 wild trout stream 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 adopted § 57.8a as set forth in Annex A.

F. *Paperwork*

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

G. *Fiscal Impact*

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

H. *Public Comments*

A proposed statement of policy was published at 55 Pa.B. 1926 (March 8, 2025). The commission received 20 public comments relating to the proposal: 1 supported the proposal, 1 supported a specific section of the proposal and 18 opposed the proposal. Copies of the public comments were provided to the commissioners.

Findings

The commission finds that:

(1) Public notice of intention to adopt the amendment adopted by this order has been given under sections 201 and 202 of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L. 769, No. 240) (45 P.S. §§ 1201 and 1202), referred to as the Commonwealth Documents Law, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, 1 Pa. Code §§ 7.1 and 7.2 (relating to notice of proposed rulemaking required; and adoption of regulations).

(2) A public comment period was provided and 20 public comments were received regarding the proposed statement of policy.

(3) When presented at the April 2025 quarterly commission meeting, the commission raised concern that the criteria for consideration of stocking Class A wild trout stream had not yet been updated in Appendix A of *Guidelines*. The commission voted to table the agenda item and deferred consideration until the July commission meeting. To address those concerns, commission staff updated Appendix A on June 16, 2025, to allow for consideration of the proposed amendment at this meeting.

(4) When presented at the July 2025 commission meeting, the commission adopted the final statement of policy as amended in Annex A. Under section 202 of the Commonwealth Documents Law (45 P.S. § 1202), "[t]he agency text of any administrative regulation or change therein as finally adopted may contain such modifications to the proposed text as published pursuant to section 201 as do not enlarge its original purpose . . ." The addition of the following sentence serves only to have the Executive Director notify the commission when an exemption to stock a Class A wild trout stream section has been granted and does not enlarge the original purpose of the amendment: "When the Executive Director grants an exemption to stock a Class A wild trout stream section, the Executive Director or designee will notify the members of the commission of the action at the next regular meeting of the commission."

(5) The adoption of the amendment by the commission in the manner provided in this order is necessary and appropriate for administration and enforcement of the authorizing statutes.

Order

The commission, acting under the authorizing statutes, orders that:

(A) The regulations of the commission, 58 Pa. Code Chapter 57, are amended by amending § 57.8a to read as set forth in Annex A.

(B) The Executive Director will submit this order and Annex A to the Office of Attorney General for approval as to legality and form as required by law.

(C) The Executive Director shall certify this order and Annex A and deposit them with the Legislative Reference Bureau as required by law.

(D) This order shall take effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

Fiscal Note: Fiscal Note 48A-361 remains valid for the final adoption of the subject regulation.

Annex A

TITLE 58. RECREATION

PART II. FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Subpart A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 57. STATEMENTS OF POLICY

Subchapter A. FISHERIES POLICIES

§ 57.8a. Class A wild trout streams.

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

Prior to granting permission to stock a Class A wild trout stream section under § 71a.8 (relating to stocking of designated waters), the Executive Director will consult the stocking criteria set forth in the current edition of the *Operational Guidelines for the Management of Trout Fisheries in Pennsylvania Waters*. If any of the stocking criteria are met, the Executive Director may grant an exemption to stock a Class A wild trout stream section. When the Executive Director grants an exemption to stock a Class A wild trout stream section, the Executive Director or designee will notify the members of the commission of the action at the next regular meeting of the commission. 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 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 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 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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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title 58—RECREATION

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

[58 PA. CODE CH. 69]

Fishing; Fishing in Lake Erie and Boundary Lakes

[55 Pa.B. 6277]

[Saturday, August 30, 2025]

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

A. *Effective Date*

This final-form rulemaking will go into effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

B. *Contact Person*

For further information on this final-form rulemaking, contact Robert J. Schefter, Esq., P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, (717) 705-7810. This final-form rulemaking is available on the commission's website at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/fishandboat>.

C. *Statutory Authority*

The amendment to § 69.12a (relating to special regulations applicable to Lake Erie tributary streams) is published under the statutory authority of 30 Pa.C.S. § 2102 (relating to rules and regulations).

D. *Purpose and Background*

The specific purpose and background of this final-form rulemaking is described in more detail under the summary of proposal.

E. *Summary of Proposal*

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

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

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

The commission approved § 69.12a as set forth at 55 Pa.B. 3882 (June 7, 2025).

F. Paperwork

This final-form rulemaking will not increase paperwork and will not create new paperwork requirements.

G. Fiscal Impact

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

H. Public Comments

A notice of proposed rulemaking was published at 55 Pa.B. 3882. The commission did not receive any public comments.

Findings

The commission finds that:

(1) Public notice of intention to adopt the amendment adopted by this order has been given under sections 201 and 202 of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L. 769, No. 240) (45 P.S. §§ 1201 and 1202), referred to as the Commonwealth Documents Law, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, 1 Pa. Code §§ 7.1 and 7.2 (relating to notice of proposed rulemaking required; and adoption of regulations).

(2) A public comment period was provided and no public comments were received regarding the proposal.

(3) The adoption of the amendment of the commission in the manner provided in this order is necessary and appropriate for administration and enforcement of the authorizing statutes.

Order

The commission, acting under the authorizing statutes, orders that:

(A) The regulations of the commission, 58 Pa. Code Chapter 69, are amended by amending § 69.12a to read as set forth at 55 Pa.B. 3882.

(B) The Executive Director will submit this order and 55 Pa.B. 3882 to the Office of Attorney General for approval as to legality and form as required by law.

(C) The Executive Director shall certify this order and 55 Pa.B. 3882 and deposit them with the Legislative Reference Bureau as required by law.

(D) This order shall take effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

Fiscal Note: Fiscal Note 48A-362 remains valid for the final adoption of the subject regulation.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title 58—RECREATION

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

[58 PA. CODE CH. 107]

Boating; Boating Restrictions

[55 Pa.B. 6278]

[Saturday, August 30, 2025]

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

A. *Effective Date*

This final-form rulemaking will go into effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

B. *Contact Person*

For further information on this final-form rulemaking, contact Robert J. Schefter, Esq., P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, (717) 705-7810. This final-form rulemaking is available on the commission's website at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/fishandboat>.

C. *Statutory Authority*

The amendments to § 107.2 (relating to electric motors) are published under the statutory authority of 30 Pa.C.S. § 5124(a) (relating to particular areas of water).

D. *Purpose and Background*

The specific purpose and background of this final-form rulemaking is described in more detail under the summary of proposal.

E. *Summary of Proposal*

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

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

Additionally, staff proposed eliminating § 107.2(3). At its January 5, 1981, May 30, 1981, and October 3, 1983, meetings, the commission acted under 30 Pa.C.S. § 903 (relating to delegation of enforcement powers) to approve the designation of State park officers, forest rangers and other law enforcement officers to enforce the code and regulations promulgated thereunder.

The commission approved § 107.2 as set forth at 55 Pa.B. 3883 (June 7, 2025).

F. *Paperwork*

This final-form rulemaking will not increase paperwork and will not create new paperwork requirements.

G. *Fiscal Impact*

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

H. *Public Comments*

A notice of proposed rulemaking was published at 55 Pa.B. 3883. The commission did not receive any public comments.

Findings

The commission finds that:

(1) Public notice of intention to adopt the amendment adopted by this order has been given under sections 201 and 202 of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L. 769, No. 240) (45 P.S. §§ 1201 and 1202), referred to as the Commonwealth Documents Law, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, 1 Pa. Code §§ 7.1 and 7.2 (relating to notice of proposed rulemaking required; and adoption of regulations).

(2) A public comment period was provided and no public comments were received regarding the proposal.

(3) The adoption of the amendment of the commission in the manner provided in this order is necessary and appropriate for administration and enforcement of the authorizing statutes.

Order

The commission, acting under the authorizing statutes, orders that:

(A) The regulations of the commission, 58 Pa. Code Chapter 107, are amended by amending § 107.2 to read as set forth at 55 Pa.B. 3883.

(B) The Executive Director will submit this order and 55 Pa.B. 3883 to the Office of Attorney General for approval as to legality and form as required by law.

(C) The Executive Director shall certify this order and 55 Pa.B. 3883 and deposit them with the Legislative Reference Bureau as required by law.

(D) This order shall take effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

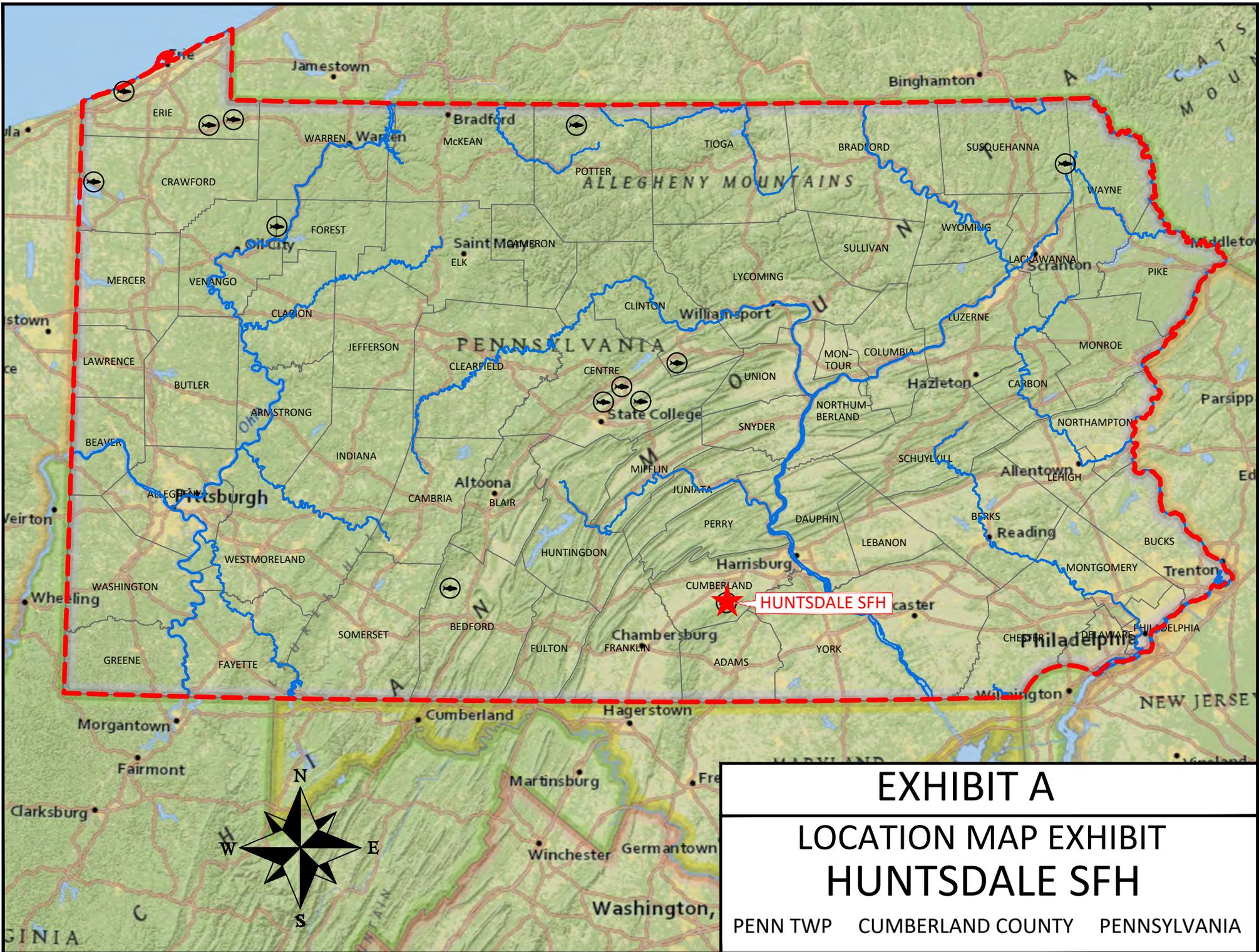
Fiscal Note: Fiscal Note 48A-364 remains valid for the final adoption of the subject regulation.

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NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

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

[55 Pa.B. 5960]
[Saturday, August 16, 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).
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 - (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).
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 - (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).
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 - (D) Brook trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

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(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).

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

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

During recent surveys, Commission staff documented the following stream sections to have Class A wild trout populations. The Commission intends to consider adding these waters to its list of Class A wild trout streams at its meeting on October 27, 2025.

County	Stream	Section	Limits	Tributary to	Mouth Lat/Lon	Brook Trout (kg/ha)	Brown Trout (kg/ha)	Rainbow Trout (kg/ha)	Length (miles)	Survey year
Cameron/Clinton	Cooks Run	1	Headwaters to end of road near Lick Run	West Branch Susquehanna River	41.277500 77.885278	13.22	41.04	—	4.10	2020
Centre	Panther Run	1	Headwaters to first tributary upstream of Mouth	Beech Creek	41.107222 77.835000	35.73	1.65	—	4.83	2024
Centre	Panther Run	2	First tributary upstream of Mouth to Mouth	Beech Creek	41.107222 77.835000	43.32	—	—	0.53	2024
Centre	South Fork Beech Creek	3	Interstate 80 to Mouth	Beech Creek	41.048332 77.867775	8.92	46.16	—	4.40	2024
Centre	Wolf Run	1	Headwaters to Wolf Run Trail	Beech Creek	41.087778 77.865556	45.31	—	—	1.30	2024
Crawford	Deckard Run	2	576 meters upstream of Gravel Pit Access Road to Mouth	Little Sugar Creek	41.536667 80.010000	—	45.45	—	1.95	2024
Elk	Byrnes Run	1	Headwaters to unnamed tributary (UNT) 1,000 meters upstream of Auman Hollow	Kersey Run	41.294167 78.513611	55.31	—	—	1.28	2024
Forest	Blood Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Tionesta Creek	41.606944 79.168056	32.62	—	—	2.40	2024
Huntingdon	Halfmoon Creek	2	Centre/Huntingdon County line to Mouth	Spruce Creek	40.697629 78.015718	—	82.65	—	1.70	2024
Indiana	Yellow Creek	2	UNT at RM 21.42 upstream of Rosebud Mining Treatment Ponds to 300 meters upstream Diehl Road Bridge	Two Lick Creek	40.541111 79.167222	—	56.42	—	5.39	2024
Luzerne	Huntington Creek	2	300 meters upstream of T-575 to Grassy Pond Road	Fishing Creek	41.104721 76.361389	7.59	43.50	—	2.30	2023

Lycoming	Otter Run	1	Headwaters to Silver Branch	Little Pine Creek	41.405872	30.33	3.00	—	1.12	2022
Lycoming	Otter Run	2	Silver Branch to Mouth	Little Pine Creek	41.405872	33.32	16.12	—	2.68	2022
Monroe	Forest Hills Run	1	Headwaters to Mount Airy impoundment	Paradise Creek	41.100664	—	196.70	—	2.45	2024
Monroe	Forest Hills Run	2	Mount Airy impoundment to Mouth	Paradise Creek	41.100664	—	70.23	—	2.98	2024
Potter	Left Branch Young Womans Creek	1	Headwaters to Forest Road Bridge	Young Womans Creek	41.370833	34.32	5.42	—	2.30	2020
Potter	Ludington Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Genesee River	41.939243	6.21	41.97	—	6.63	2021
Potter	UNT to Francis Branch (RM 3.44)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Francis Branch	41.555195	46.45	10.05	—	1.80	2024
Potter	UNT to Ludington Run (RM 3.43)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Ludington Run	41.895926	34.39	90.47	—	2.49	2021
Tioga	Taylor Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Tioga River	41.658611	35.56	—	—	2.48	2023

Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the classification of the streams listed may submit them in writing to the Executive Director, Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, within 30 days after publication of this notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Comments, objections or suggestions also may be submitted electronically to RA-pfbcregulations@pa.gov.

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

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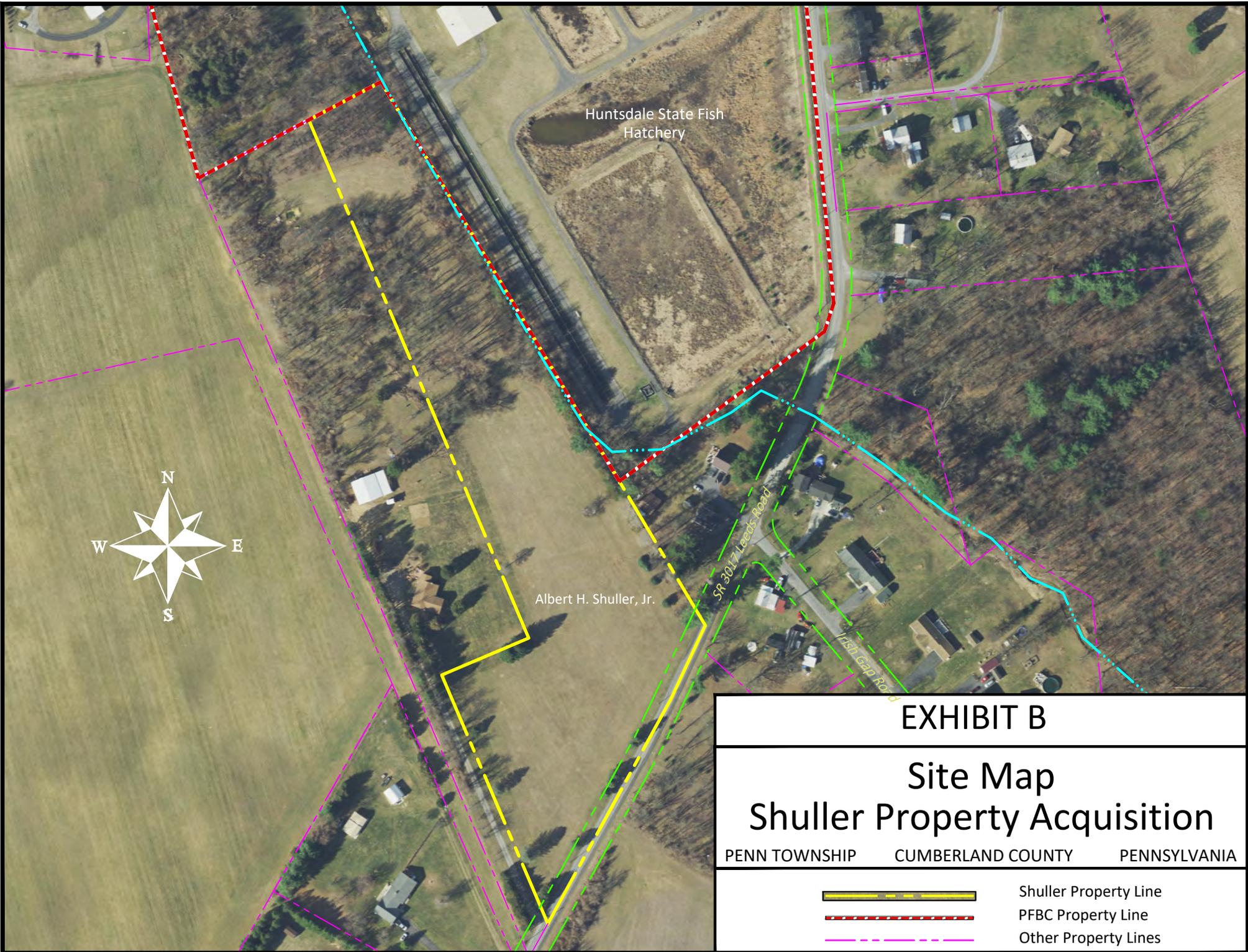
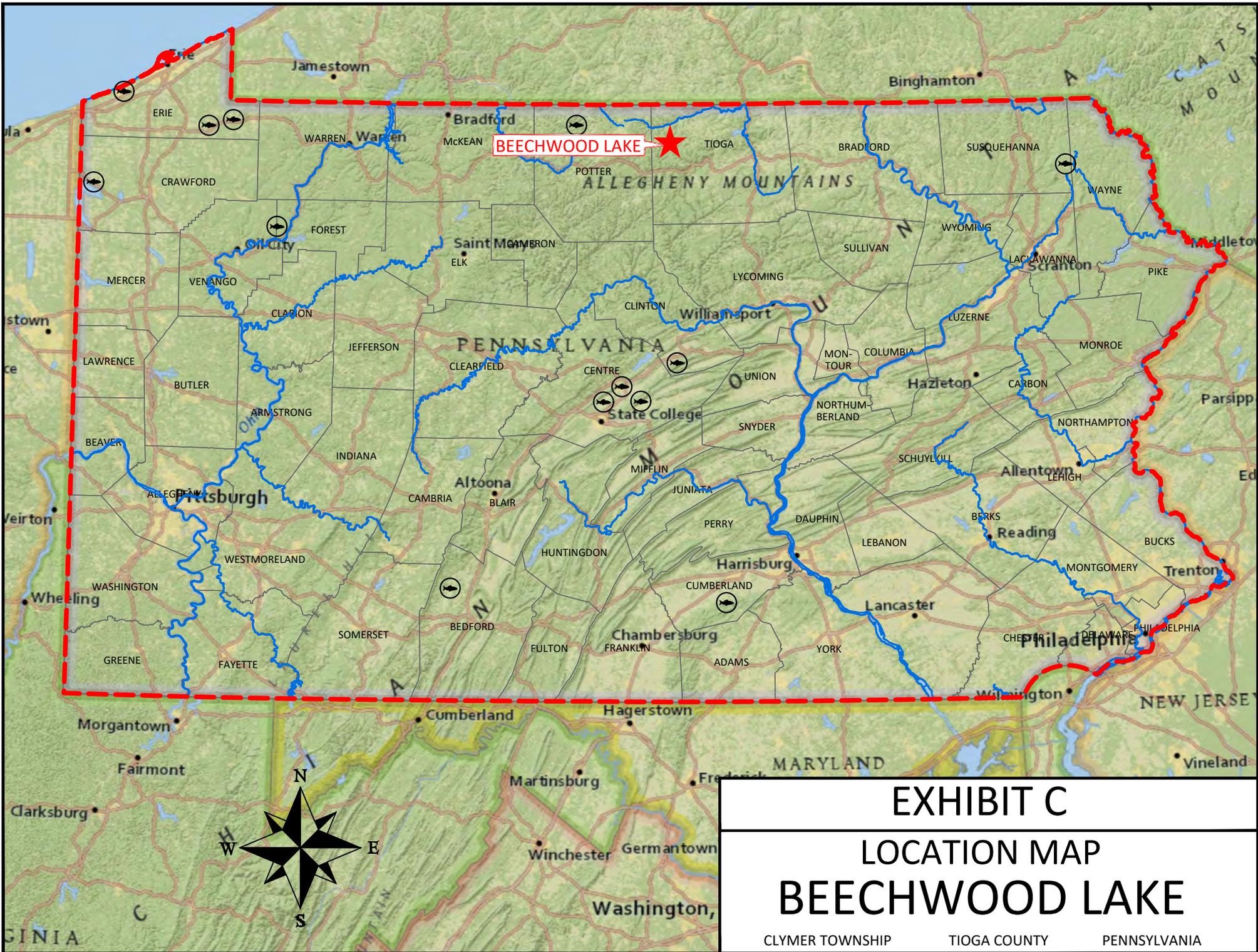


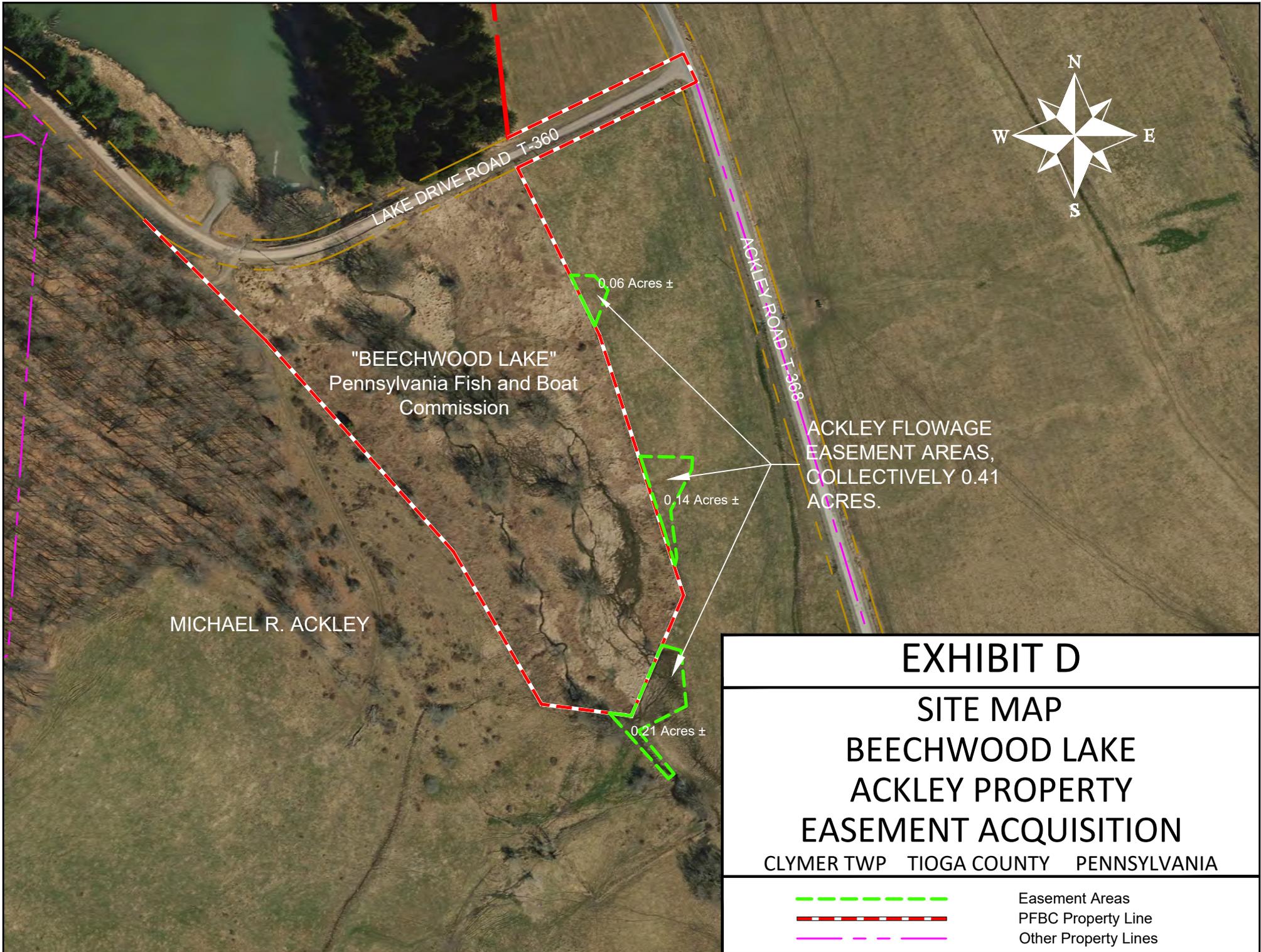
EXHIBIT B

**Site Map
Shuller Property Acquisition**

PENN TOWNSHIP CUMBERLAND COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

	Shuller Property Line
	PFBC Property Line
	Other Property Lines





"BEECHWOOD LAKE"
 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat
 Commission

MICHAEL R. ACKLEY

LAKE DRIVE ROAD T-360

ACKLEY ROAD T-368

0.06 Acres ±

0.14 Acres ±

0.21 Acres ±

ACKLEY FLOWAGE
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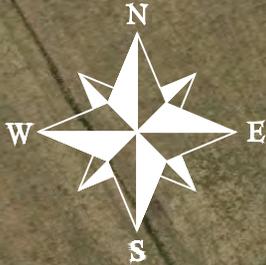
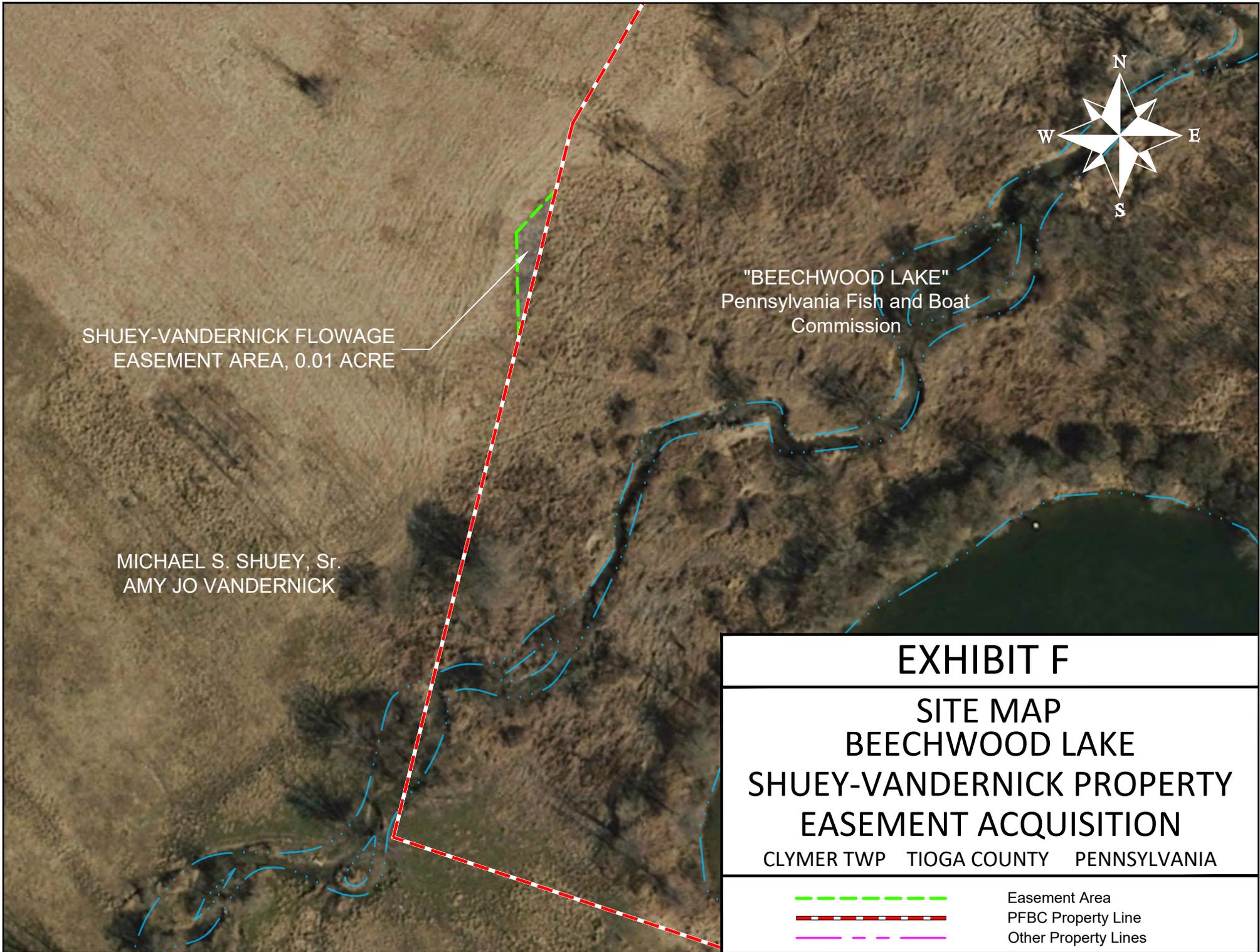


EXHIBIT D	
SITE MAP	
BEECHWOOD LAKE	
ACKLEY PROPERTY	
EASEMENT ACQUISITION	
CLYMER TWP TIOGA COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA	
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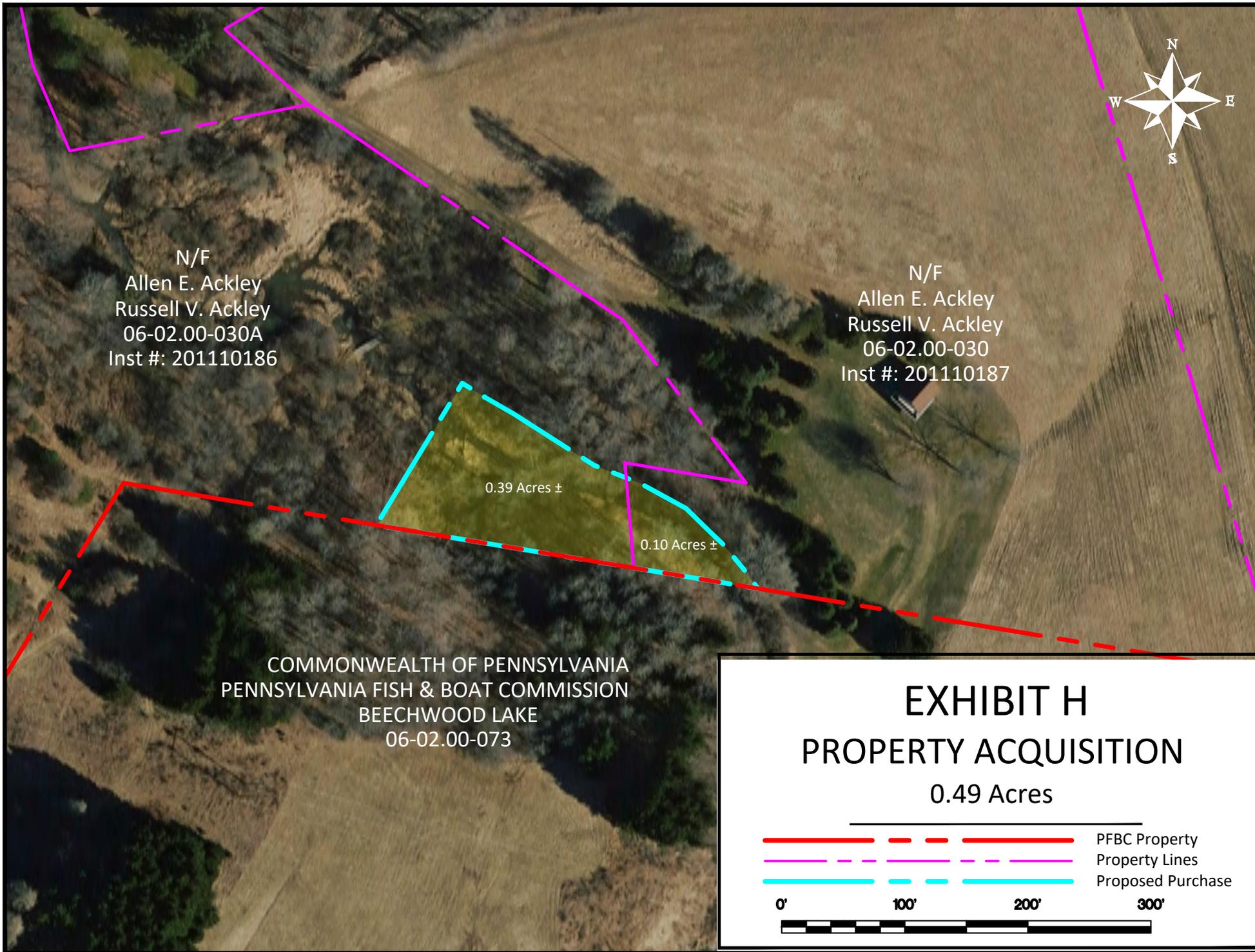


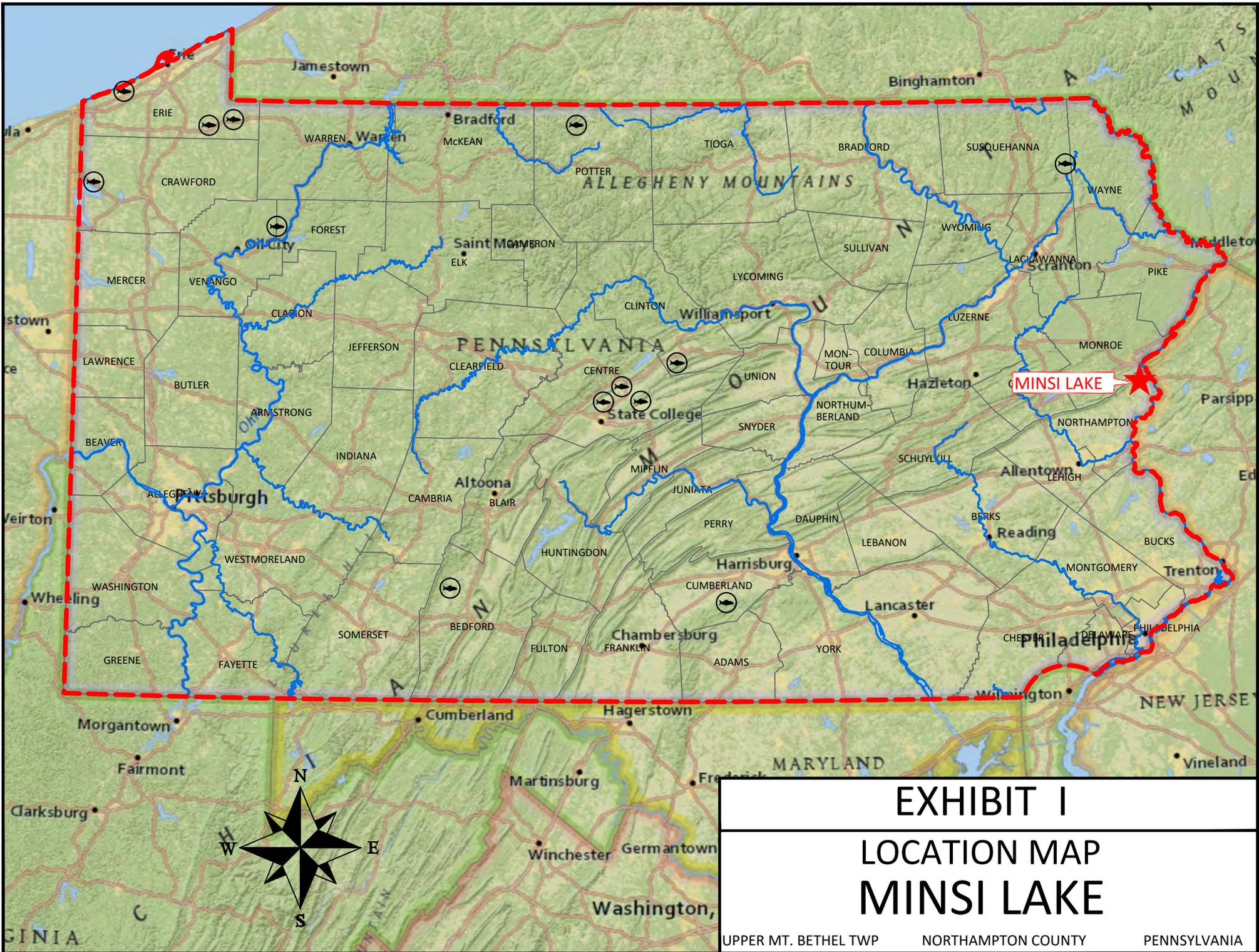
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Pennsylvania Fish and Boat
Commission

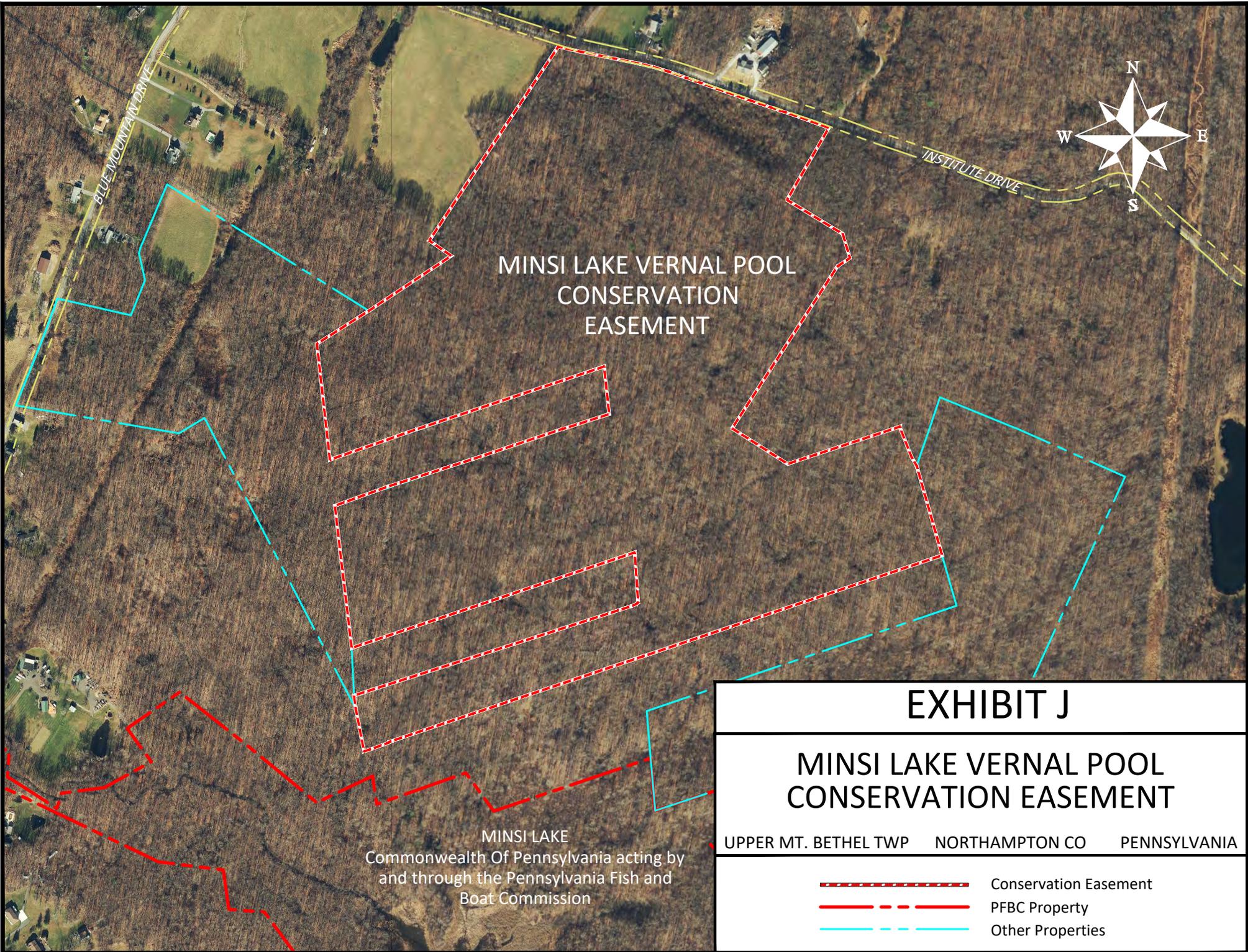
SHUEY-VANDERNICK FLOWAGE
EASEMENT AREA, 0.01 ACRE

MICHAEL S. SHUEY, Sr.
AMY JO VANDERNICK

EXHIBIT F	
SITE MAP	
BEECHWOOD LAKE	
SHUEY-VANDERNICK PROPERTY	
EASEMENT ACQUISITION	
CLYMER TWP TIOGA COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA	
	Easement Area
	PFBC Property Line
	Other Property Lines







MINSI LAKE VERNAL POOL
CONSERVATION
EASEMENT



BLUE MOUNTAIN DRIVE

INSTITUTE DRIVE

EXHIBIT J

MINSI LAKE VERNAL POOL CONSERVATION EASEMENT

UPPER MT. BETHEL TWP NORTHAMPTON CO PENNSYLVANIA

MINSI LAKE
Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania acting by
and through the Pennsylvania Fish and
Boat Commission

-  Conservation Easement
-  PFBC Property
-  Other Properties

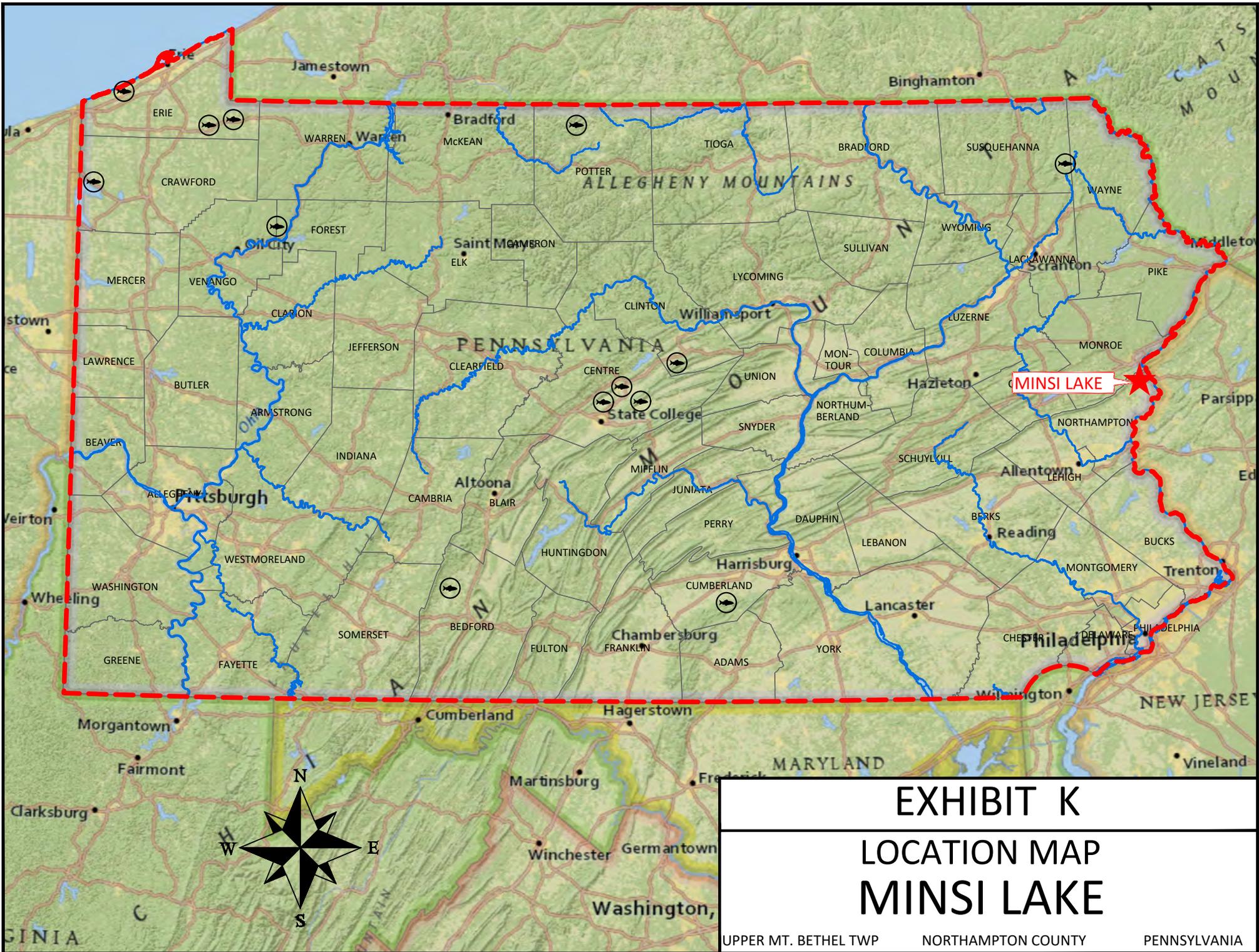


EXHIBIT K
LOCATION MAP
MINSI LAKE

UPPER MT. BETHEL TWP NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

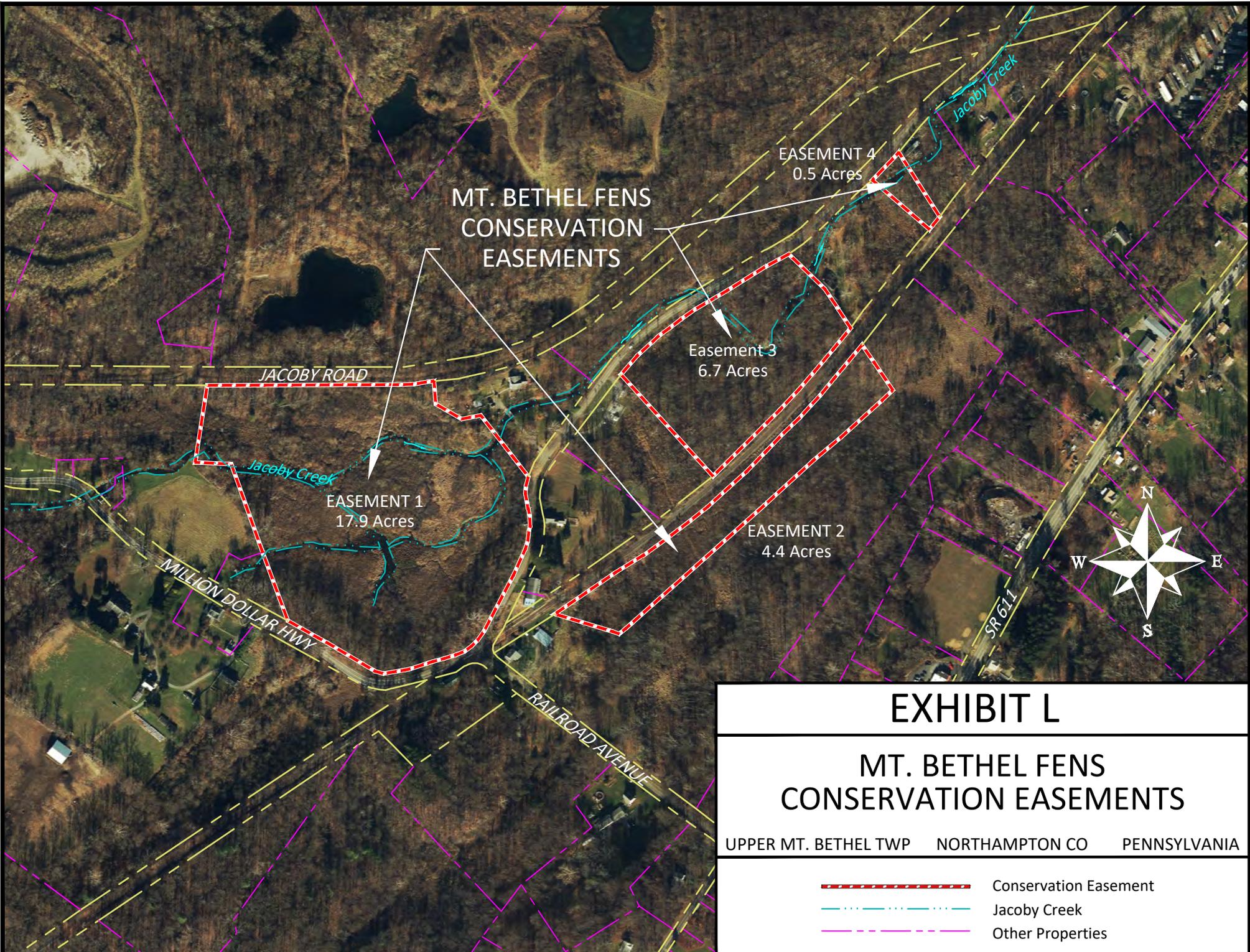
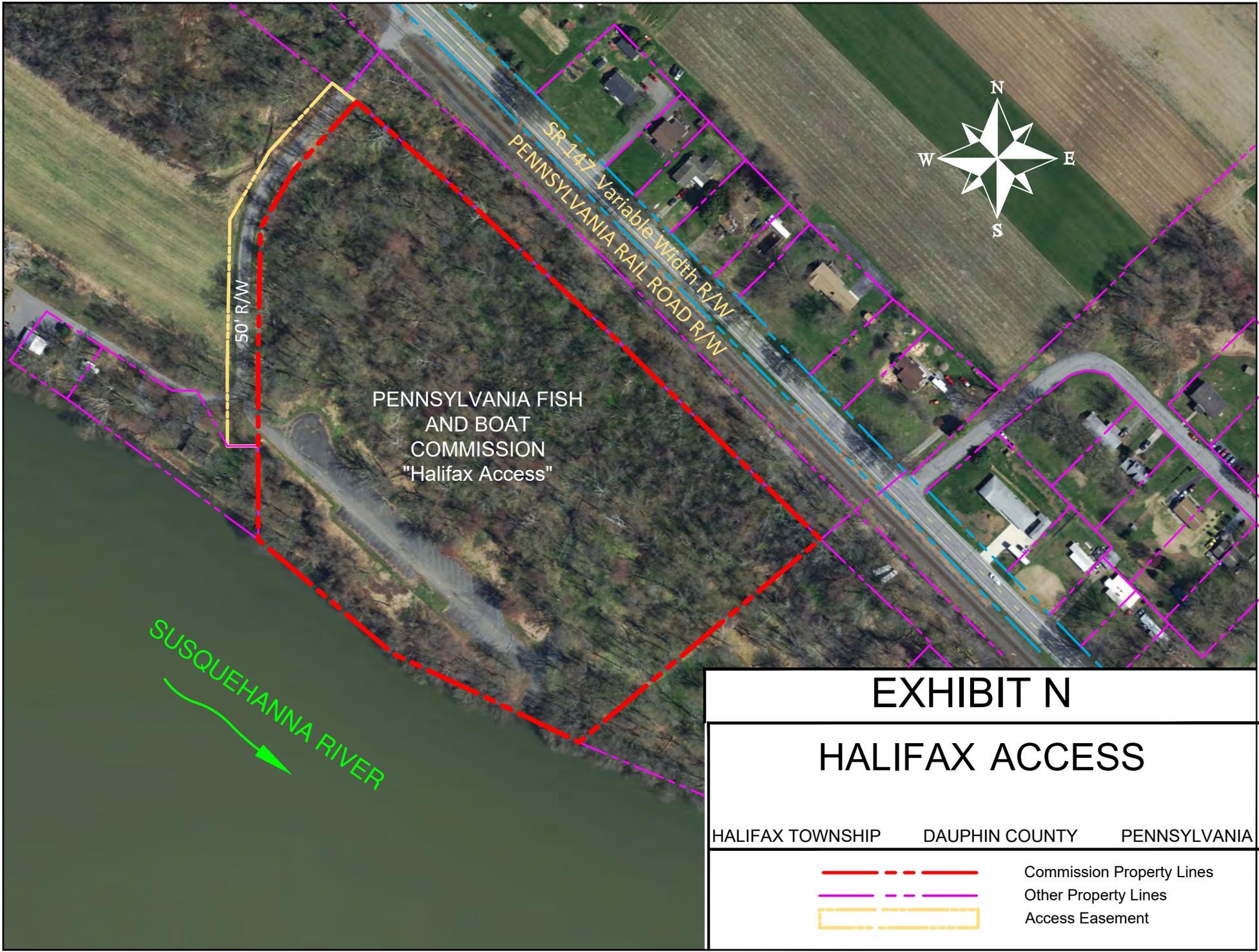


EXHIBIT L

**MT. BETHEL FENS
CONSERVATION EASEMENTS**

UPPER MT. BETHEL TWP NORTHAMPTON CO PENNSYLVANIA

	Conservation Easement
	Jacoby Creek
	Other Properties



PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION
"Halifax Access"

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER

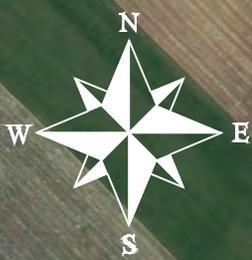


EXHIBIT N

HALIFAX ACCESS

HALIFAX TOWNSHIP DAUPHIN COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

-  Commission Property Lines
-  Other Property Lines
-  Access Easement

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

[58 PA. CODE CH. 111]

Special Regulations Counties; Mercer County

[55 Pa.B. 6544]

[Saturday, September 13, 2025]

The Fish and Boat Commission (commission) proposes to amend Chapter 111 (relating to special regulations counties). The commission is publishing this proposed rulemaking under the authority of 30 Pa.C.S. (relating to Fish and Boat Code). The proposed amendment relates to boating regulations at the portion of Lake Wilhelm that is owned and managed by the commission.

A. *Effective Date*

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

B. *Contact Person*

For further information on this proposed rulemaking, contact Robert J. Schefter, Esq., P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, (717) 705-7810. This proposed rulemaking is available on the commission's website at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/fishandboat.html>.

C. *Statutory Authority*

The amendment to § 111.43 (relating to Mercer County) is proposed under the statutory authority of 30 Pa.C.S. § 5124 (relating to particular areas of water).

D. *Purpose and Background*

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

E. *Summary of Proposal*

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

The 240-acre portion of Lake Wilhelm northwest of Interstate 79 is owned and managed by the Game Commission (PGC) as part of State Game Lands 270. The PGC has regulations in place for

State Game Lands lakes. Specifically, as stated in § 135.41 (relating to State game lands), these lakes are restricted to electric motors only, and boats may not exceed slow, no-wake speed, unless otherwise posted by PGC. Therefore, there is no need for the language already found in § 135.41 to be made part of Chapter 111.

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

The commission proposes that § 111.43 be amended to read as set forth in Annex A.

F. *Paperwork*

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

G. *Fiscal Impact*

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

H. *Public Comments*

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

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

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

Fiscal Note: 48A-365. No fiscal impact; recommends adoption.

Annex A

TITLE 58. RECREATION

PART II. FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Subpart C. BOATING

CHAPTER 111. SPECIAL REGULATIONS COUNTIES

§ 111.43. Mercer County.

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(b) *Lake Wilhelm—Maurice Goddard State Park*. The operation of boats powered by internal combustion motors is permitted [except from a point approximately 200 yards north of the Interstate 79 causeway over Lake Wilhelm upstream to the Game Commission Propagation

Area above the Sheakleyville Causeway (State Route 1018, Milledgeville Road)] southeast of Interstate 79. The use of motors in excess of 20 horsepower is prohibited. Regulations on Lake Wilhelm northwest of Interstate 79 are as posted by the Game Commission.

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NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Proposed Exemption to 58 Pa. Code § 57.8a (Class A wild trout streams) to Allow for the Stocking of Trout at Freeman Run, Section 04

**[55 Pa.B. 6807]
[Saturday, September 20, 2025]**

The Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) will consider at its meeting on October 27, 2025, whether to allow trout stocking in the Class A wild trout stream at Freeman Run, Section 04, Potter County. Under 58 Pa. Code § 57.8a (relating to Class A wild trout streams), prior to granting permission to stock a Class A wild trout stream section under § 71a.8 (relating to stocking of designated waters), the Executive Director will consult the stocking criteria set forth in the current edition of the *Operational Guidelines for the Management of Trout Fisheries in Pennsylvania Waters* available at pa.gov/agencies/fishandboat. 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.

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

Section 03 extends 4.50 miles from Bark Shanty Hollow to West Branch Freeman Run, and Section 04 extends 2.90 miles from West Branch Freeman Run to the mouth. Prior to 2021, Sections 03 and 04 were included in the Commission's Stocked Trout Water (STW) program. Trout stocking was discontinued in 2021 following designation as Class A wild trout stream sections after wild brown trout biomass was estimated to be 56 kg/ha and 67 kg/ha, respectively, during 2018 surveys. To qualify for Class A wild trout stream designation based on wild brown trout, biomass must be greater than or equal to 40 kg/ha. Subsequent surveys conducted in 2022, 2 years following stocking cessation, estimated the wild brown trout biomass to be 94 kg/ha in Section 03 and 103 kg/ha in Section 04.

The impacts of stocking on wild trout populations are well documented in the literature and through Commission surveys of wild trout streams in this Commonwealth. Commission monitoring and evaluation of wild trout populations in this Commonwealth demonstrate that stocking depresses wild trout populations for a variety of reasons, including competition for habitat and food, interference competition, increased harvest, increased hooking and handling, among other factors. However, the Commission does not have strong Commonwealth-specific data regarding the use of special regulations to mitigate the negative impacts of stocking over Class A wild trout populations.

As such, the Commission applied a Miscellaneous Special Regulation (58 Pa. Code § 65.24 (relating to miscellaneous special regulations)) in 2024 to 12 of 13 Class A stream sections stocked by the Commission that allows for the harvest of stocked rainbow trout and brook trout but catch and release of wild brown trout. Staff are currently monitoring and evaluating the effect of this regulation on the wild brown trout populations over a 5-year to 7-year period at which time staff will either recommend continuing the management strategy applied to these fisheries or recommend an alternate approach to optimize these fisheries. The results of this evaluation will provide valuable management insight regarding the use of these regulations on large, productive streams with high angler use that are of size and character sufficient to support a fishery comprised of both Class A wild trout and stocked trout components.

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

To accomplish this, Freeman Run, Section 04, must be added back to the STW program beginning in 2026, and stocked only with rainbow trout at the same rate and frequency consistent with its resource classification from when it was last stocked in 2020. This would include reinstating rainbow trout only cooperative nursery stockings. It was recommended that Section 04 then be managed under a similar Miscellaneous Special Regulation applied to the 12 Class A wild trout streams that are stocked by the Commission: catch and release for all trout species except Rainbow Trout. Sections 01, 02 and 03 from the headwaters downstream to the confluence of Freeman Run and the West Branch Freeman Run would continue to be managed for wild trout with no stocking under Commonwealth Inland Waters regulations (58 Pa. Code § 61.1 (relating to Commonwealth inland waters)). Commission staff would monitor the stream over a 5-year period from 2026—2030 while evaluating the biological and social data against interim and final management triggers that would inform staff recommendations to the Commission regarding the fate of continued stocking in Section 04 and application of special regulations. If wild trout abundance declines significantly, or if angler use does not justify the continued stocking during the 5-year evaluation, the study could be terminated, stocking discontinued and regulations revised. If data available during the interim evaluation is not sufficient to adequately assess trends, then the study would continue for the full 5-year period and be evaluated against final biological and social management triggers, after which a recommendation would be made to the Commission as to whether Section 04 should remain in the STW program and regulations revised.

To facilitate the use of special regulations to mitigate the negative impacts of stocking trout on the wild trout populations in Freeman Run, Section 04, staff proposed implementing a Miscellaneous Special Regulation that would manage brown trout and brook trout with catch-and-release regulations and maintain Commonwealth inland waters regulations for all other species with all tackle types permitted. At its meeting on July 28, 2025, the Commission approved publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking for this Miscellaneous Special Regulation. If adopted on final rulemaking, this amendment will go into effect on January 1, 2026.

Commission staff now recommends that the Commission approve an exemption to stock trout as Freeman Run, Section 04, does not meet any of the criteria that provide direction and guide decisions regarding stocking trout in Class A wild trout streams published in the *Operational Guidelines for the Management of Trout Fisheries in Pennsylvania Waters*. Should an exemption be granted, the Commission will determine the species of trout, number of trout and frequency of stocking consistent with stocking strategies and historical stocking rates of the stream section to minimize impacts to the Class A wild trout population. Stocking provisions will be communicated in writing by the Commission to the entity receiving the exemption for continued stocking in Class A designated waters. Stocking exemptions will be valid for no more than 5 years at which time the

need for continuance may be evaluated.

Other matters

- Proposed exemption to 58 Pa. Code § 57.8a to allow for the stocking of trout at Freeman Run, Section 04, Potter County.

Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the classification of the streams listed may submit them in writing to the Executive Director, Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, prior to the October 27, 2025, Commission meeting. Comments submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

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

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

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PROPOSED RULEMAKING

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

[58 PA. CODE CH. 65]

Special Fishing Regulations; Miscellaneous Special Regulations

[55 Pa.B. 6541]

[Saturday, September 13, 2025]

The Fish and Boat Commission (commission) proposes to amend Chapter 65 (relating to special fishing regulations). The commission is publishing this proposed rulemaking under the authority of 30 Pa.C.S. (relating to Fish and Boat Code) (code). The proposed amendment relates to the addition of Freeman Run, Section 04, Potter County, to the commission's list of waters that are subject to a miscellaneous special regulation to manage brown trout and brook trout with catch-and-release regulations and maintain Commonwealth inland waters regulations for all other species with all tackle types permitted.

A. Effective Date

This proposed rulemaking, if approved on final-form rulemaking, will go into effect on January 1, 2026.

B. Contact Person

For further information on this proposed rulemaking, contact Robert J. Schefter, Esq., P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, (717) 705-7810. This proposed rulemaking is available on the commission's website at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/fishandboat.html>.

C. Statutory Authority

The amendment to § 65.24 (relating to miscellaneous special regulations) is proposed under the authority of 30 Pa.C.S. § 2307(a) (relating to waters limited to specific purposes).

D. Purpose and Background

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

E. Summary of Proposal

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

Section 03 extends 4.50 miles from Bark Shanty Hollow to West Branch Freeman Run, and Section 04 extends 2.90 miles from West Branch Freeman Run to the mouth. Prior to 2021, Sections 03 and 04 were included in the commission's Stocked Trout Water (STW) program. Trout stocking was discontinued in 2021 following designation as Class A wild trout stream sections after wild brown trout biomass was estimated to be 56 kg/ha and 67 kg/ha, respectively, during 2018 surveys. To qualify for Class A wild trout stream designation based on wild brown trout, biomass must be greater than or equal to 40 kg/ha. Subsequent surveys conducted in 2022, 2 years following stocking cessation, estimated the wild brown trout biomass to be 94 kg/ha in Section 03 and 103 kg/ha in Section 04.

The impacts of stocking on wild trout populations are well documented in the literature and through commission surveys of wild trout streams in this Commonwealth. Commission monitoring and evaluation of wild trout populations in this Commonwealth demonstrate that stocking depresses wild trout populations for a variety of reasons, including competition for habitat and food, interference competition, increased harvest, increased hooking and handling, among other factors. However, we do not have strong Pennsylvania-specific data regarding the use of special regulations to mitigate the negative impacts of stocking over Class A wild trout populations. As such, the commission applied a miscellaneous special regulation (see § 65.24) in 2024 to 12 of 13 Class A stream sections stocked by the commission that allows for the harvest of stocked rainbow trout and brook trout but catch and release of the wild brown trout. Commission staff are currently monitoring and evaluating the effect of this regulation on the wild brown trout populations over a 5-to-7-year period, at which time we will either recommend continuing the management strategy applied to these fisheries or recommend an alternative approach to optimize these fisheries. The results of this evaluation will provide valuable management insight regarding the use of these regulations on large, productive streams with high angler use that are of size and character sufficient to support a fishery composed of both Class A wild trout and stocked trout components.

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

To accomplish this, Freeman Run, Section 04, must be added back to the STW program beginning in 2026 and stocked only with rainbow trout at the same rate and frequency consistent with its resource classification from when it was last stocked in 2020. This would include reinstating rainbow-trout-only cooperative nursery stockings. It is recommended that Section 04 then be managed under a similar miscellaneous special regulation applied to the 12 Class A wild trout streams that are stocked by the commission: catch and release for all trout species except rainbow trout. Sections 01, 02 and 03 from the headwaters downstream to the confluence of Freeman Run and the West Branch Freeman Run would continue to be managed for wild trout with no stocking under Commonwealth inland waters regulations (see § 61.1 (relating to Commonwealth inland waters)). Commission staff would monitor the stream over a 5-year period from 2026 through 2030 while evaluating the biological and social data against interim and final management triggers that would inform commission staff recommendations to the Board of Commissioners (Board) regarding the fate of continued stocking in Section 04 and application of special regulations. If wild trout abundance declines significantly, or if angler use does not justify the continued stocking during the 5-year evaluation, the study could be terminated, stocking discontinued and regulations revised. If data available during the interim evaluation is not sufficient to adequately assess trends, then the study would continue for the full 5-year period and be evaluated against final biological and social management triggers, after which a recommendation would be made to the Board as to whether Section 04 should remain in the STW program and regulations revised.

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

The commission proposes that § 65.24 be amended to read as set forth in Annex A.

F. *Paperwork*

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

G. *Fiscal Impact*

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

H. *Public Comments*

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

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TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

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Annex A

TITLE 58. RECREATION

PART II. FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Subpart B. FISHING

CHAPTER 65. SPECIAL FISHING REGULATIONS

§ 65.24. Miscellaneous special regulations.

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

County	Name of Water	Special Regulations
	* * *	* * *
Northampton	Monocacy Creek, Section 08, from Illicks Mill Dam downstream to Schoenersville Road bridge	<p>All tackle types are permitted. Brown trout—catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess brown trout at any time. All other trout species—7 inches minimum size limit—5 trout daily limit (combined species) from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout to midnight on Labor Day. Catch and release/no harvest—it is unlawful to take, kill or possess any trout from 12:01 a.m. the day after Labor Day to midnight the third Sunday in February the following year. Closed to all fishing from 12:01 a.m. the third Monday in February until 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout. All species except trout—inland regulations apply. See § 61.1.</p>
<u>Potter County</u>	<u>Freeman Run, Section 04, from the confluence with West Branch Freeman Run downstream to the mouth</u>	<p><u>All tackle types are permitted. Brown trout and brook trout—catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill, or possess brown trout or brook trout at any time. Rainbow trout—7 inches minimum size limit—5 trout daily limit from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout to midnight on Labor Day. Catch and release/no harvest—it is unlawful to take, kill, or possess any trout from 12:01 a.m. the day after Labor Day to midnight the third Sunday in February the following year. Closed to all fishing from 12:01 a.m. the third Monday in February until 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout. All species except trout—inland regulations apply. See § 61.1.</u></p>
Somerset, Fayette, Westmoreland and Allegheny	Youghiogheny River from confluence with Casselman River downstream to the confluence with Ramcat Run Youghiogheny River from the pipeline crossing at the confluence with Lick Run downstream to the mouth of the river.	<p>Trout (all species)—no closed season. Daily limit: opening day of the regular season for trout until Labor Day—5 trout per day; day after Labor Day to opening day of the regular season for trout of the following year—3 trout per day. Inland regulations apply to warmwater/coolwater species.</p>
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PROPOSED RULEMAKING

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

[58 PA. CODE CH. 65]

Special Fishing Regulations; Miscellaneous Special Regulations

[55 Pa.B. 6543]

[Saturday, September 13, 2025]

The Fish and Boat Commission (commission) proposes to amend Chapter 65 (relating to special fishing regulations). The commission is publishing this proposed rulemaking under the authority of 30 Pa.C.S. (relating to Fish and Boat Code). The proposed amendment relates to the removal of Donegal Lake, Westmoreland County, from the commission's list of waters that are subject to miscellaneous special regulations.

A. *Effective Date*

This proposed rulemaking, if approved on final-form rulemaking, will go into effect on January 1, 2026.

B. *Contact Person*

For further information on this proposed rulemaking, contact Robert J. Schefter, Esq., P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, (717) 705-7810. This proposed rulemaking is available on the commission's website at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/fishandboat.html>.

C. *Statutory Authority*

This amendment to § 65.24 (relating to miscellaneous special regulations) is proposed under the authority of 30 Pa.C.S. § 2307(a) (relating to waters limited to specific purposes).

D. *Purpose and Background*

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

E. *Summary of Proposal*

Donegal Lake, a 92-acre impoundment owned by the Commonwealth and managed by the commission, is located in Donegal Township, Westmoreland County, approximately 2 miles northeast of the Borough of Donegal. The dam impounds Fourmile Run at river mile (RM) 13.04 upstream from its confluence with Loyalhanna Creek at RM 32.7. This reservoir was completely dewatered during spring 2016 to upgrade the dam and spillway structures per Department of Environmental Protection dam safety standards.

Since 2020, Donegal Lake has been managed under miscellaneous special regulations (see § 65.24) that allow for the harvest of trout under Commonwealth inland waters regulations (see § 61.1 (relating to Commonwealth inland waters)) seasons, sizes and daily limits but no harvest of

other fish species. The intent was to facilitate rapid development of the warm-water and cool-water fish populations in the absence of harvest while allowing for the harvest of trout as the lake is included in the commission's Stocked Trout Waters program. Once the warm-water and cool-water fish populations were sufficiently re-established, the lake would then be recommended for removal from the miscellaneous special regulations and moved to one or more of the commission's existing regulation programs.

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

The commission proposes that § 65.24 be amended to read as set forth in Annex A.

F. *Paperwork*

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

G. *Fiscal Impact*

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

H. *Public Comments*

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TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

Fiscal Note: 48A-367. No fiscal impact; recommends adoption.

Annex A

TITLE 58. RECREATION

PART II. FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Subpart B. FISHING

CHAPTER 65. SPECIAL FISHING REGULATIONS

§ 65.24. Miscellaneous special regulations.

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

County	Name of Water	Special Regulations
Wayne	West Branch Delaware River	Trout: From the Pennsylvania/ New York border downstream to the confluence with the East River Branch of the Delaware River: no-harvest artificial lures only season on trout from October 16 until midnight of the Friday before the opening day of the regular season for trout. During the no-harvest artificial lures only season: 1. Fishing may be done with artificial lures only, constructed of metal, plastic, rubber or wood, or flies or streamers constructed of natural or synthetic materials. Lures may be used with spinning or fly fishing gear. Use or possession of any other lures or substances is prohibited. 2. The daily creel limit for trout is 0.
[Westmoreland	Donegal Lake	All species except trout—catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess any fish except trout. All fish caught other than trout must be immediately returned unharmed. Trout—inland regulations apply. See § 61.1. This miscellaneous special regulation will remain in effect until further notice.]
York	Sheppard-Meyers Reservoir	All species except trout—catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess any fish except trout. All fish caught other than trout must be immediately returned unharmed. Trout—inland regulations apply. See § 61.1. This miscellaneous special regulation will remain in effect until further notice.

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NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Proposed Special Regulation Designations

[55 Pa.B. 6808]

[Saturday, September 20, 2025]

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

At the next Commission meeting on October 27, 2025, the Commission will consider taking the following actions with respect to waters subject to special fishing regulations under 58 Pa. Code Chapter 65, effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

58 Pa. Code § 65.17. Catch and release lakes

The Commission will consider removing the following water from its list of "catch and release lakes" regulated and managed under 58 Pa. Code § 65.17 (relating to catch and release lakes):

County	Water
Jefferson	Kyle Lake

58 Pa. Code § 65.9. Big bass

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

County	Water
Jefferson	Kyle Lake
Westmoreland	Donegal Lake

58 Pa. Code § 65.11. Panfish enhancement

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

County	Water	Species
Jefferson	Kyle Lake	Crappie and Sunfish
Westmoreland	Donegal Lake	Crappie

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

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

County	Water
Lycoming	Muncy Creek, Section 06

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

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

County	Water
Dauphin	Manada Creek

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

The Commission will consider removing the following water from its list of "delayed harvest artificial lures only areas" regulated and managed under 58 Pa. Code § 65.6:

County	Water
Berks	West Valley Creek

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

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

County	Water
Bucks	Lake Luxembourg

Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the designations are invited to submit comments in writing to the Executive Director, Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, within 30 days after publication of this notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Comments submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

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TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
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FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Proposed Special Regulation Designations

[55 Pa.B. 6808]

[Saturday, September 20, 2025]

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At the next Commission meeting on October 27, 2025, the Commission will consider taking the following actions with respect to waters subject to special fishing regulations under 58 Pa. Code Chapter 65, effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

58 Pa. Code § 65.17. Catch and release lakes

The Commission will consider removing the following water from its list of "catch and release lakes" regulated and managed under 58 Pa. Code § 65.17 (relating to catch and release lakes):

County	Water
Jefferson	Kyle Lake

58 Pa. Code § 65.9. Big bass

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

County	Water
Jefferson	Kyle Lake
Westmoreland	Donegal Lake

58 Pa. Code § 65.11. Panfish enhancement

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

County	Water	Species
Jefferson	Kyle Lake	Crappie and Sunfish
Westmoreland	Donegal Lake	Crappie

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County	Water
Lycoming	Muncy Creek, Section 06

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County	Water
Dauphin	Manada Creek

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County	Water
Berks	West Valley Creek

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

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

County	Water
Bucks	Lake Luxembourg

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The Commission will consider removing the following water from its list of "catch and release lakes" regulated and managed under 58 Pa. Code § 65.17 (relating to catch and release lakes):

County	Water
Jefferson	Kyle Lake

58 Pa. Code § 65.9. Big bass

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

County	Water
Jefferson	Kyle Lake
Westmoreland	Donegal Lake

58 Pa. Code § 65.11. Panfish enhancement

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

County	Water	Species
Jefferson	Kyle Lake	Crappie and Sunfish
Westmoreland	Donegal Lake	Crappie

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County	Water
Lycoming	Muncy Creek, Section 06

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Dauphin	Manada Creek

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County	Water
Berks	West Valley Creek

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County	Water
Bucks	Lake Luxembourg

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Dauphin	Manada Creek

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County	Water
Chester	West Valley Creek

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County	Water
Bucks	Lake Luxembourg

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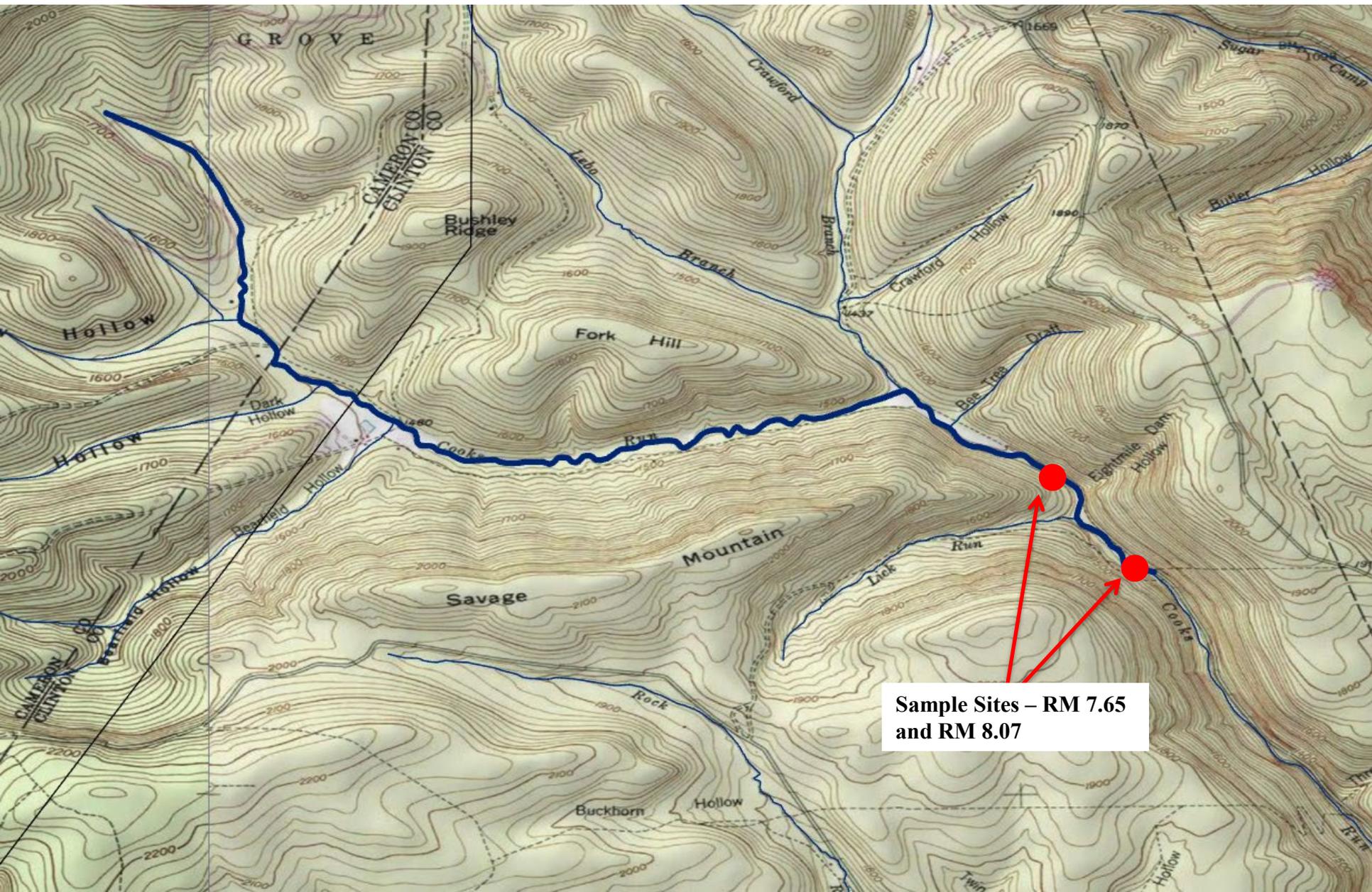
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EXHIBIT X

Class A Additions

Cooks Run, Cameron/Clinton Counties



Cooks Run, Cameron/Clinton Counties

Brook Trout RM – 7.65
Site Length – 370 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	39	2.06	311
3	24	1.02	65
4	8	0.99	27
5	32	7.78	119
6	7	2.08	19
7	4	2.31	14
8	5	4.02	16
Total	119	20.26	571

Brown Trout RM – 7.65
Site Length – 370 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	27	0.50	73
3	19	0.87	51
4	1	0.10	3
5	14	3.04	43
6	17	5.40	46
7	7	4.38	24
8	4	2.81	11
9	1	0.98	3
10	1	1.32	3
11	1	1.72	3
12	1	2.20	3
16	1	5.04	3
Total	94	28.36	266

Cooks Run, Cameron/Clinton Counties

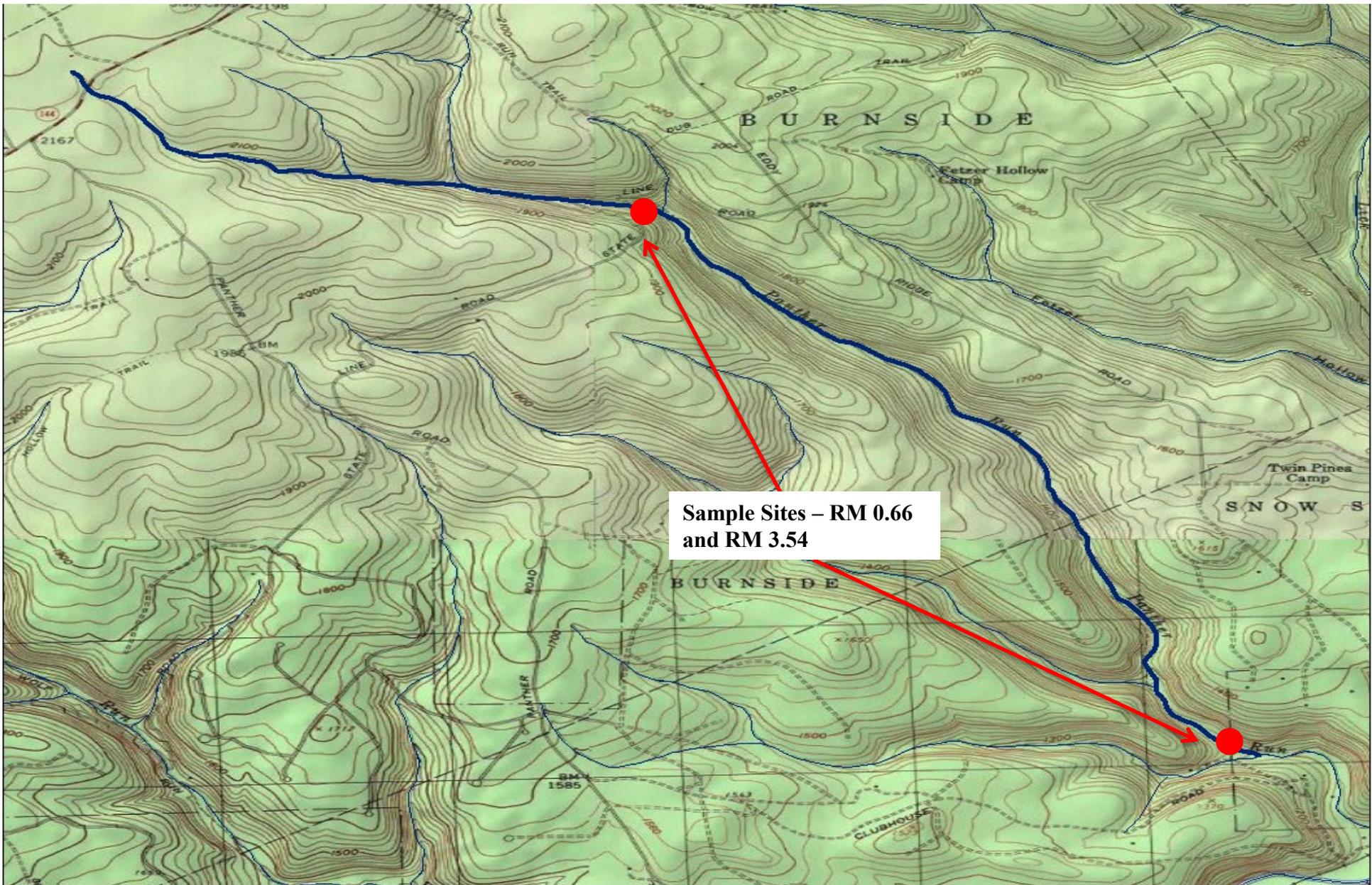
Brook Trout RM – 8.07
Site Length – 420 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	11	0.18	26
3	12	0.46	29
4	2	0.18	5
5	13	2.09	31
6	6	1.62	14
7	1	0.42	2
8	2	1.22	5
Total	47	6.17	112

Brown Trout RM – 8.07
Site Length – 420 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	5	0.08	12
3	10	0.42	24
5	20	3.45	48
6	18	5.19	43
7	3	1.33	7
8	5	3.19	12
9	6	5.33	14
10	4	4.80	10
11	4	6.24	10
13	3	7.54	7
14	1	3.11	2
22	1	13.03	2
Total	80	53.71	191

Panther Run, Centre County



Panther Run, Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 0.66
Site Length – 400 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	12	0.13	30
2	21	0.52	53
3	37	3.88	165
4	47	7.78	143
5	28	8.05	83
6	5	2.46	15
7	5	3.19	13
8	4	4.63	13
9	1	1.32	3
Total	160	31.96	518

Brown Trout RM – 0.66
Site Length – 400 meters

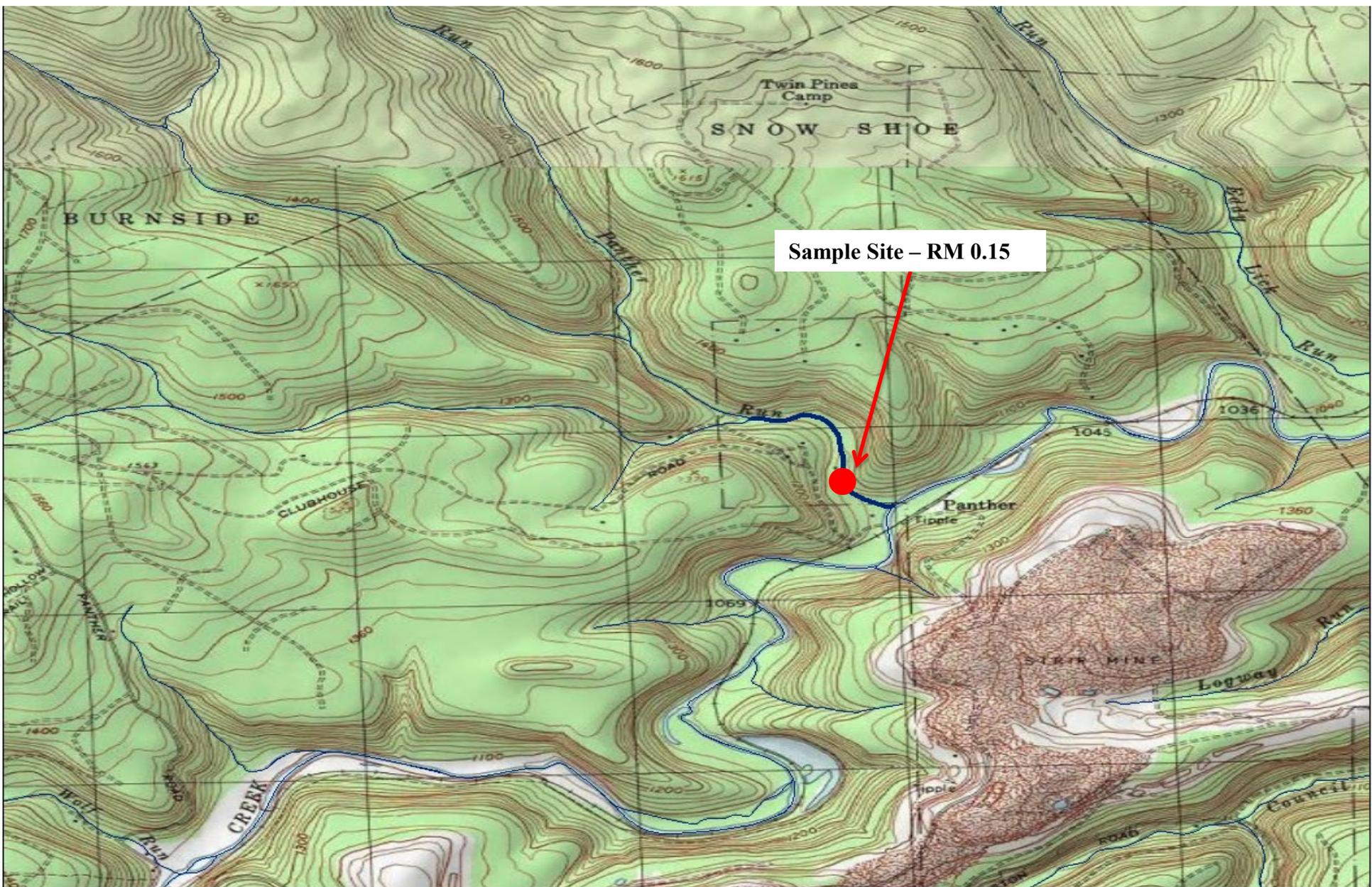
Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
8	2	1.94	5
9	1	1.35	3
Total	3	3.29	8

Panther Run, Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 3.54
Site Length – 430 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	2	0.03	5
2	17	0.68	40
3	49	4.66	114
4	39	8.60	91
5	36	14.19	84
6	14	9.29	33
7	2	2.06	5
Total	159	39.51	372

Panther Run, Centre County

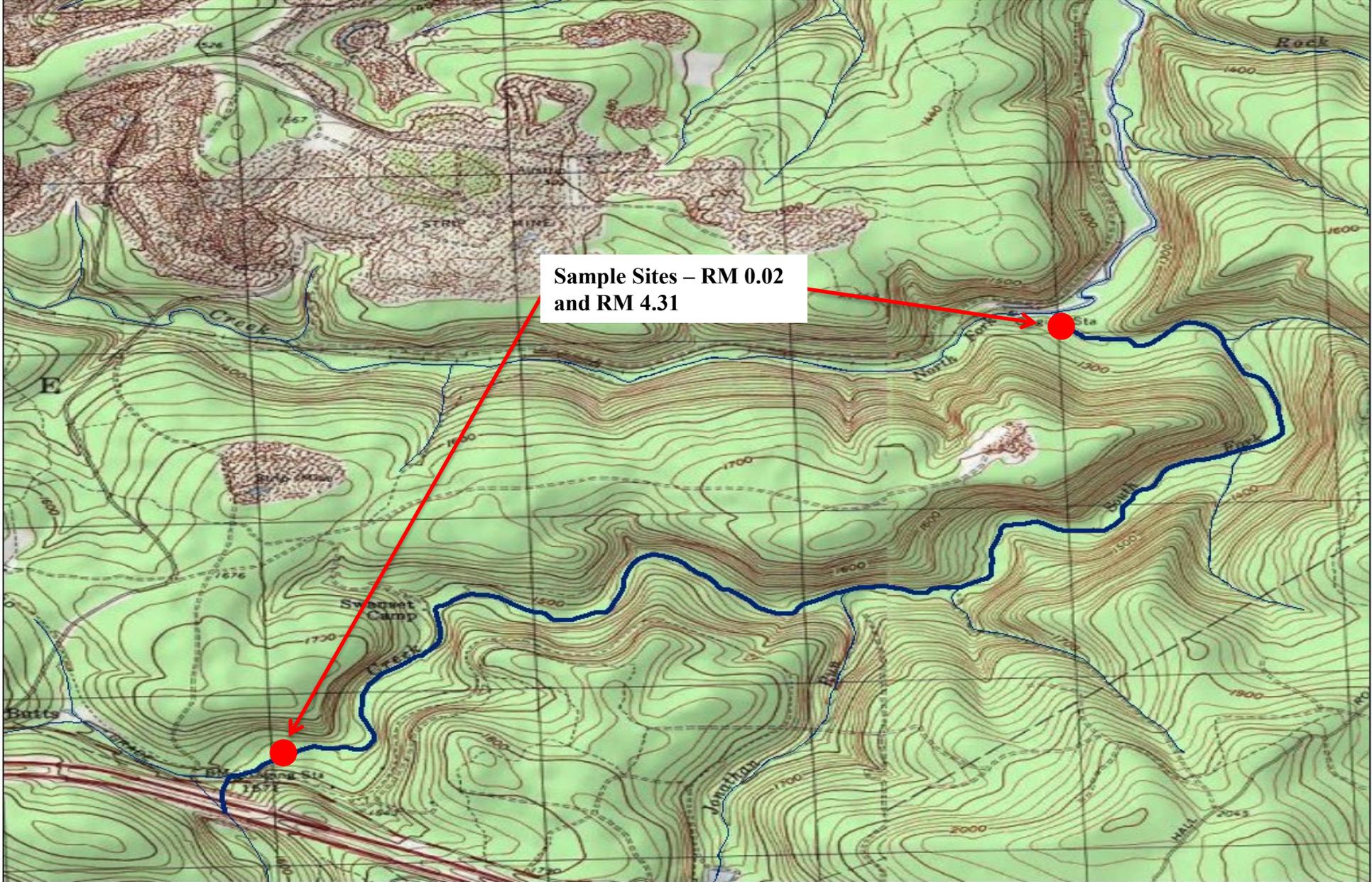


Panther Run, Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 0.15
Site Length – 120 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	3	0.09	25
2	21	1.44	175
3	23	3.76	192
4	25	9.48	208
5	18	12.20	150
6	5	5.70	42
7	6	10.65	50
Total	101	43.32	842

South Fork Beech Creek, Centre County



South Fork Beech Creek, Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 0.02
Site Length – 500 meters

Brown Trout RM – 0.02
Site Length – 500 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	6	0.06	12
3	31	1.64	136
4	9	0.62	22
5	15	1.70	34
6	9	1.51	18
7	9	2.62	20
8	7	3.03	16
9	2	1.08	4
Total	88	12.26	262

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	19	0.68	52
4	3	0.18	6
5	23	2.80	52
6	36	7.19	80
7	15	4.68	34
8	14	5.97	30
9	8	4.98	18
10	2	1.49	4
11	5	5.83	12
14	1	1.94	2
Total	126	35.74	290

South Fork Beech Creek, Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 4.31
Site Length – 315 meters

Brown Trout RM – 4.31
Site Length – 315 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	2	0.04	6
3	10	0.47	32
4	2	0.22	6
5	7	1.76	29
6	3	1.32	13
7	2	1.02	6
8	1	0.74	3
Total	27	5.57	95

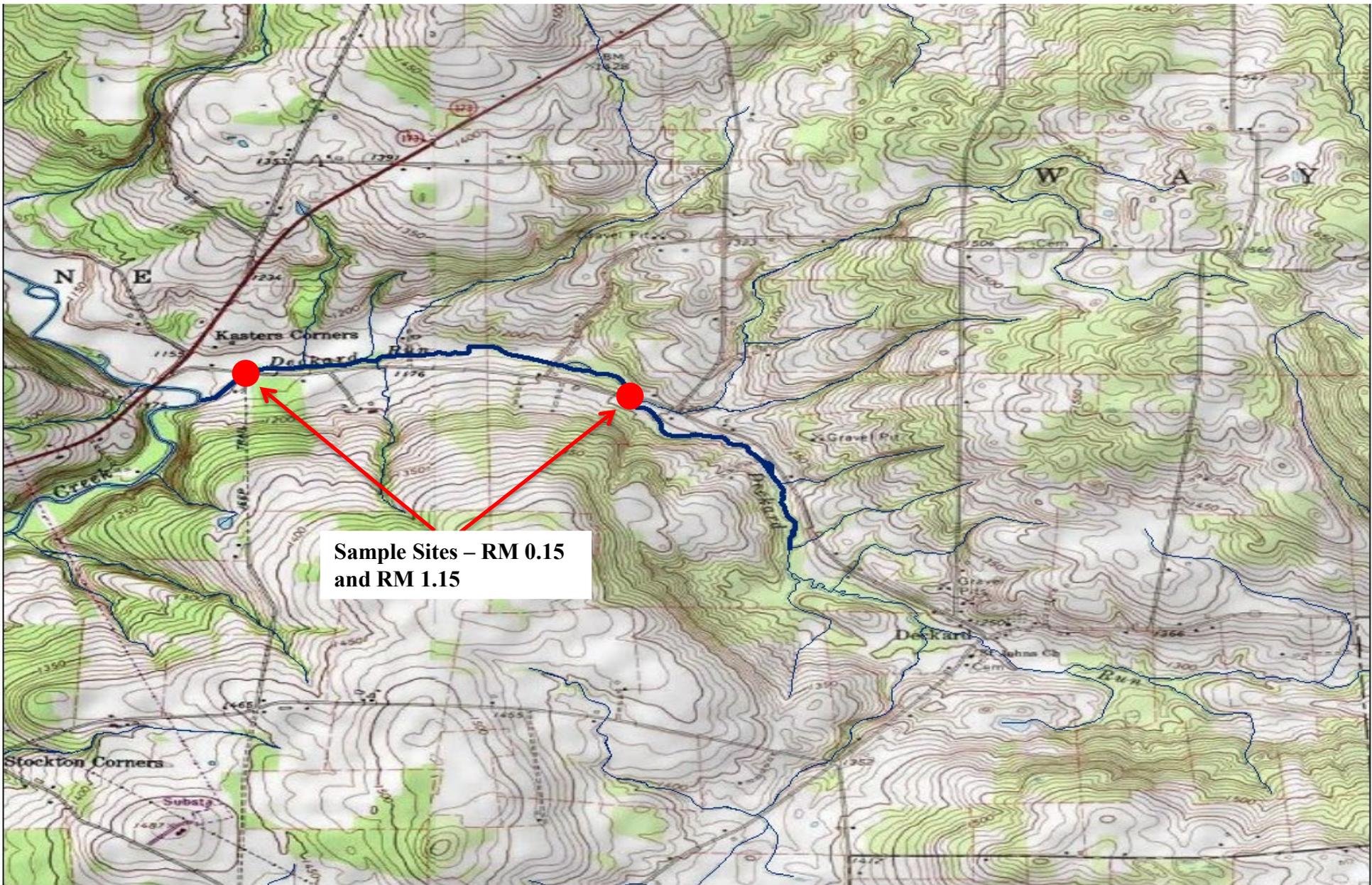
Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	4	0.08	13
3	8	0.56	35
4	6	0.69	19
5	30	7.37	111
6	8	3.87	35
7	16	9.16	54
8	12	10.90	44
9	12	15.17	44
10	5	8.77	19
Total	101	56.57	374

Wolf Run, Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 4.60
Site Length – 225 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	1	0.03	4
2	31	4.45	302
3	45	10.28	293
4	37	18.05	222
5	14	10.33	71
6	2	2.17	9
Total	130	45.31	901

Deckard Run, Crawford County



Deckard Run, Crawford County

Brown Trout RM – 0.15
Site Length – 385 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	2	0.03	5
5	2	0.30	5
6	6	1.52	16
7	2	0.78	5
8	1	0.56	3
9	1	0.78	3
10	1	1.06	3
11	4	5.49	10
13	1	2.22	3
14	1	2.74	3
15	1	3.35	3
16	2	8.07	5
17	2	9.96	5
18	1	6.08	3
Total	27	42.94	72

Deckard Run, Crawford County

Brown Trout RM – 1.15
Site Length – 355 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	2	0.04	6
4	1	0.11	3
5	6	1.21	17
6	5	2.02	17
7	4	2.07	11
9	2	2.08	6
11	1	1.82	3
12	6	18.69	23
13	1	2.94	3
14	1	3.64	3
15	3	13.34	8
Total	32	47.96	100

Byrnes Run, Elk County



Sample Site - RM 4.34

Byrnes Run, Elk County

Brook Trout RM – 4.34
Site Length – 210 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	28	1.67	133
3	35	4.98	167
4	55	18.13	262
5	29	17.09	138
6	12	11.90	57
7	1	1.54	5
Total	160	55.31	762

Blood Run, Forest County

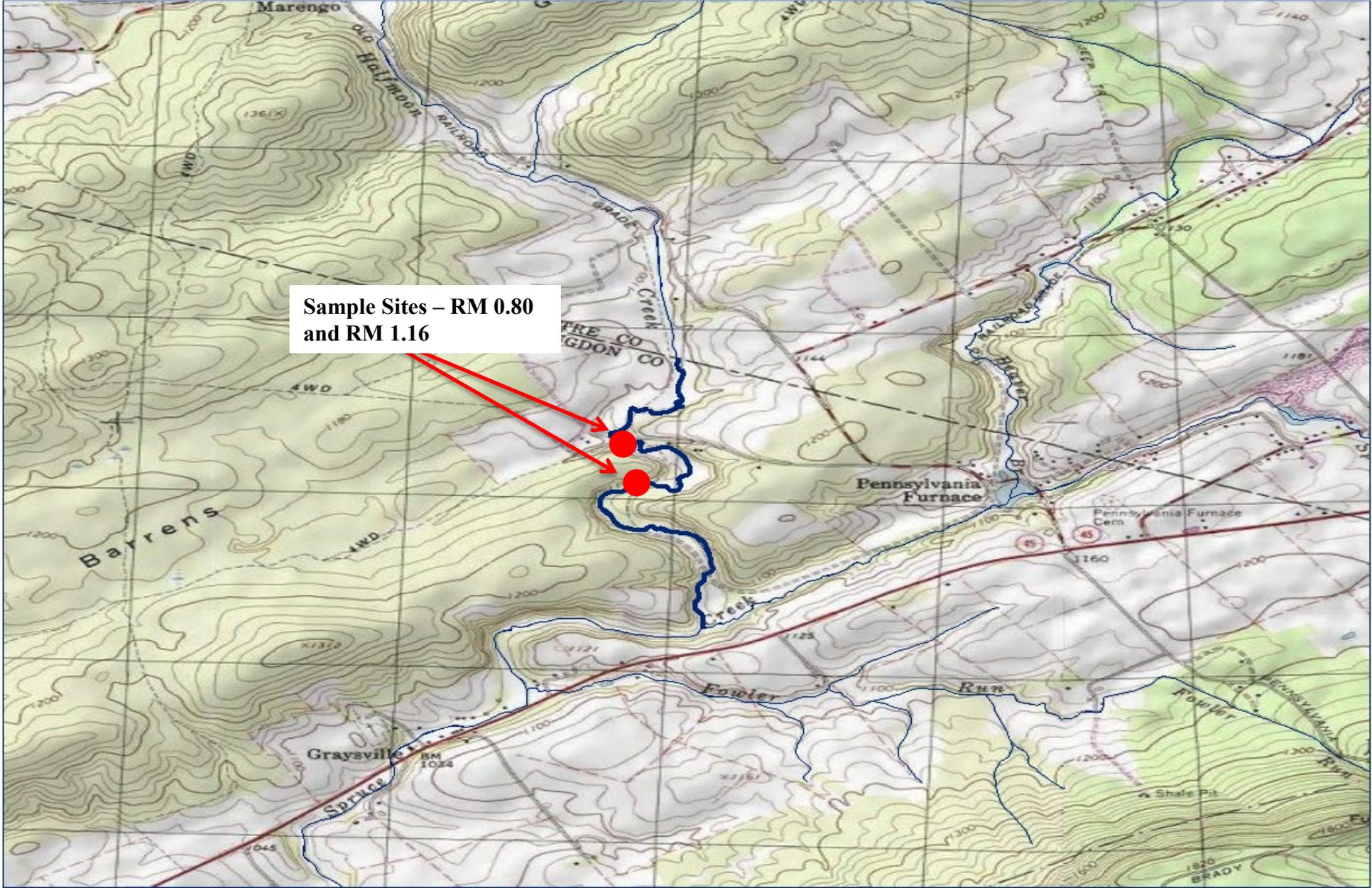


Blood Run, Forest County

Brook Trout RM – 0.16
Site Length – 396 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	77	3.01	263
3	18	1.72	63
4	30	6.70	106
5	22	13.13	116
6	9	4.32	23
7	5	3.74	13
Total	161	32.62	584

Halfmoon Creek, Huntingdon County



Sample Sites – RM 0.80
and RM 1.16

Halfmoon Creek, Huntingdon County

Brown Trout RM – 0.80
Site Length – 440 meters

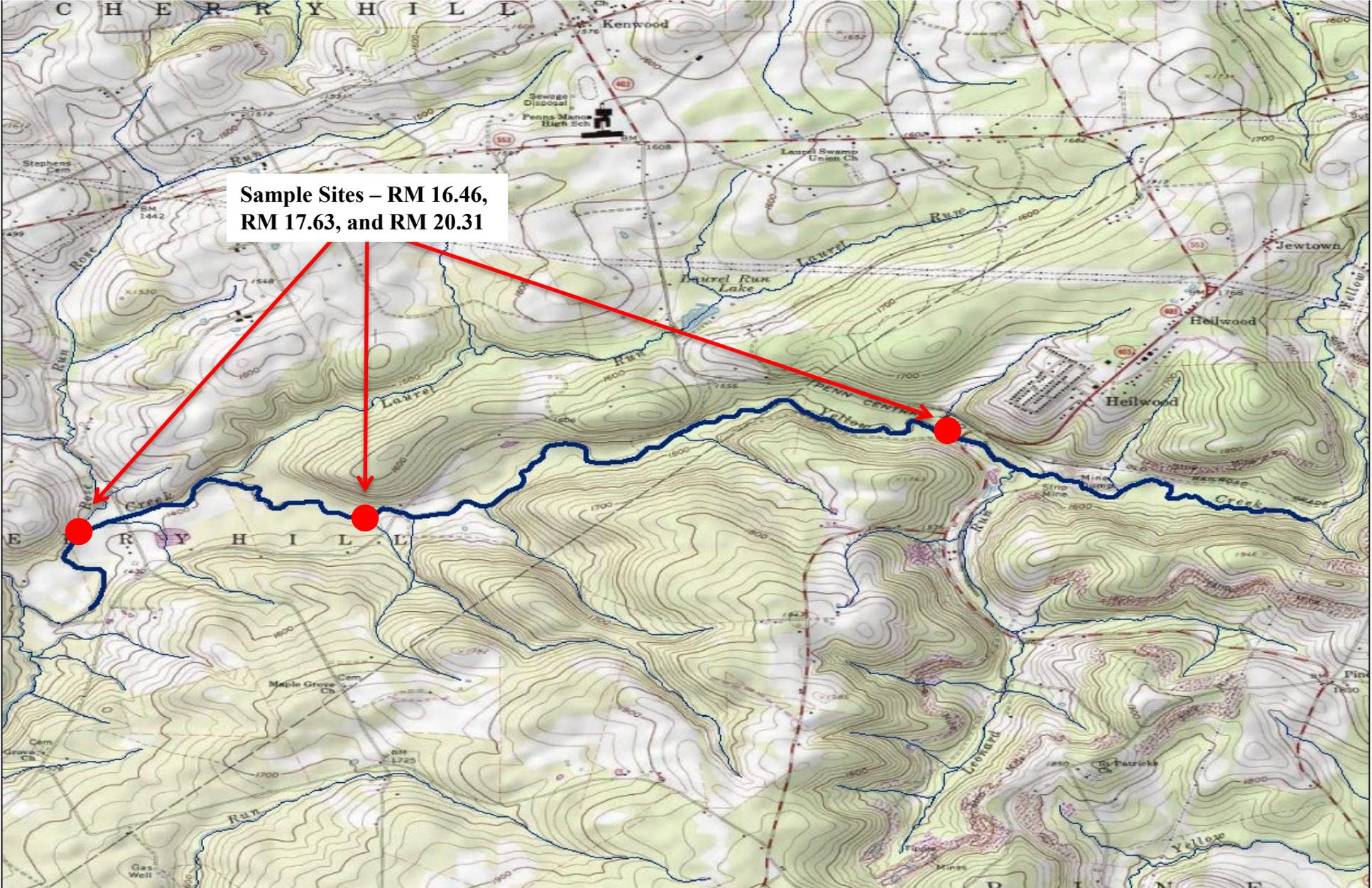
Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	3	0.03	7
3	32	0.85	73
4	12	0.72	27
5	5	0.55	11
6	37	12.07	150
7	45	19.60	159
8	14	6.48	36
9	20	14.65	59
10	13	13.68	41
11	13	19.76	45
12	9	12.66	23
13	2	3.19	5
14	1	1.97	2
15	1	2.41	2
17	2	7.17	5
Total	209	115.79	645

Halfmoon Creek, Huntingdon County

Brown Trout RM – 1.16
Site Length – 320 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	5	0.26	16
4	2	0.23	6
6	4	1.43	13
7	7	3.83	22
8	5	3.95	16
9	3	3.30	9
10	7	11.86	25
11	4	9.64	16
12	2	4.94	6
13	2	6.22	6
14	1	3.85	3
Total	42	49.51	138

Yellow Creek, Indiana County



Sample Sites – RM 16.46,
RM 17.63, and RM 20.31

Yellow Creek, Indiana County

Brown Trout RM – 16.46
Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	4	0.05	13
3	47	2.00	210
4	7	0.57	27
7	7	2.35	23
8	5	2.43	17
9	1	0.68	3
10	1	0.91	3
11	5	5.93	17
12	4	6.08	13
14	1	2.37	3
15	3	8.67	10
Total	85	32.04	339

Yellow Creek, Indiana County

Brown Trout RM – 17.63

Site Length – 382 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	5	0.05	13
3	14	0.45	45
4	1	0.06	3
5	5	0.55	13
6	20	4.22	60
7	35	10.97	102
8	6	2.44	16
9	6	3.39	16
10	6	5.34	18
11	10	11.91	31
12	5	7.63	16
13	2	3.20	5
14	3	5.94	8
16	1	2.91	3
Total	119	59.06	349

Yellow Creek, Indiana County

Brown Trout RM – 20.31
Site Length – 350 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	1	0.01	3
3	7	0.26	20
5	4	0.61	11
6	16	4.81	54
7	34	14.73	109
8	5	2.80	14
9	2	1.56	6
10	11	13.67	37
11	11	17.77	37
12	5	8.76	14
13	2	4.41	6
14	1	2.73	3
18	1	6.05	3
Total	100	78.17	317

Huntington Creek, Luzerne County

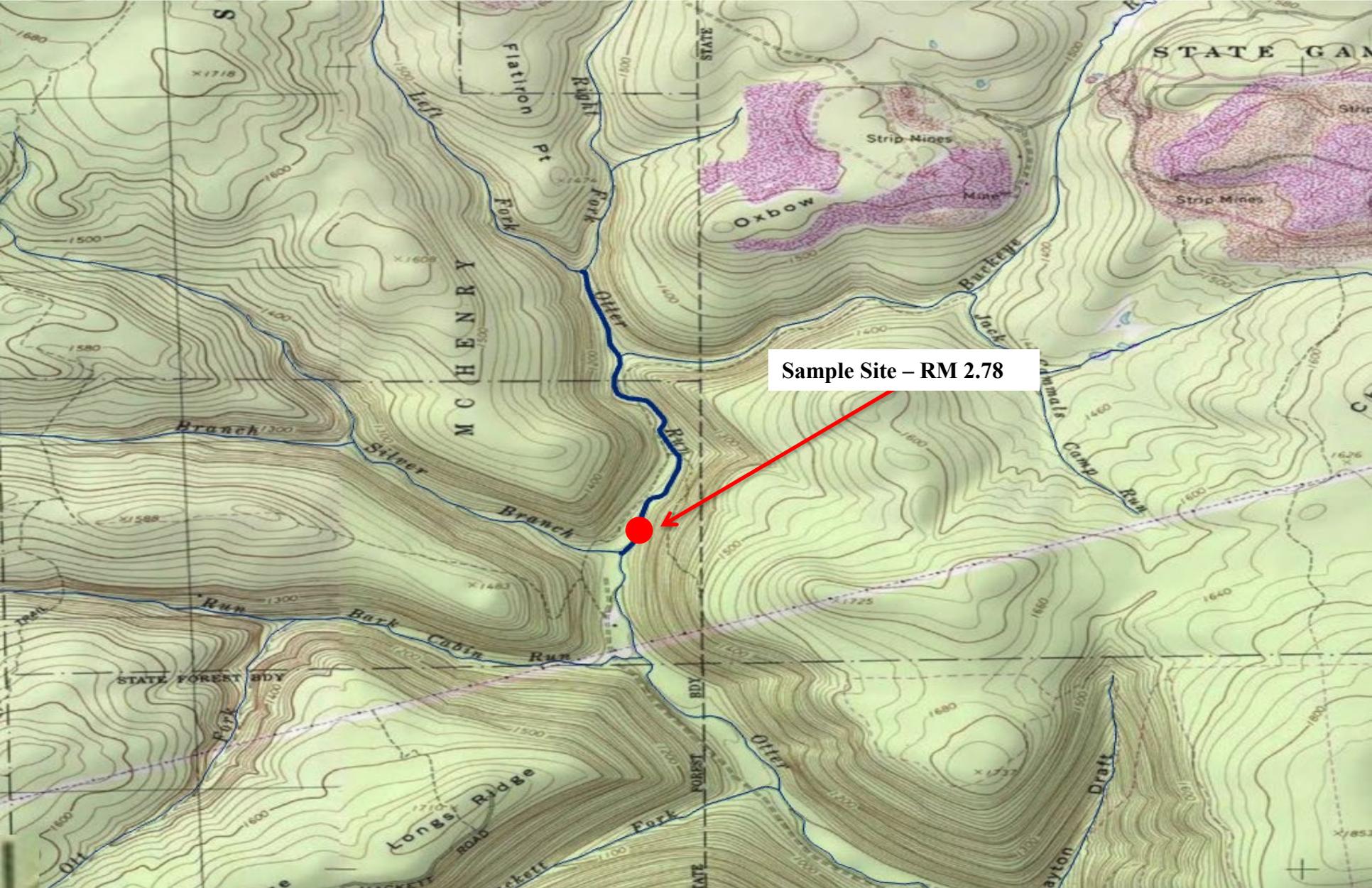
Brook Trout RM – 25.36
Site Length – 380 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	6	0.07	16
3	23	0.63	61
5	8	0.92	21
6	9	1.73	24
7	3	0.90	8
8	2	0.87	5
9	4	2.47	11
Total	55	7.59	146

Brown Trout RM – 25.36
Site Length – 380 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	9	0.11	24
3	2	0.06	5
4	19	1.28	50
5	14	1.72	37
6	10	2.67	34
7	5	1.57	13
8	5	2.28	13
9	8	5.07	21
10	4	3.42	11
11	11	12.23	29
12	2	2.85	5
13	2	3.58	5
14	3	6.66	8
Total	94	43.50	255

Otter Run, Lycoming County



Otter Run, Lycoming County

Brook Trout RM – 2.78
Site Length – 230 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	12	0.29	52
3	19	1.10	83
4	5	0.67	22
5	9	2.17	39
6	6	2.43	26
7	7	4.42	30
8	3	2.74	13
9	3	3.90	13
10	2	3.58	9
11	1	2.39	4
12	2	6.64	9
Total	69	30.33	300

Brown Trout RM – 2.78
Site Length – 230 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
12	1	3.00	4
Total	1	3.00	4

Otter Run, Lycoming County



Otter Run, Lycoming County

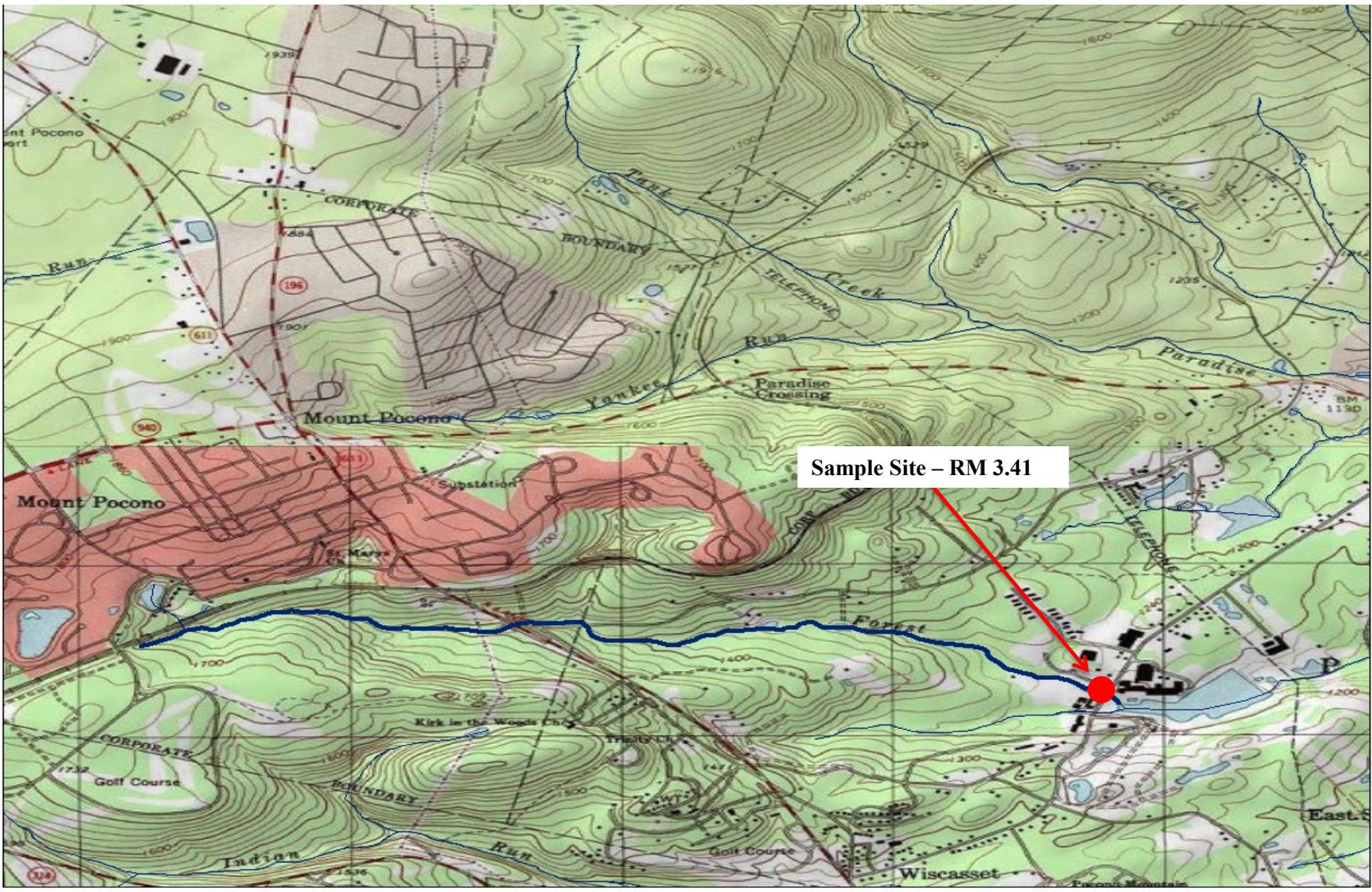
Brook Trout RM – 0.11
Site Length – 535 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	166	2.87	544
3	165	6.70	533
4	7	0.44	15
5	36	3.80	73
6	26	4.92	56
7	21	5.87	43
8	9	4.07	21
9	4	2.10	7
10	1	0.72	2
13	1	1.83	2
Total	436	33.32	1296

Brown Trout RM – 0.11
Site Length – 535 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	2	0.05	4
5	2	0.21	4
6	1	0.18	2
7	3	1.07	7
8	2	0.78	4
9	1	0.54	2
10	1	0.73	2
11	3	2.84	6
12	1	1.21	2
13	1	1.53	2
14	1	1.89	2
15	1	2.31	2
16	1	2.78	2
Total	20	16.12	41

Forest Hills Run, Monroe County



Forest Hills Run, Monroe County

Brown Trout RM – 3.41
Site Length – 500 meters

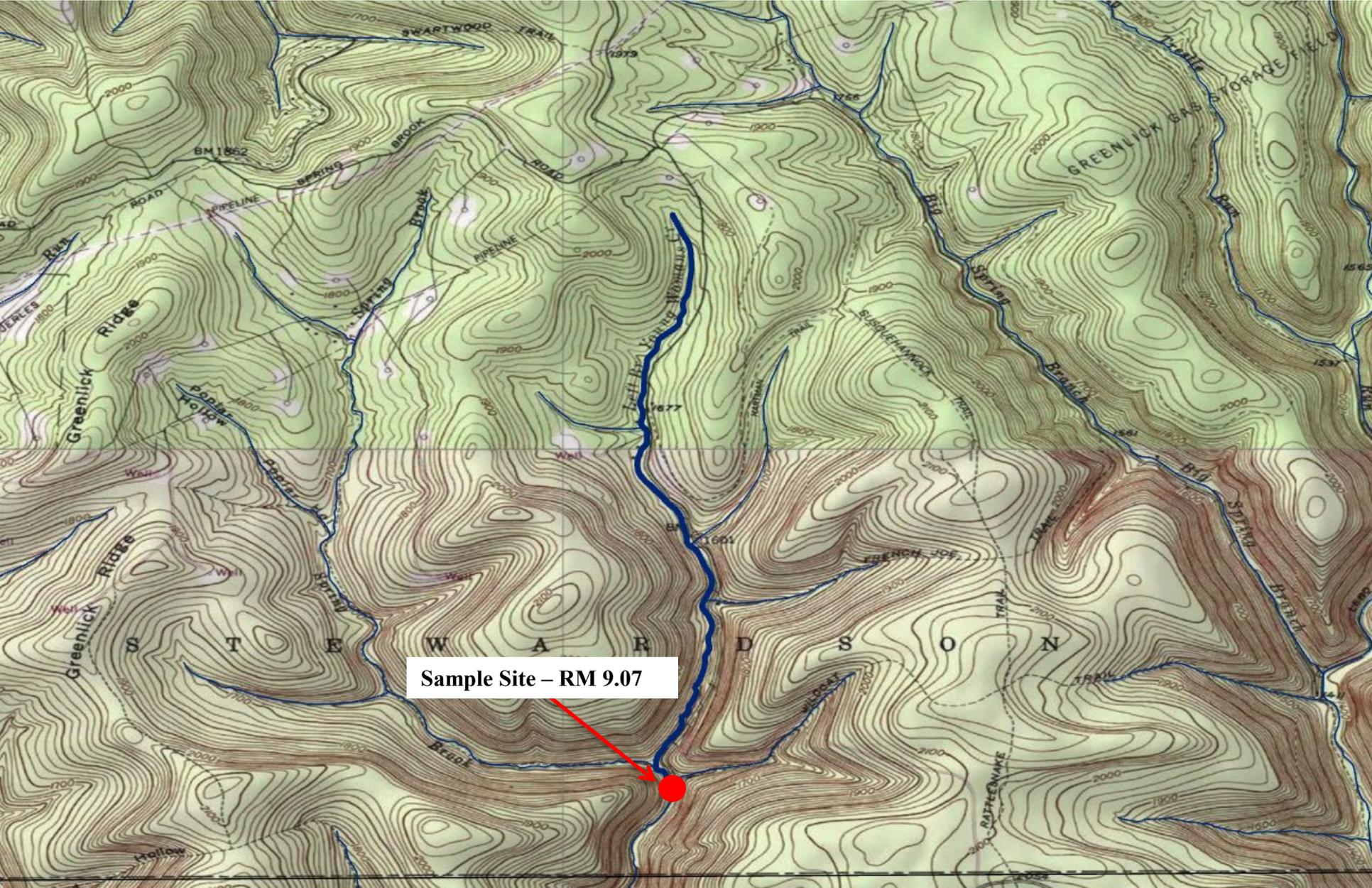
Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	27	0.49	54
3	11	0.50	22
4	22	2.24	44
5	33	6.14	66
6	53	16.48	106
7	64	30.48	128
8	54	37.18	108
9	28	26.83	56
10	23	29.73	46
11	7	11.76	14
12	9	19.38	18
13	2	5.42	4
14	3	10.07	6
Total	336	196.70	672

Forest Hills Run, Monroe County

Brown Trout RM – 2.46
Site Length – 440 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	6	0.10	14
3	8	0.33	18
4	5	0.46	11
5	30	5.10	68
6	30	8.52	68
7	13	5.65	30
8	15	9.43	34
9	14	12.25	32
10	13	15.35	30
11	3	4.60	7
12	2	3.93	5
16	1	4.51	2
Total	140	70.23	319

Left Branch Young Womens Creek, Potter County



Left Branch Young Womans Creek, Potter County

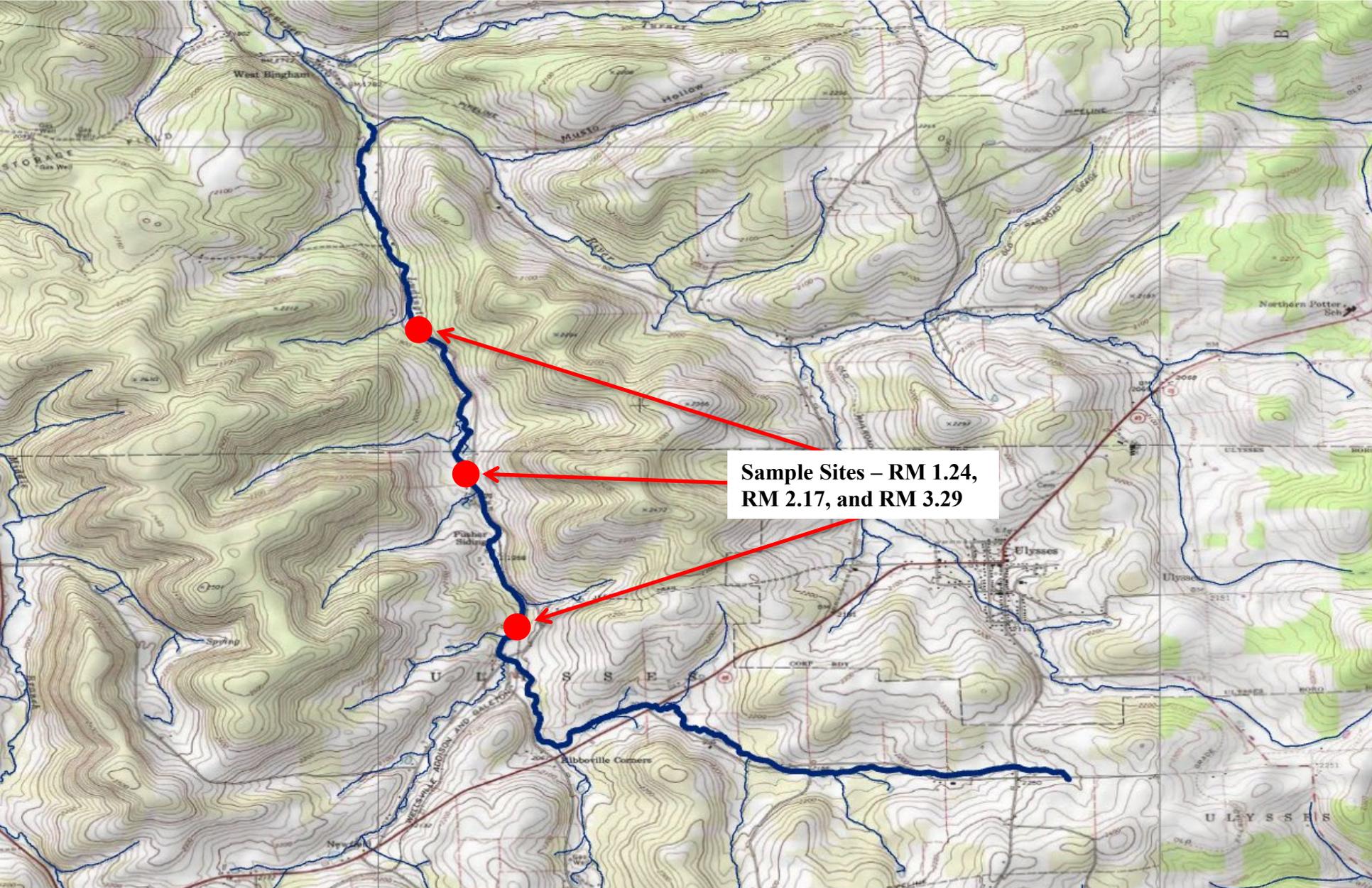
Brook Trout RM – 9.07
Site Length – 350 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	45	1.66	129
3	26	2.33	74
4	40	8.24	114
5	24	8.82	69
6	13	8.04	37
7	4	3.84	11
8	1	1.39	3
Total	153	34.32	437

Brown Trout RM – 9.07
Site Length – 350 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
4	6	1.29	17
5	2	0.79	6
6	2	1.32	6
7	2	2.02	6
Total	12	5.42	35

Ludington Run, Potter County



Ludington Run, Potter County

Brook Trout RM – 1.24
Site Length – 425 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	1	0.02	2
3	6	0.29	14
4	5	0.56	12
5	4	0.80	9
6	6	2.03	14
7	1	0.53	2
8	4	3.04	9
Total	27	7.27	62

Brown Trout RM – 1.24
Site Length – 425 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	5	0.26	12
5	2	0.43	5
6	10	3.61	24
7	8	4.42	19
8	10	7.98	24
9	13	14.44	31
10	9	13.49	21
11	6	11.69	14
12	3	7.49	7
13	5	15.71	12
Total	71	79.52	169

Ludington Run, Potter County

Brook Trout RM – 2.17
Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	1	0.09	3
4	1	0.21	3
6	1	0.62	3
7	1	0.97	3
9	2	3.99	7
10	1	2.74	3
Total	7	8.62	22

Brown Trout RM – 2.17
Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
4	2	0.43	7
11	1	3.59	3
Total	3	4.02	10

Ludington Run, Potter County

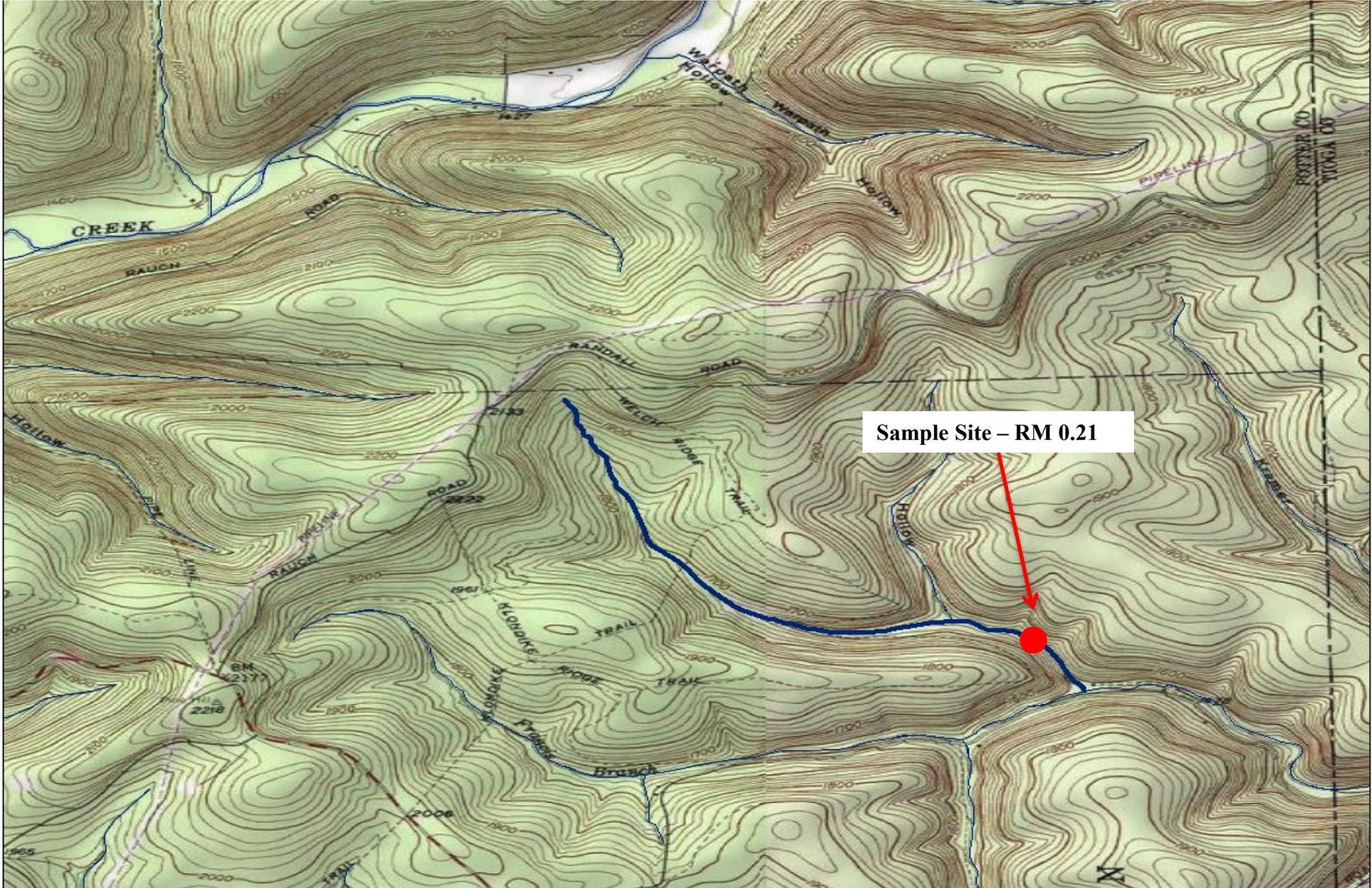
Brook Trout RM – 3.29
Site Length – 360 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
6	2	0.63	6
8	1	0.71	3
10	1	1.39	3
Total	4	2.73	12

Brown Trout RM – 3.29
Site Length – 360 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	9	0.44	25
4	8	0.88	22
6	7	2.36	19
7	11	5.68	31
8	3	2.24	8
9	3	3.12	8
10	6	8.41	17
11	2	3.65	6
12	1	2.34	3
13	3	8.82	8
15	1	4.44	3
Total	54	42.38	150

UNT to Francis Branch (RM 3.44), Potter County



UNT to Francis Branch (RM 3.44), Potter County

Brook Trout RM – 0.21
Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	43	2.81	143
3	18	2.80	60
4	32	11.55	107
5	19	12.27	63
6	11	11.95	37
7	3	5.07	10
Total	126	46.45	420

Brown Trout RM – 0.21
Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	7	1.18	23
4	13	4.93	43
5	4	2.78	13
6	1	1.16	3
Total	25	10.05	82

UNT to Ludington Run (RM 3.43), Potter County



UNT to Ludington Run (RM 3.43), Potter County

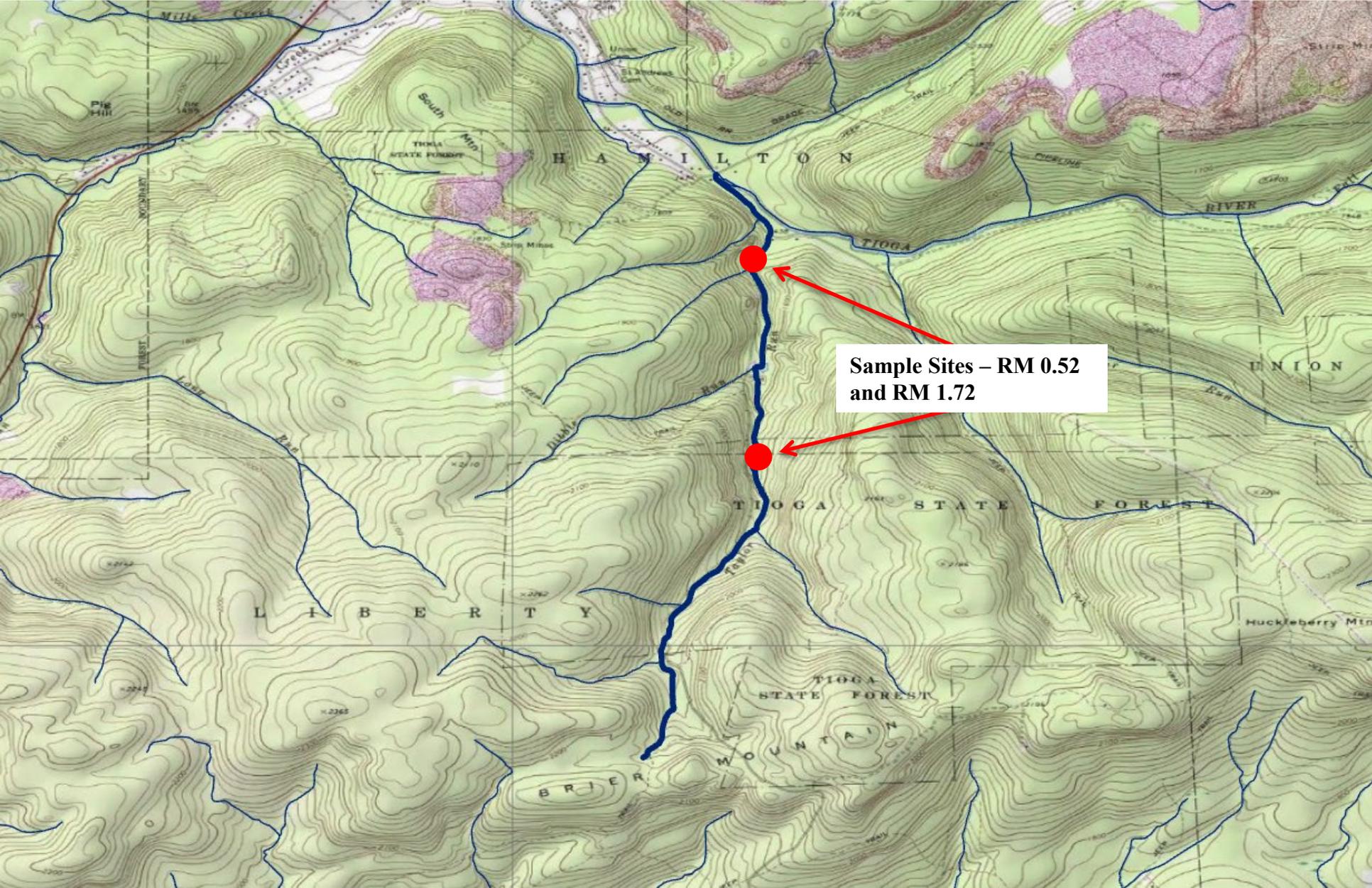
Brook Trout RM – 0.00
Site Length – 351 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
4	1	0.28	3
5	1	0.50	3
6	10	8.42	28
7	12	15.71	34
8	5	9.48	14
Total	29	34.39	82

Brown Trout RM – 0.00
Site Length – 351 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
5	1	0.54	3
6	3	2.70	9
7	3	4.13	9
8	4	7.96	11
9	1	2.77	3
10	6	22.41	17
11	2	9.71	6
13	2	15.66	6
19	1	24.59	3
Total	23	90.47	67

Taylor Run, Tioga County



Taylor Run, Tioga County

Brook Trout RM – 0.52
Site Length – 305 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	108	4.68	603
3	21	1.27	69
4	35	5.75	134
5	16	5.52	72
6	2	0.84	7
7	2	1.31	7
8	3	2.85	10
9	1	1.35	3
Total	188	23.57	905

Taylor Run, Tioga County

Brook Trout RM – 1.72
Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	92	6.94	513
3	17	2.57	80
4	64	24.37	327
5	11	5.78	43
6	8	6.73	30
7	1	1.16	3
Total	193	47.55	996

NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

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

[55 Pa.B. 5960]
[Saturday, August 16, 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 October 27, 2025.

County	Stream	Section	Limits	Tributary to	Mouth Lat/Lon	Brook Trout (kg/ha)	Brown Trout (kg/ha)	Rainbow Trout (kg/ha)	Length (miles)	Survey year
Cameron/Clinton	Cooks Run	1	Headwaters to end of road near Lick Run	West Branch Susquehanna River	41.277500 77.885278	13.22	41.04	—	4.10	2020
Centre	Panther Run	1	Headwaters to first tributary upstream of Mouth	Beech Creek	41.107222 77.835000	35.73	1.65	—	4.83	2024
Centre	Panther Run	2	First tributary upstream of Mouth to Mouth	Beech Creek	41.107222 77.835000	43.32	—	—	0.53	2024
Centre	South Fork Beech Creek	3	Interstate 80 to Mouth	Beech Creek	41.048332 77.867775	8.92	46.16	—	4.40	2024
Centre	Wolf Run	1	Headwaters to Wolf Run Trail	Beech Creek	41.087778 77.865556	45.31	—	—	1.30	2024
Crawford	Deckard Run	2	576 meters upstream of Gravel Pit Access Road to Mouth	Little Sugar Creek	41.536667 80.010000	—	45.45	—	1.95	2024
Elk	Byrnes Run	1	Headwaters to unnamed tributary (UNT) 1,000 meters upstream of Auman Hollow	Kersey Run	41.294167 78.513611	55.31	—	—	1.28	2024
Forest	Blood Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Tionesta Creek	41.606944 79.168056	32.62	—	—	2.40	2024
Huntingdon	Halfmoon Creek	2	Centre/Huntingdon County line to Mouth	Spruce Creek	40.697629 78.015718	—	82.65	—	1.70	2024
Indiana	Yellow Creek	2	UNT at RM 21.42 upstream of Rosebud Mining Treatment Ponds to 300 meters upstream Diehl Road Bridge	Two Lick Creek	40.541111 79.167222	—	56.42	—	5.39	2024
Luzerne	Huntington Creek	2	300 meters upstream of T-575 to Grassy Pond Road	Fishing Creek	41.104721 76.361389	7.59	43.50	—	2.30	2023

Lycoming	Otter Run	1	Headwaters to Silver Branch	Little Pine Creek	41.405872	30.33	3.00	—	1.12	2022
Lycoming	Otter Run	2	Silver Branch to Mouth	Little Pine Creek	41.405872	33.32	16.12	—	2.68	2022
Monroe	Forest Hills Run	1	Headwaters to Mount Airy impoundment	Paradise Creek	41.100664	—	196.70	—	2.45	2024
Monroe	Forest Hills Run	2	Mount Airy impoundment to Mouth	Paradise Creek	41.100664	—	70.23	—	2.98	2024
Potter	Left Branch Young Womans Creek	1	Headwaters to Forest Road Bridge	Young Womans Creek	41.370833	34.32	5.42	—	2.30	2020
Potter	Ludington Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Genesee River	41.939243	6.21	41.97	—	6.63	2021
Potter	UNT to Francis Branch (RM 3.44)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Francis Branch	41.555195	46.45	10.05	—	1.80	2024
Potter	UNT to Ludington Run (RM 3.43)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Ludington Run	41.895926	34.39	90.47	—	2.49	2021
Tioga	Taylor Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Tioga River	41.658611	35.56	—	—	2.48	2023

Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the classification of the streams listed may submit them in writing to the Executive Director, Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, within 30 days after publication of this notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Comments, objections or suggestions also may be submitted electronically to RA-pfbcregulations@pa.gov.

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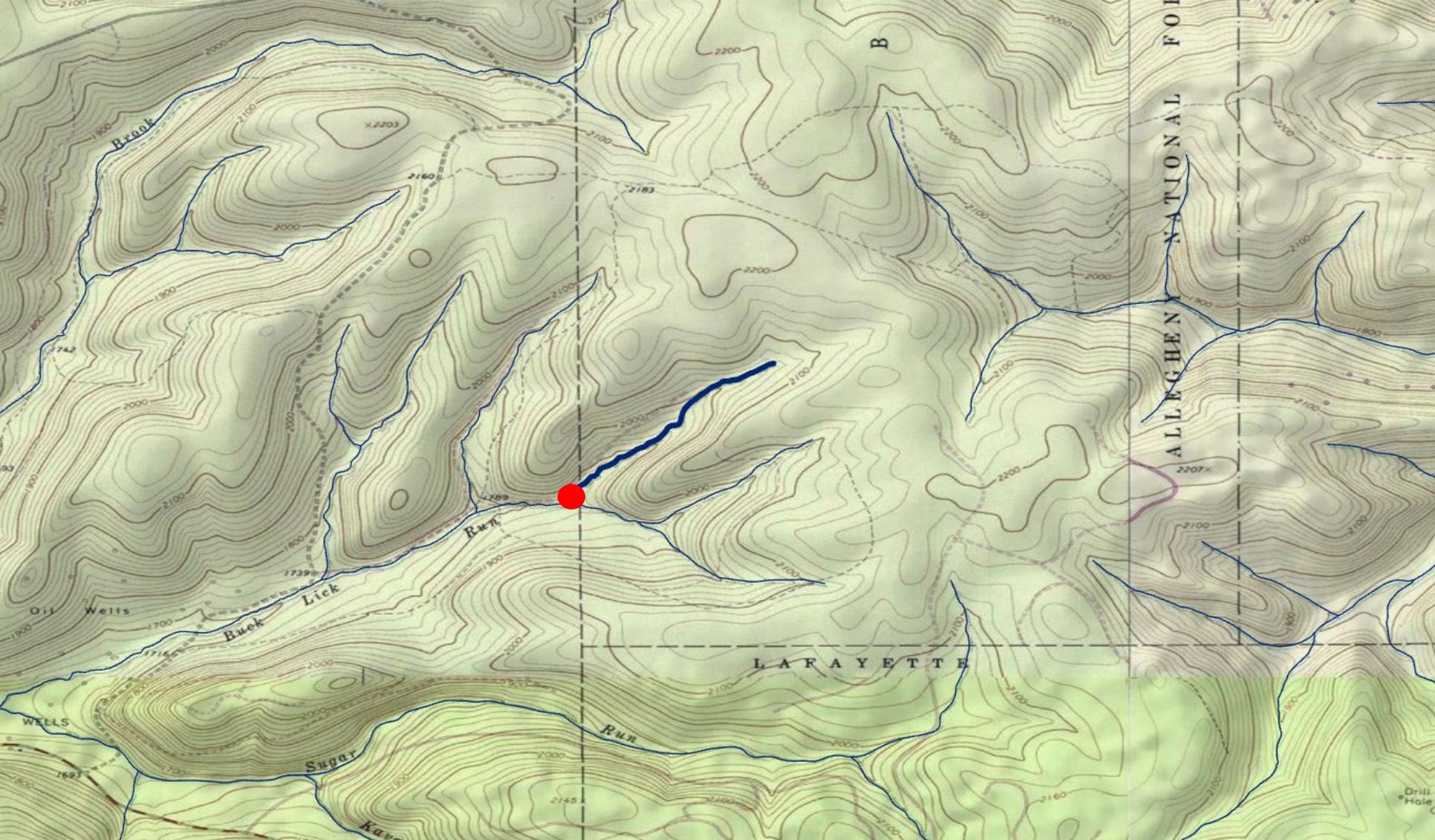
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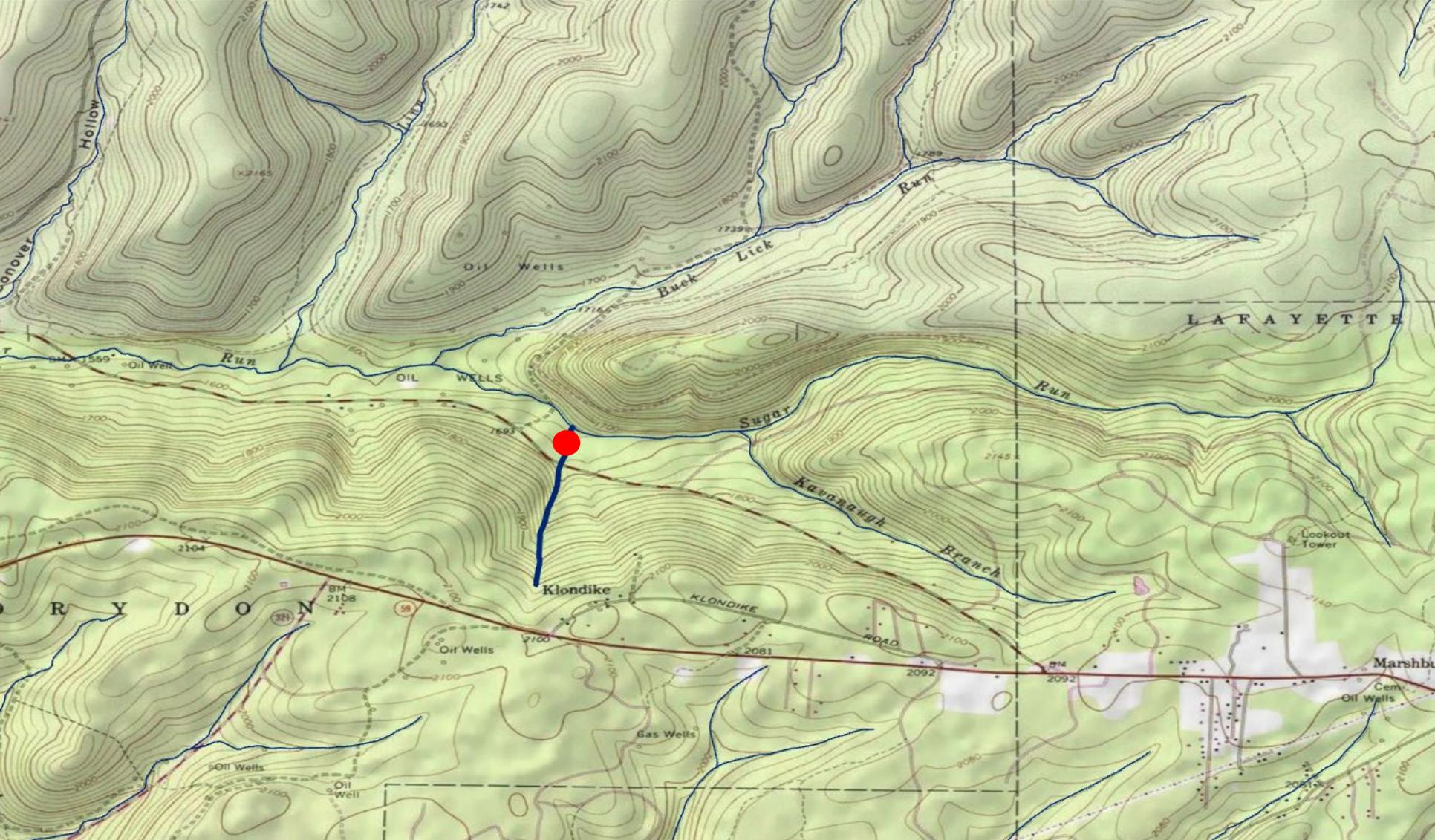
County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
McKean	UNT to Buck Lick Run (RM 1.61)	Buck Lick Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brook	16	2-5



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
McKean	UNT to Buck Lick Run (RM 1.89)	Buck Lick Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brook	24	2-4



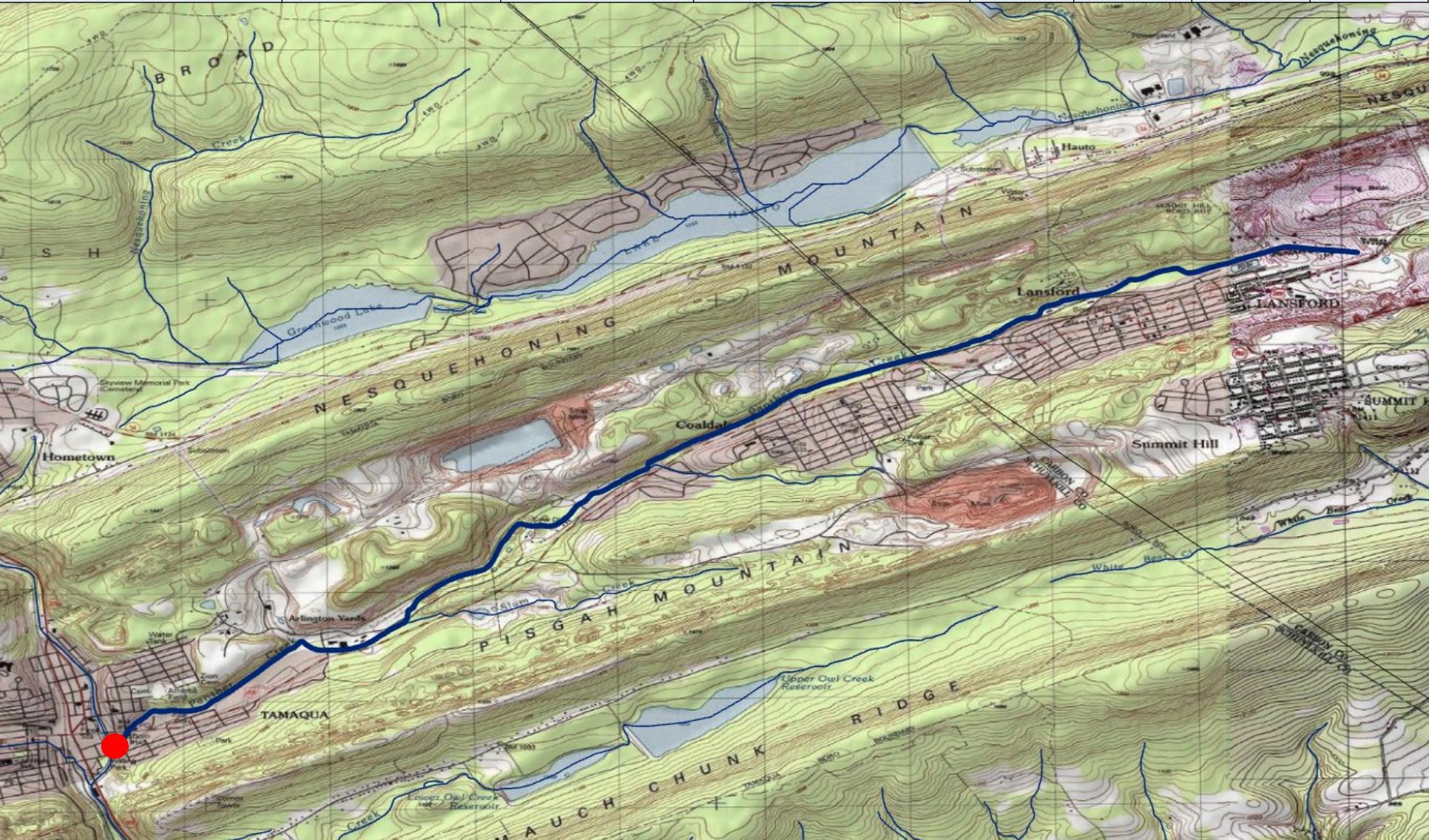
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McKean	UNT to Sugar Run (RM 8.06)	Sugar Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.05	Brook	15	2-5



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Pike	UNT to Little Bush Kill (RM 2.10)	Little Bush Kill	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brown	8	6-15

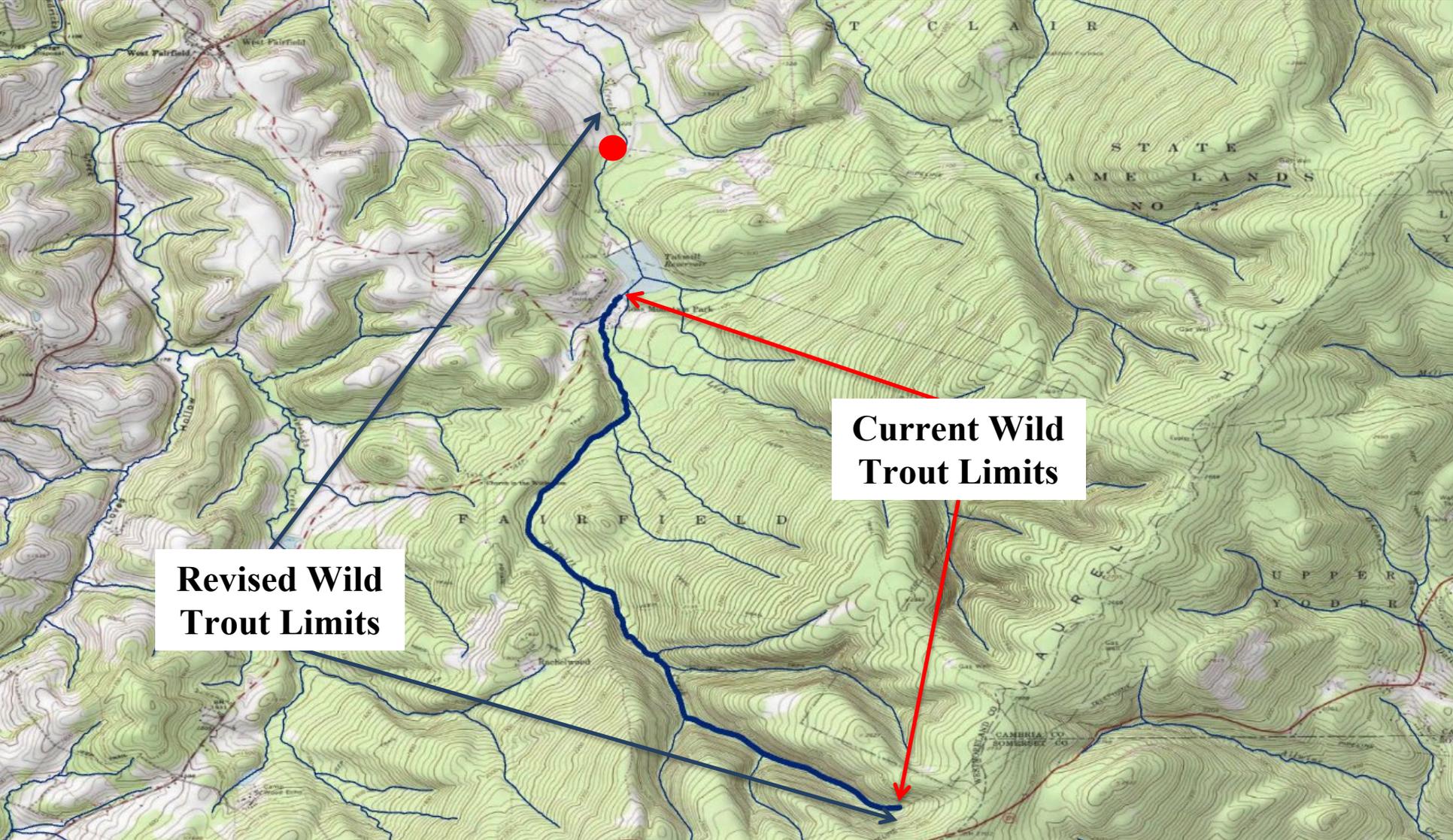


County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Schuylkill	Panther Creek	Little Schuylkill River	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brown	3	6-7



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)
Westmoreland	Tubmill Creek	Conemaugh River	Headwaters to Tubmill Reservoir	Headwaters to private lane bridge at RM 7.88	7.95	Rainbow	6	2-7



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FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

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

[55 Pa.B. 5793]
[Saturday, August 9, 2025]

The Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) approved the addition of 28 stream sections to its list of Class A wild trout streams as set forth in 55 Pa.B. 3545 (May 17, 2025). 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.

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FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Changes to the List of Wild Trout Streams; July 2025

[55 Pa.B. 5793]
[Saturday, August 9, 2025]

The Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) approved the addition of 72 streams or portions of streams to its list of wild trout streams and the revision of the section limits of eight waters that are currently listed, as published at 55 Pa.B. 3548 (May 17, 2025). Under 58 Pa. Code § 57.11 (relating to listing of wild trout streams), it is the policy of the Commission to accurately identify and classify stream sections supporting naturally reproducing populations of trout as wild trout streams. 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. The Commission's Fisheries Management Division maintains the complete list of wild trout streams, and it is available on the Commission's website at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/fishandboat/fishing/all-about-fish/catch-pa-fish/trout/trout-water-classifications.html>.

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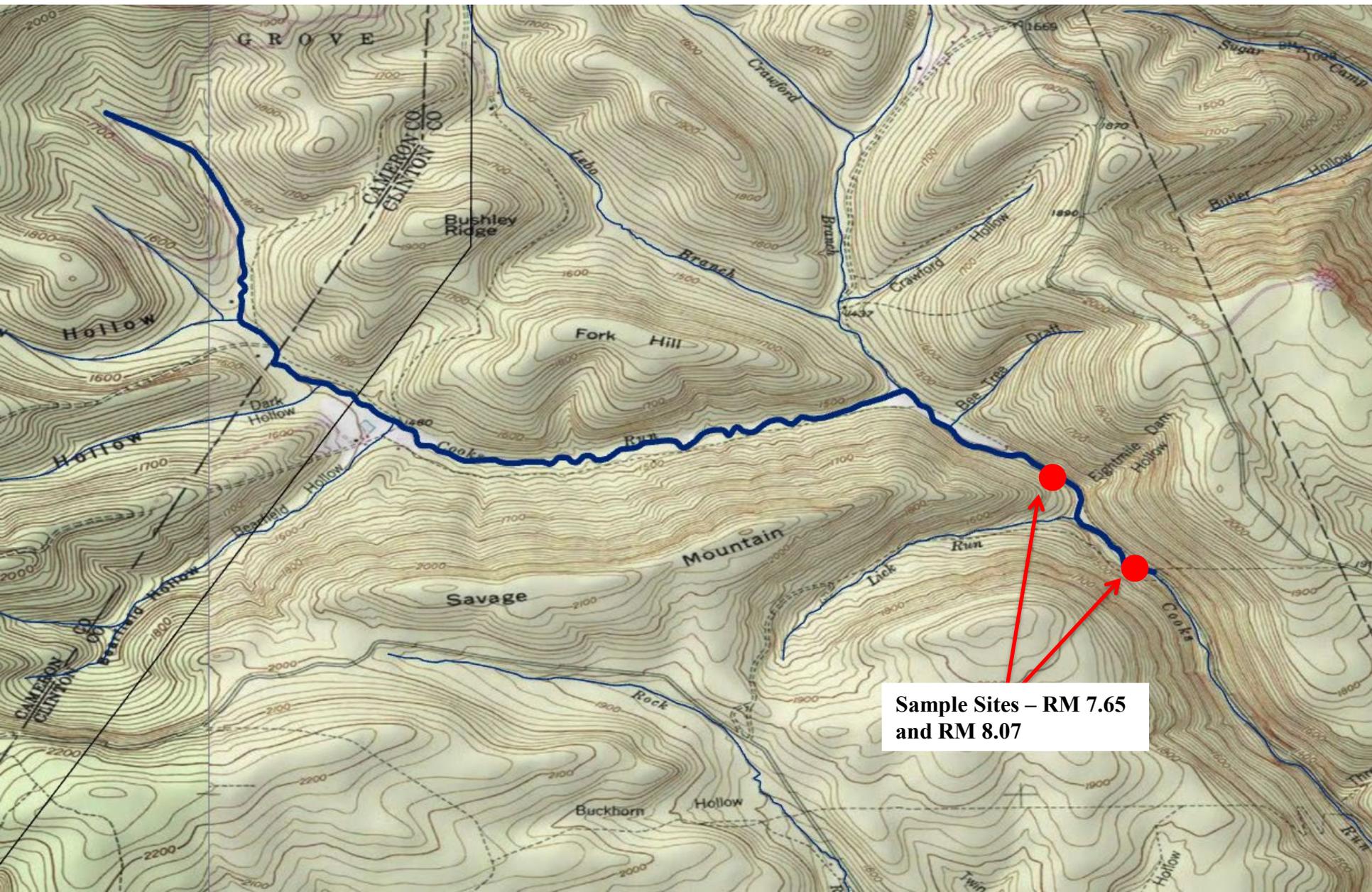
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Class A Additions

Cooks Run, Cameron/Clinton Counties



Cooks Run, Cameron/Clinton Counties

Brook Trout RM – 7.65
Site Length – 370 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	39	2.06	311
3	24	1.02	65
4	8	0.99	27
5	32	7.78	119
6	7	2.08	19
7	4	2.31	14
8	5	4.02	16
Total	119	20.26	571

Brown Trout RM – 7.65
Site Length – 370 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	27	0.50	73
3	19	0.87	51
4	1	0.10	3
5	14	3.04	43
6	17	5.40	46
7	7	4.38	24
8	4	2.81	11
9	1	0.98	3
10	1	1.32	3
11	1	1.72	3
12	1	2.20	3
16	1	5.04	3
Total	94	28.36	266

Cooks Run, Cameron/Clinton Counties

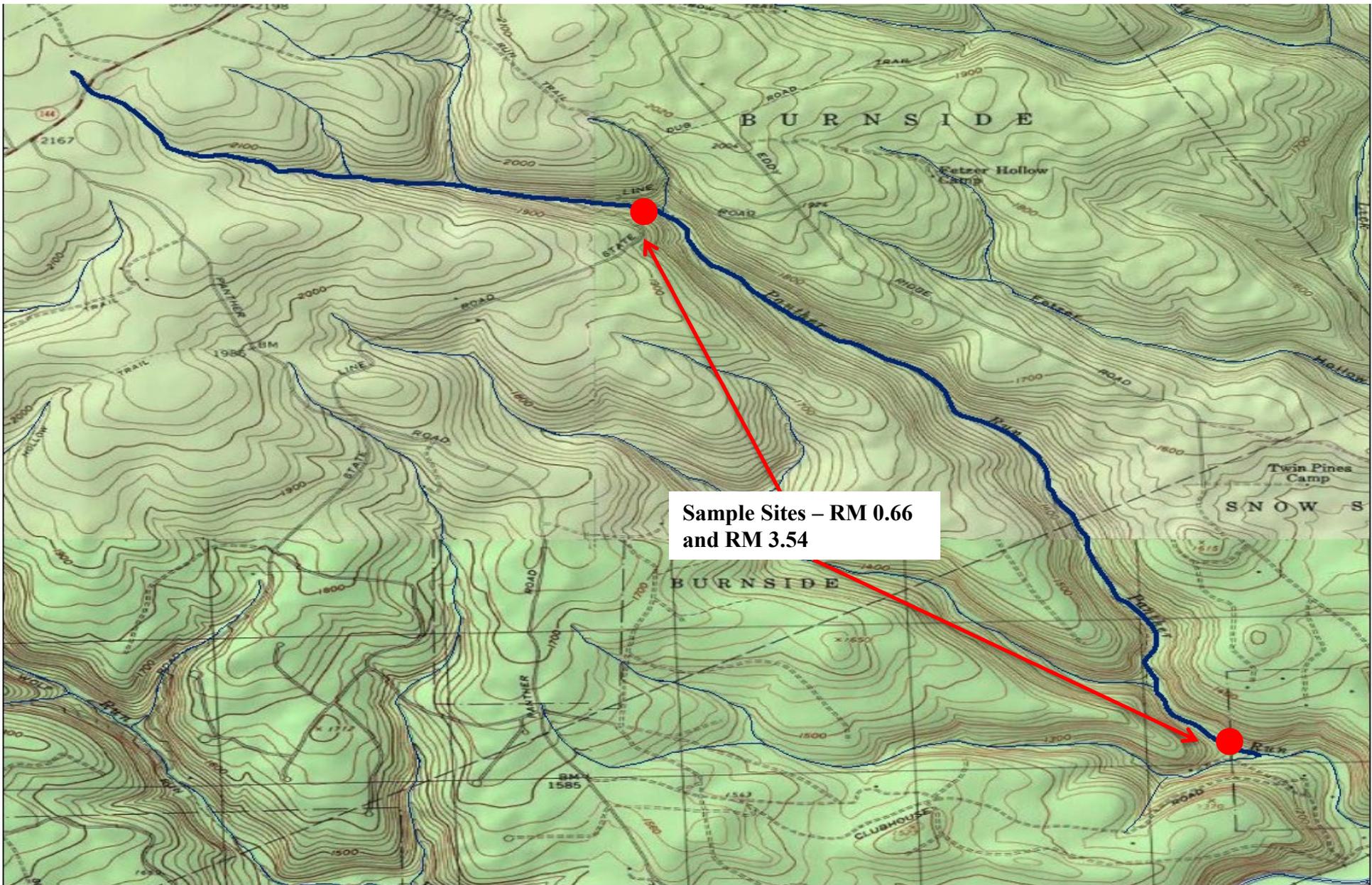
Brook Trout RM – 8.07
Site Length – 420 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	11	0.18	26
3	12	0.46	29
4	2	0.18	5
5	13	2.09	31
6	6	1.62	14
7	1	0.42	2
8	2	1.22	5
Total	47	6.17	112

Brown Trout RM – 8.07
Site Length – 420 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	5	0.08	12
3	10	0.42	24
5	20	3.45	48
6	18	5.19	43
7	3	1.33	7
8	5	3.19	12
9	6	5.33	14
10	4	4.80	10
11	4	6.24	10
13	3	7.54	7
14	1	3.11	2
22	1	13.03	2
Total	80	53.71	191

Panther Run, Centre County



Panther Run, Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 0.66
Site Length – 400 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	12	0.13	30
2	21	0.52	53
3	37	3.88	165
4	47	7.78	143
5	28	8.05	83
6	5	2.46	15
7	5	3.19	13
8	4	4.63	13
9	1	1.32	3
Total	160	31.96	518

Brown Trout RM – 0.66
Site Length – 400 meters

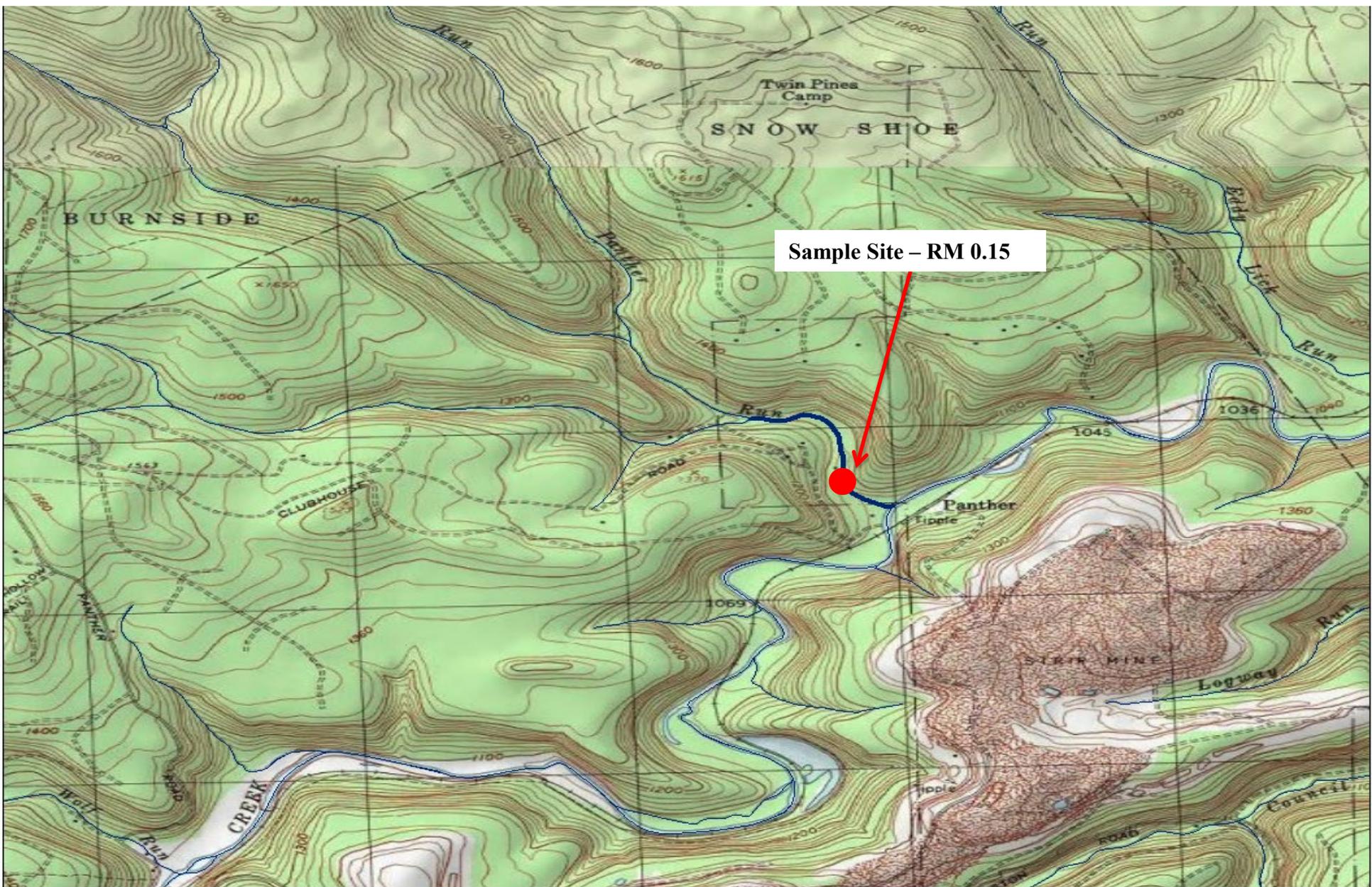
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8	2	1.94	5
9	1	1.35	3
Total	3	3.29	8

Panther Run, Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 3.54
Site Length – 430 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	2	0.03	5
2	17	0.68	40
3	49	4.66	114
4	39	8.60	91
5	36	14.19	84
6	14	9.29	33
7	2	2.06	5
Total	159	39.51	372

Panther Run, Centre County

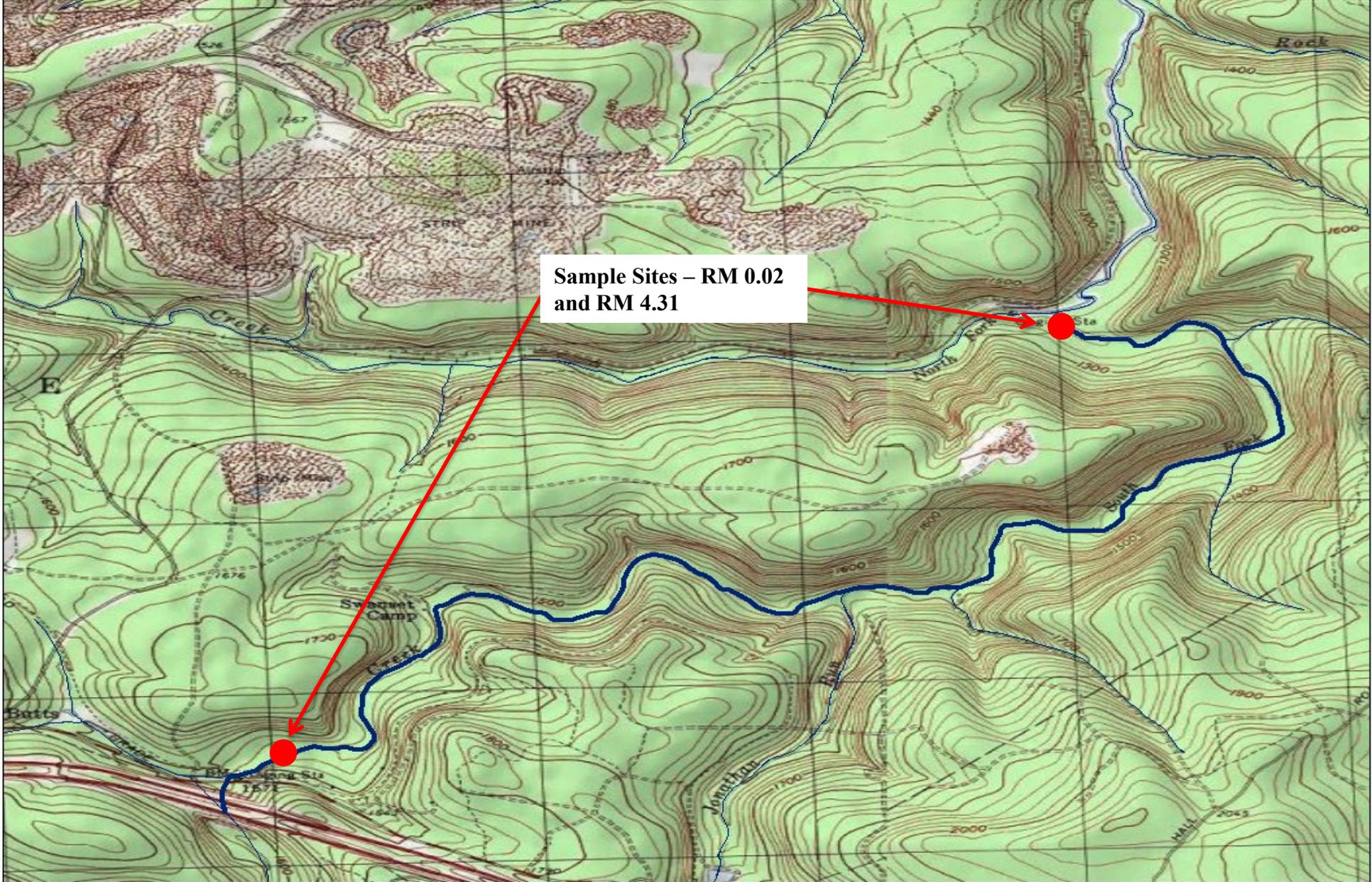


Panther Run, Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 0.15
Site Length – 120 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	3	0.09	25
2	21	1.44	175
3	23	3.76	192
4	25	9.48	208
5	18	12.20	150
6	5	5.70	42
7	6	10.65	50
Total	101	43.32	842

South Fork Beech Creek, Centre County



South Fork Beech Creek, Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 0.02
Site Length – 500 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	6	0.06	12
3	31	1.64	136
4	9	0.62	22
5	15	1.70	34
6	9	1.51	18
7	9	2.62	20
8	7	3.03	16
9	2	1.08	4
Total	88	12.26	262

Brown Trout RM – 0.02
Site Length – 500 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	19	0.68	52
4	3	0.18	6
5	23	2.80	52
6	36	7.19	80
7	15	4.68	34
8	14	5.97	30
9	8	4.98	18
10	2	1.49	4
11	5	5.83	12
14	1	1.94	2
Total	126	35.74	290

South Fork Beech Creek, Centre County

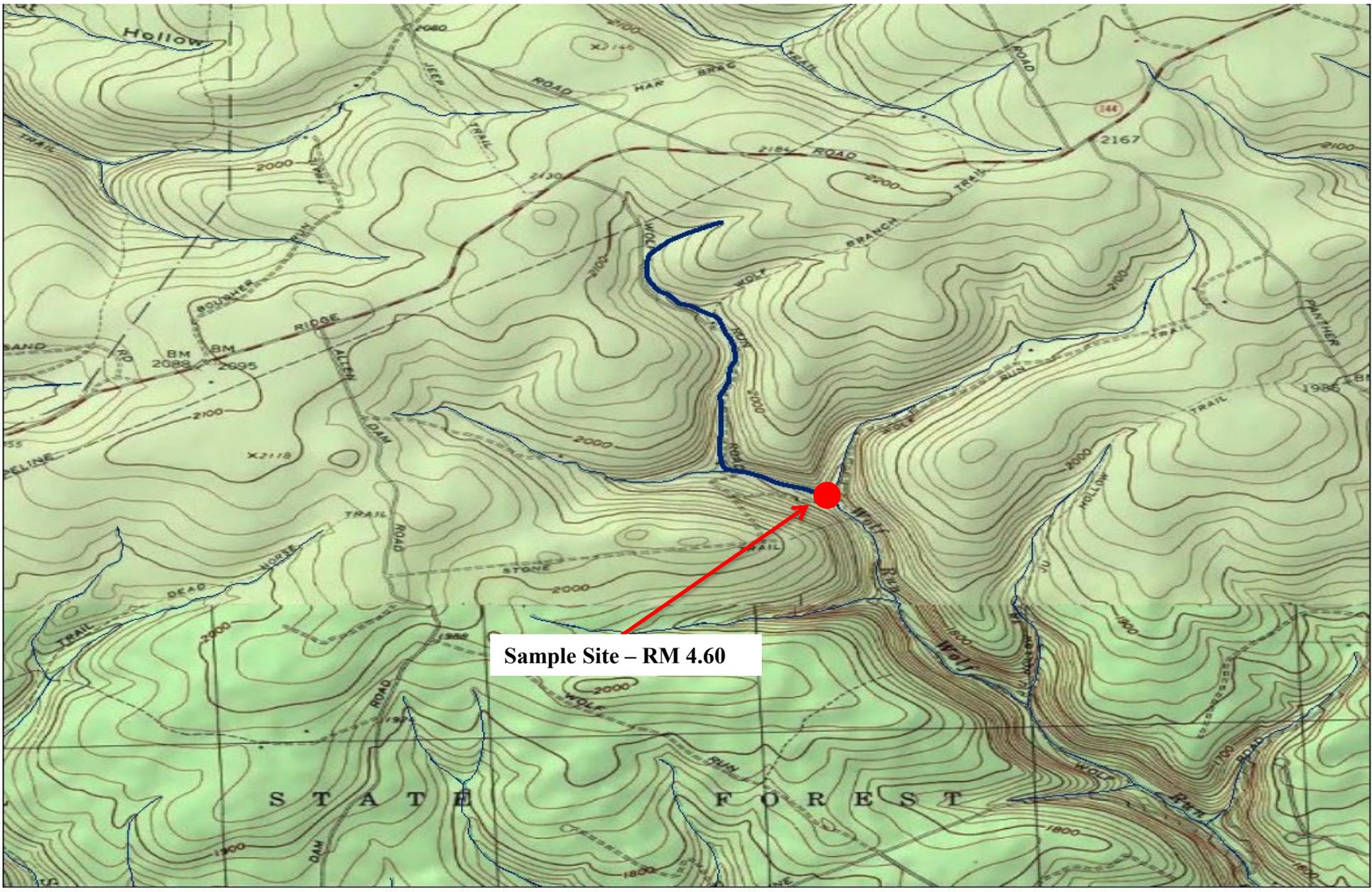
Brook Trout RM – 4.31
Site Length – 315 meters

Brown Trout RM – 4.31
Site Length – 315 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	2	0.04	6
3	10	0.47	32
4	2	0.22	6
5	7	1.76	29
6	3	1.32	13
7	2	1.02	6
8	1	0.74	3
Total	27	5.57	95

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	4	0.08	13
3	8	0.56	35
4	6	0.69	19
5	30	7.37	111
6	8	3.87	35
7	16	9.16	54
8	12	10.90	44
9	12	15.17	44
10	5	8.77	19
Total	101	56.57	374

Wolf Run, Centre County



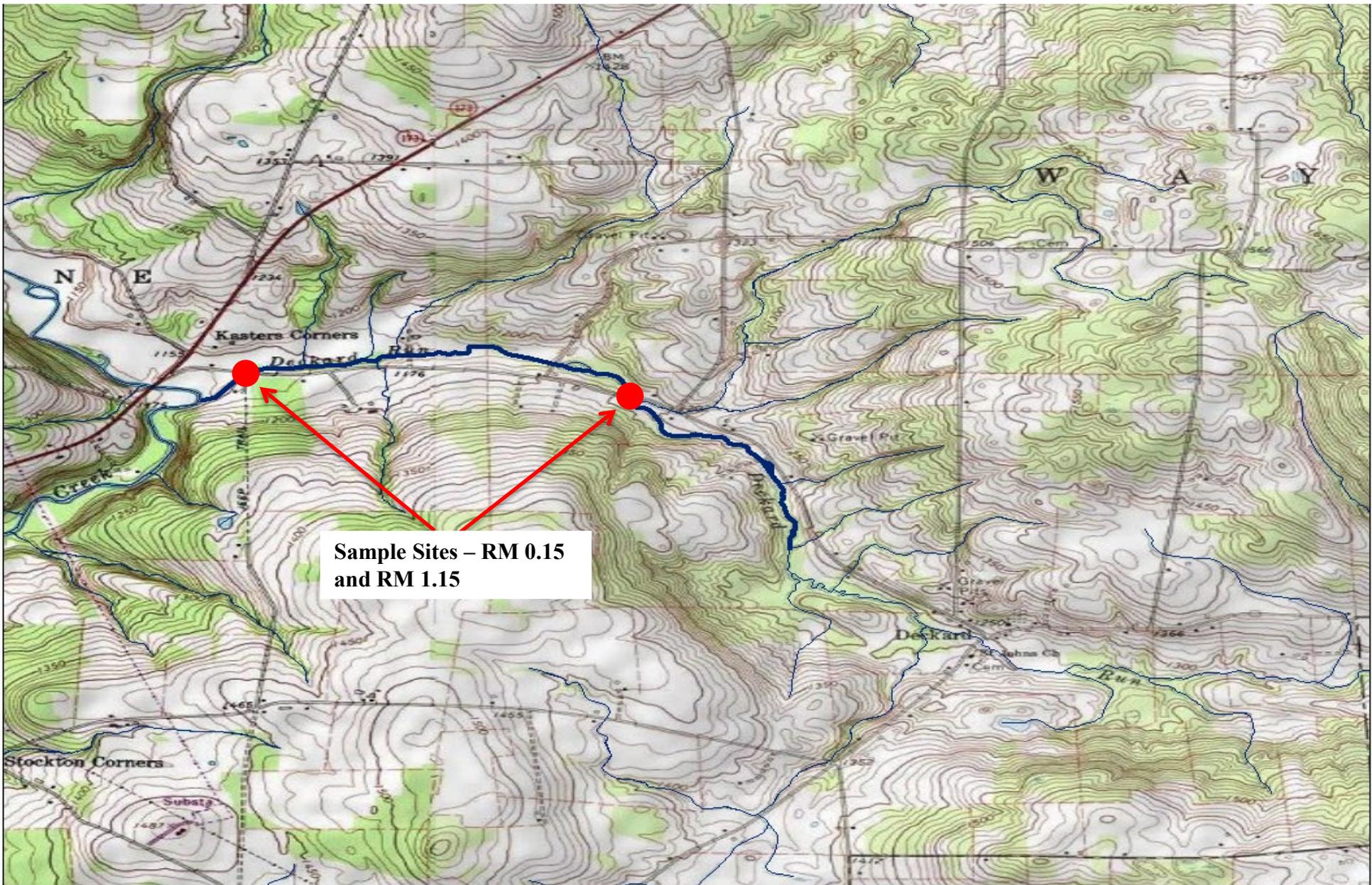
Sample Site - RM 4.60

Wolf Run, Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 4.60
Site Length – 225 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	1	0.03	4
2	31	4.45	302
3	45	10.28	293
4	37	18.05	222
5	14	10.33	71
6	2	2.17	9
Total	130	45.31	901

Deckard Run, Crawford County



Deckard Run, Crawford County

Brown Trout RM – 0.15
Site Length – 385 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	2	0.03	5
5	2	0.30	5
6	6	1.52	16
7	2	0.78	5
8	1	0.56	3
9	1	0.78	3
10	1	1.06	3
11	4	5.49	10
13	1	2.22	3
14	1	2.74	3
15	1	3.35	3
16	2	8.07	5
17	2	9.96	5
18	1	6.08	3
Total	27	42.94	72

Deckard Run, Crawford County

Brown Trout RM – 1.15
Site Length – 355 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	2	0.04	6
4	1	0.11	3
5	6	1.21	17
6	5	2.02	17
7	4	2.07	11
9	2	2.08	6
11	1	1.82	3
12	6	18.69	23
13	1	2.94	3
14	1	3.64	3
15	3	13.34	8
Total	32	47.96	100

Byrnes Run, Elk County



Sample Site - RM 4.34

Byrnes Run, Elk County

Brook Trout RM – 4.34
Site Length – 210 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	28	1.67	133
3	35	4.98	167
4	55	18.13	262
5	29	17.09	138
6	12	11.90	57
7	1	1.54	5
Total	160	55.31	762

Blood Run, Forest County

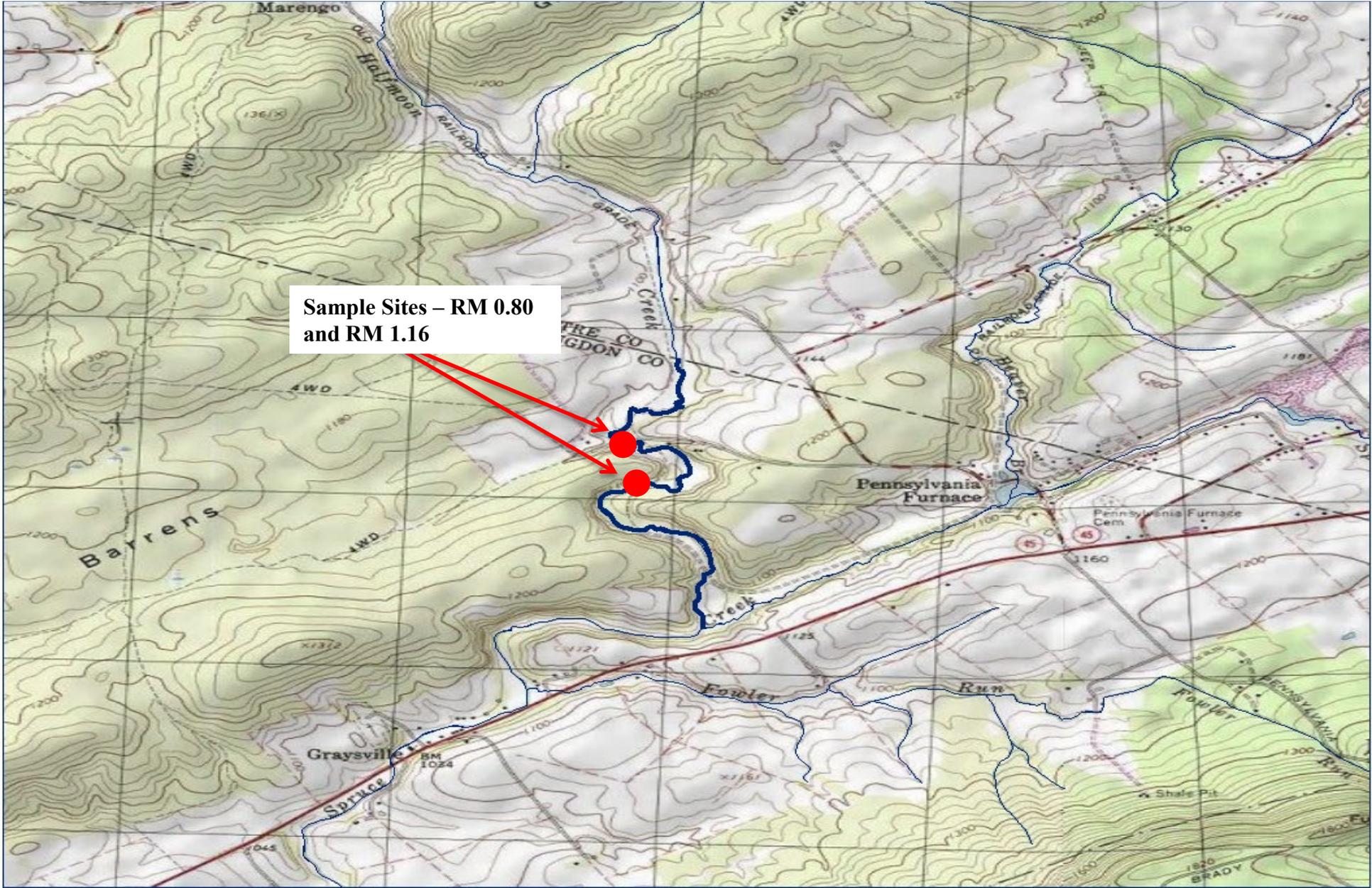


Blood Run, Forest County

Brook Trout RM – 0.16
Site Length – 396 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	77	3.01	263
3	18	1.72	63
4	30	6.70	106
5	22	13.13	116
6	9	4.32	23
7	5	3.74	13
Total	161	32.62	584

Halfmoon Creek, Huntingdon County



Halfmoon Creek, Huntingdon County

Brown Trout RM – 0.80
Site Length – 440 meters

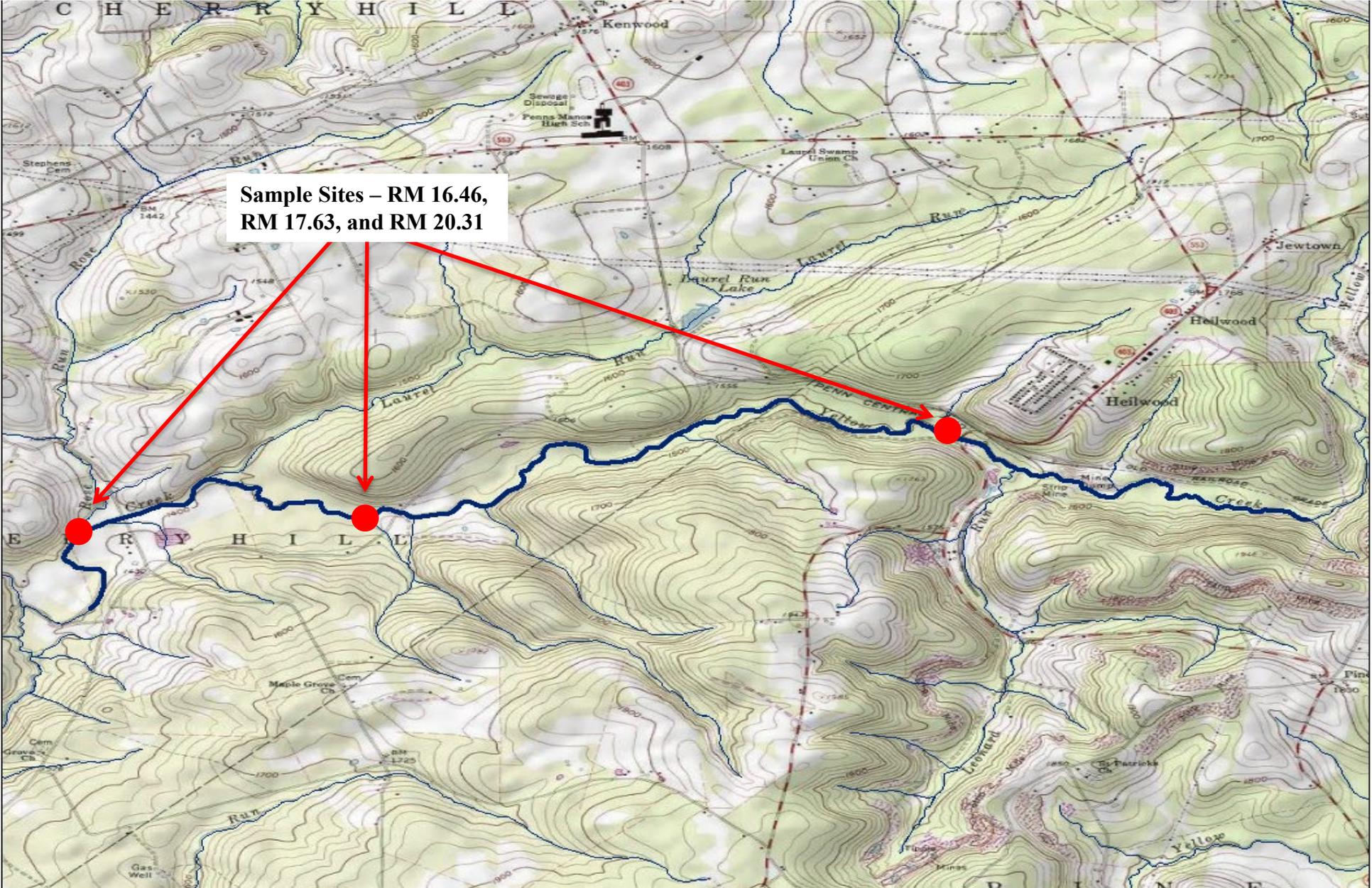
Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	3	0.03	7
3	32	0.85	73
4	12	0.72	27
5	5	0.55	11
6	37	12.07	150
7	45	19.60	159
8	14	6.48	36
9	20	14.65	59
10	13	13.68	41
11	13	19.76	45
12	9	12.66	23
13	2	3.19	5
14	1	1.97	2
15	1	2.41	2
17	2	7.17	5
Total	209	115.79	645

Halfmoon Creek, Huntingdon County

Brown Trout RM – 1.16
Site Length – 320 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	5	0.26	16
4	2	0.23	6
6	4	1.43	13
7	7	3.83	22
8	5	3.95	16
9	3	3.30	9
10	7	11.86	25
11	4	9.64	16
12	2	4.94	6
13	2	6.22	6
14	1	3.85	3
Total	42	49.51	138

Yellow Creek, Indiana County



Yellow Creek, Indiana County

Brown Trout RM – 16.46
Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	4	0.05	13
3	47	2.00	210
4	7	0.57	27
7	7	2.35	23
8	5	2.43	17
9	1	0.68	3
10	1	0.91	3
11	5	5.93	17
12	4	6.08	13
14	1	2.37	3
15	3	8.67	10
Total	85	32.04	339

Yellow Creek, Indiana County

Brown Trout RM – 17.63

Site Length – 382 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	5	0.05	13
3	14	0.45	45
4	1	0.06	3
5	5	0.55	13
6	20	4.22	60
7	35	10.97	102
8	6	2.44	16
9	6	3.39	16
10	6	5.34	18
11	10	11.91	31
12	5	7.63	16
13	2	3.20	5
14	3	5.94	8
16	1	2.91	3
Total	119	59.06	349

Yellow Creek, Indiana County

Brown Trout RM – 20.31

Site Length – 350 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	1	0.01	3
3	7	0.26	20
5	4	0.61	11
6	16	4.81	54
7	34	14.73	109
8	5	2.80	14
9	2	1.56	6
10	11	13.67	37
11	11	17.77	37
12	5	8.76	14
13	2	4.41	6
14	1	2.73	3
18	1	6.05	3
Total	100	78.17	317

Huntington Creek, Luzerne County

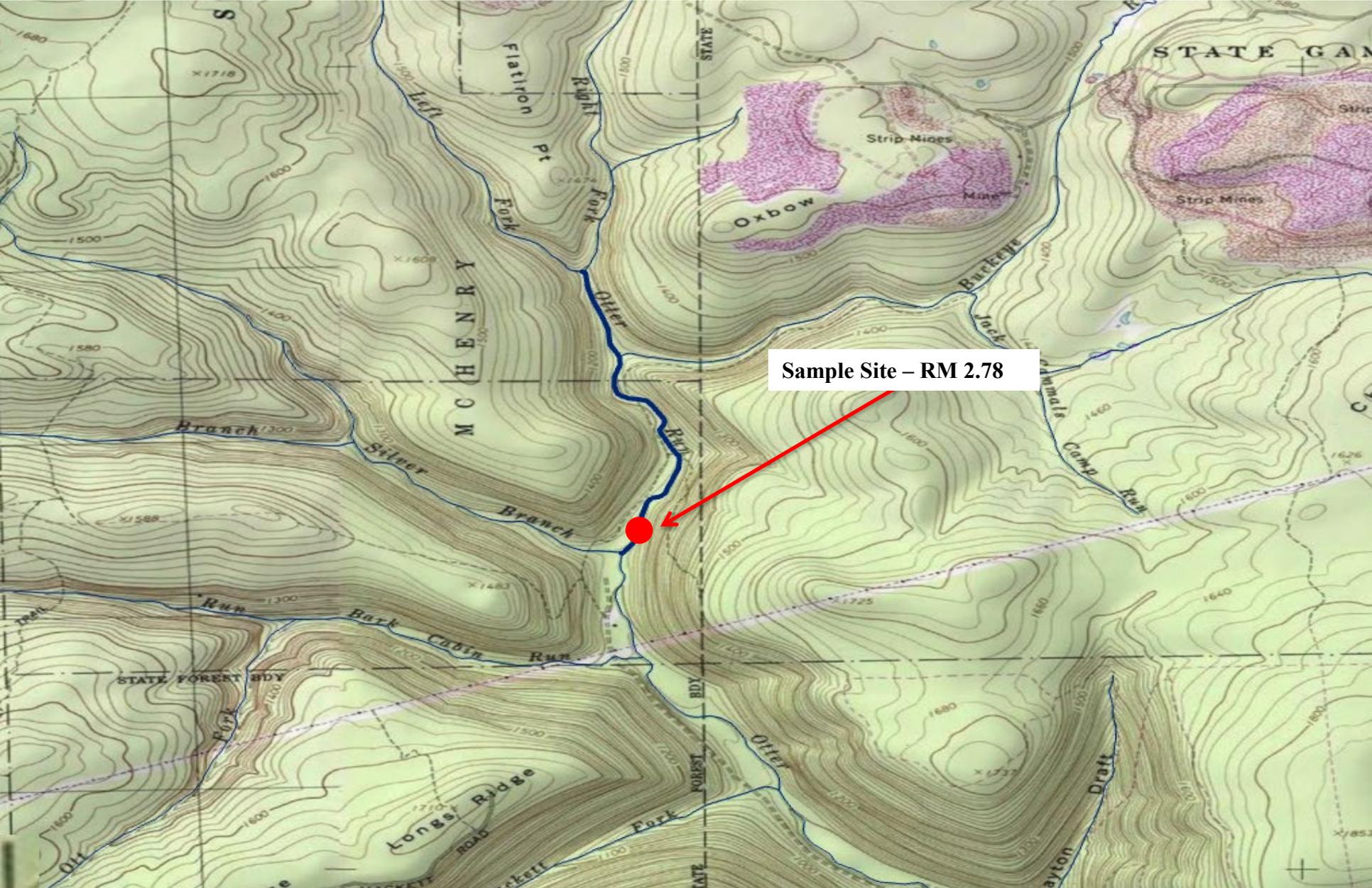
Brook Trout RM – 25.36
Site Length – 380 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	6	0.07	16
3	23	0.63	61
5	8	0.92	21
6	9	1.73	24
7	3	0.90	8
8	2	0.87	5
9	4	2.47	11
Total	55	7.59	146

Brown Trout RM – 25.36
Site Length – 380 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	9	0.11	24
3	2	0.06	5
4	19	1.28	50
5	14	1.72	37
6	10	2.67	34
7	5	1.57	13
8	5	2.28	13
9	8	5.07	21
10	4	3.42	11
11	11	12.23	29
12	2	2.85	5
13	2	3.58	5
14	3	6.66	8
Total	94	43.50	255

Otter Run, Lycoming County



Sample Site - RM 2.78

Otter Run, Lycoming County

Brook Trout RM – 2.78
Site Length – 230 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	12	0.29	52
3	19	1.10	83
4	5	0.67	22
5	9	2.17	39
6	6	2.43	26
7	7	4.42	30
8	3	2.74	13
9	3	3.90	13
10	2	3.58	9
11	1	2.39	4
12	2	6.64	9
Total	69	30.33	300

Brown Trout RM – 2.78
Site Length – 230 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
12	1	3.00	4
Total	1	3.00	4

Otter Run, Lycoming County



Otter Run, Lycoming County

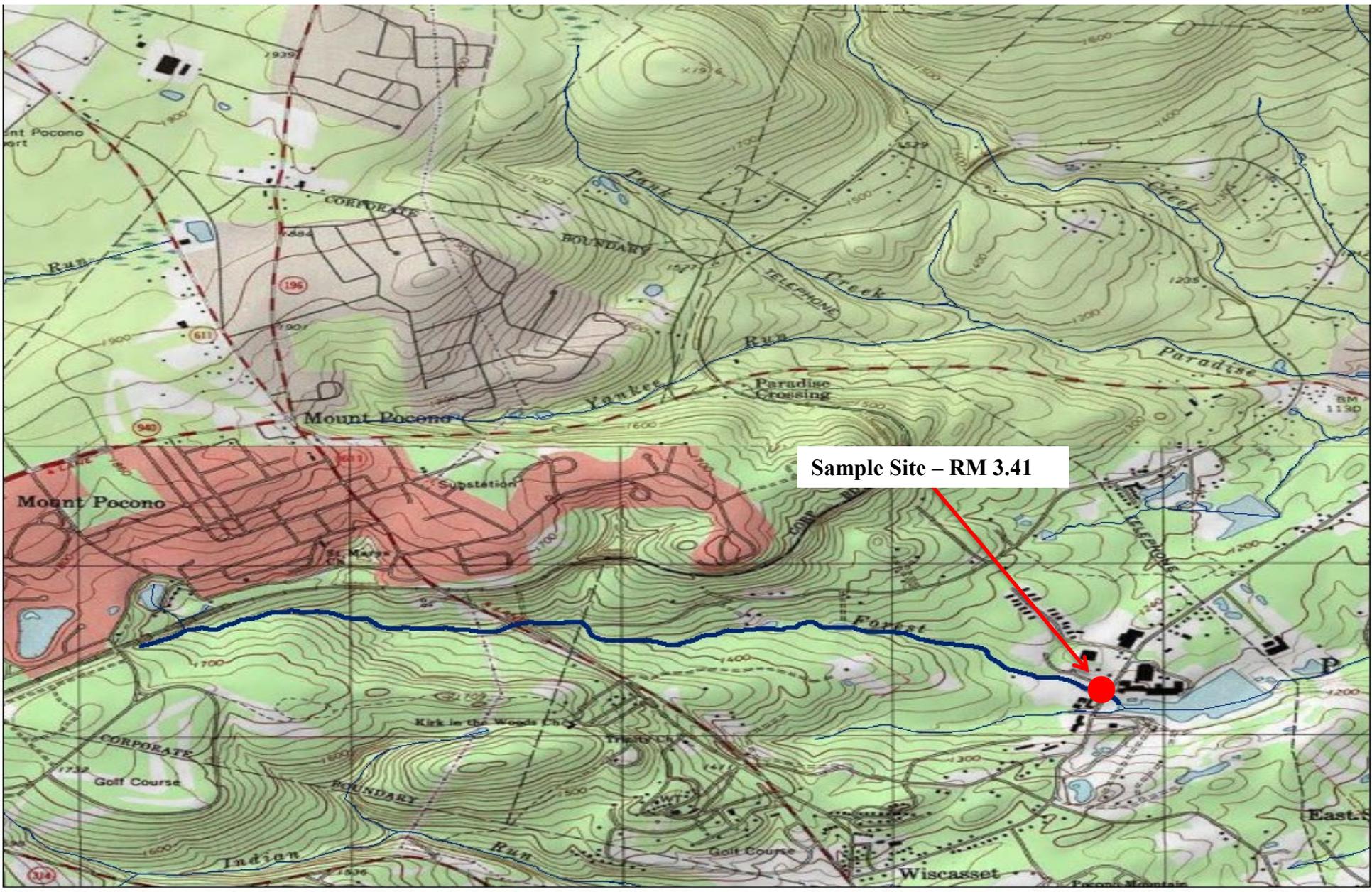
Brook Trout RM – 0.11
Site Length – 535 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	166	2.87	544
3	165	6.70	533
4	7	0.44	15
5	36	3.80	73
6	26	4.92	56
7	21	5.87	43
8	9	4.07	21
9	4	2.10	7
10	1	0.72	2
13	1	1.83	2
Total	436	33.32	1296

Brown Trout RM – 0.11
Site Length – 535 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	2	0.05	4
5	2	0.21	4
6	1	0.18	2
7	3	1.07	7
8	2	0.78	4
9	1	0.54	2
10	1	0.73	2
11	3	2.84	6
12	1	1.21	2
13	1	1.53	2
14	1	1.89	2
15	1	2.31	2
16	1	2.78	2
Total	20	16.12	41

Forest Hills Run, Monroe County



Forest Hills Run, Monroe County

Brown Trout RM – 3.41
Site Length – 500 meters

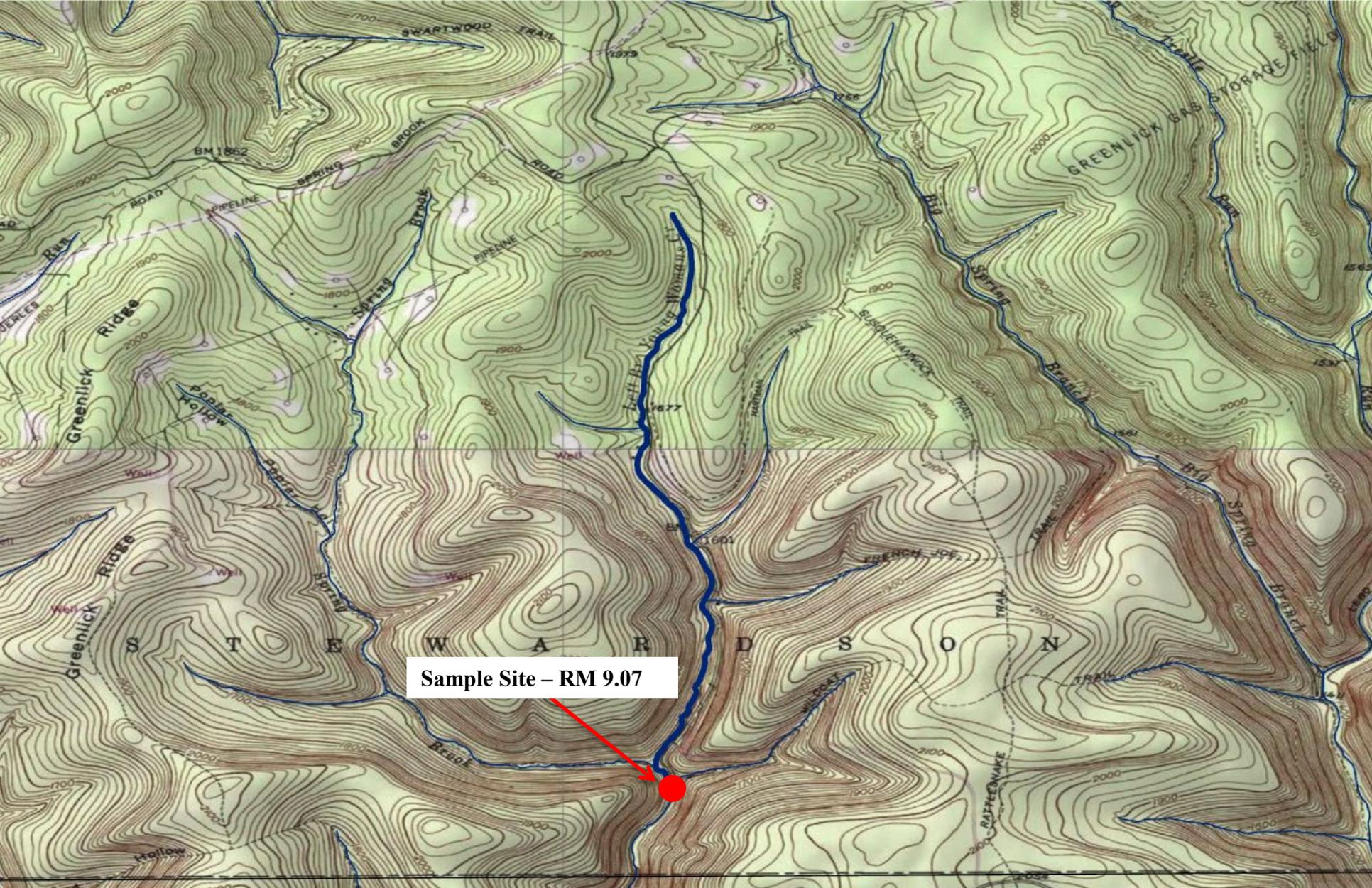
Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	27	0.49	54
3	11	0.50	22
4	22	2.24	44
5	33	6.14	66
6	53	16.48	106
7	64	30.48	128
8	54	37.18	108
9	28	26.83	56
10	23	29.73	46
11	7	11.76	14
12	9	19.38	18
13	2	5.42	4
14	3	10.07	6
Total	336	196.70	672

Forest Hills Run, Monroe County

Brown Trout RM – 2.46
Site Length – 440 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	6	0.10	14
3	8	0.33	18
4	5	0.46	11
5	30	5.10	68
6	30	8.52	68
7	13	5.65	30
8	15	9.43	34
9	14	12.25	32
10	13	15.35	30
11	3	4.60	7
12	2	3.93	5
16	1	4.51	2
Total	140	70.23	319

Left Branch Young Womens Creek, Potter County



Left Branch Young Womans Creek, Potter County

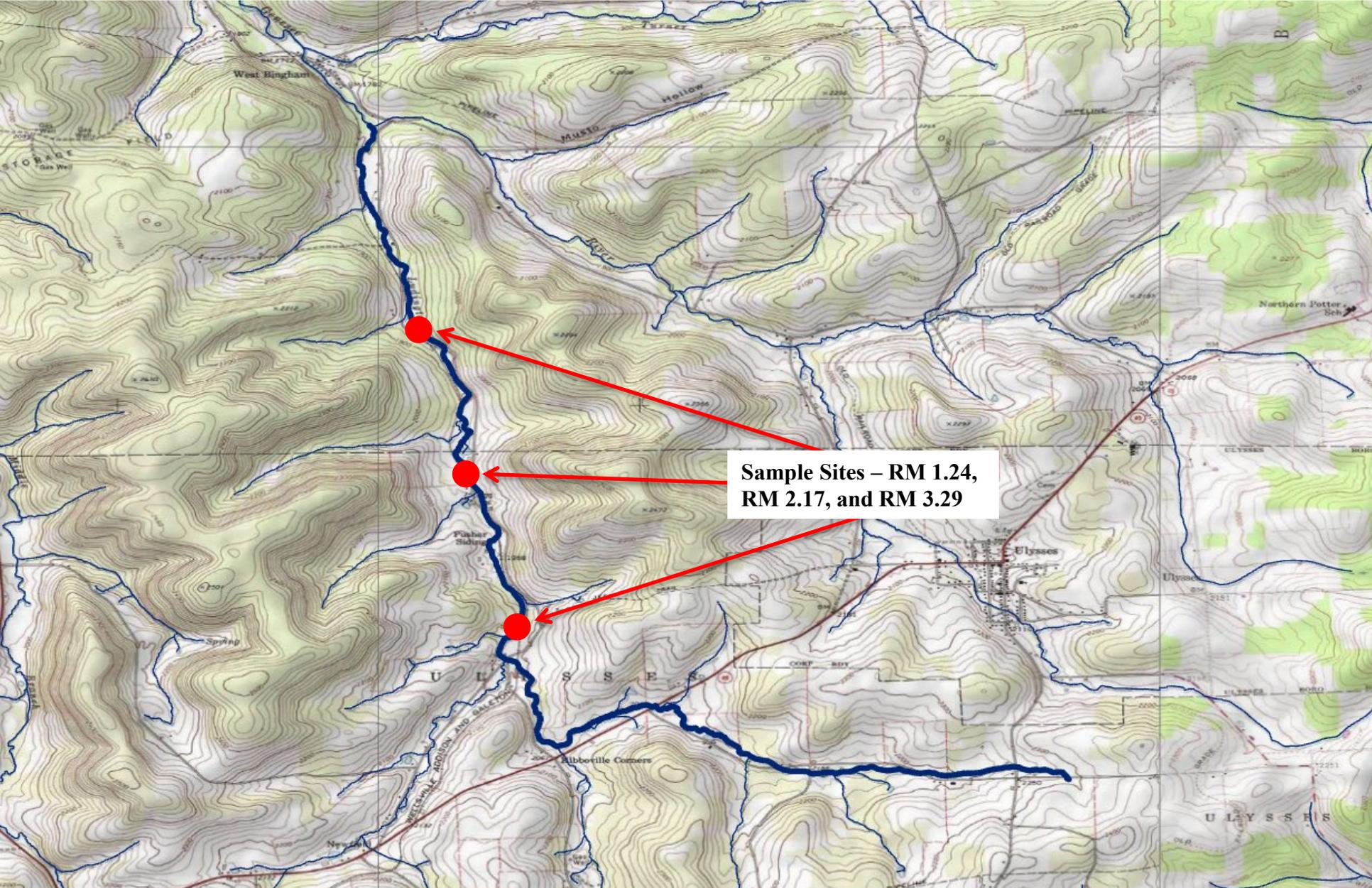
Brook Trout RM – 9.07
Site Length – 350 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	45	1.66	129
3	26	2.33	74
4	40	8.24	114
5	24	8.82	69
6	13	8.04	37
7	4	3.84	11
8	1	1.39	3
Total	153	34.32	437

Brown Trout RM – 9.07
Site Length – 350 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
4	6	1.29	17
5	2	0.79	6
6	2	1.32	6
7	2	2.02	6
Total	12	5.42	35

Ludington Run, Potter County



Ludington Run, Potter County

Brook Trout RM – 1.24
Site Length – 425 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	1	0.02	2
3	6	0.29	14
4	5	0.56	12
5	4	0.80	9
6	6	2.03	14
7	1	0.53	2
8	4	3.04	9
Total	27	7.27	62

Brown Trout RM – 1.24
Site Length – 425 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	5	0.26	12
5	2	0.43	5
6	10	3.61	24
7	8	4.42	19
8	10	7.98	24
9	13	14.44	31
10	9	13.49	21
11	6	11.69	14
12	3	7.49	7
13	5	15.71	12
Total	71	79.52	169

Ludington Run, Potter County

Brook Trout RM – 2.17
Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	1	0.09	3
4	1	0.21	3
6	1	0.62	3
7	1	0.97	3
9	2	3.99	7
10	1	2.74	3
Total	7	8.62	22

Brown Trout RM – 2.17
Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
4	2	0.43	7
11	1	3.59	3
Total	3	4.02	10

Ludington Run, Potter County

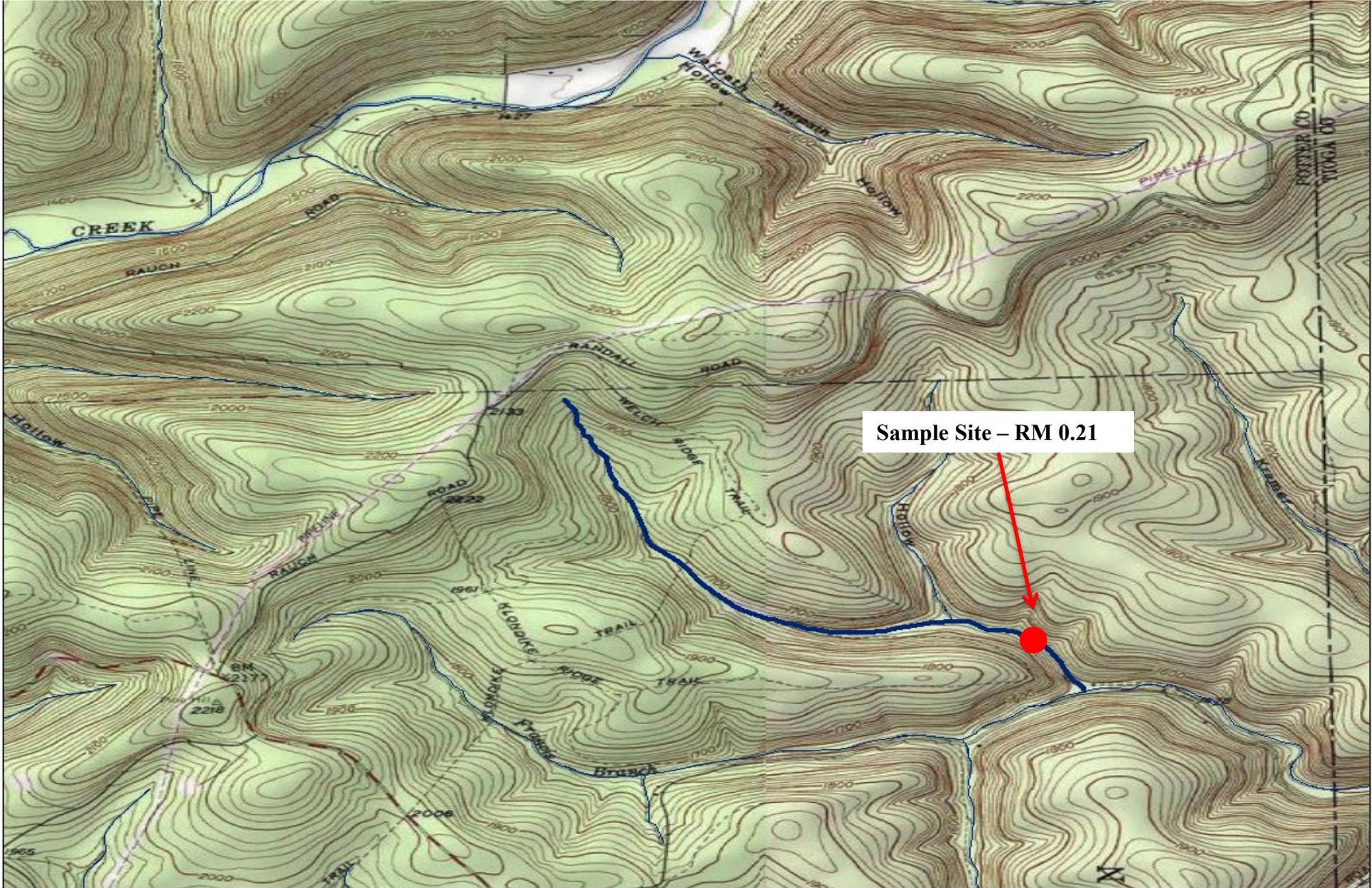
Brook Trout RM – 3.29
Site Length – 360 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
6	2	0.63	6
8	1	0.71	3
10	1	1.39	3
Total	4	2.73	12

Brown Trout RM – 3.29
Site Length – 360 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	9	0.44	25
4	8	0.88	22
6	7	2.36	19
7	11	5.68	31
8	3	2.24	8
9	3	3.12	8
10	6	8.41	17
11	2	3.65	6
12	1	2.34	3
13	3	8.82	8
15	1	4.44	3
Total	54	42.38	150

UNT to Francis Branch (RM 3.44), Potter County



UNT to Francis Branch (RM 3.44), Potter County

Brook Trout RM – 0.21
Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	43	2.81	143
3	18	2.80	60
4	32	11.55	107
5	19	12.27	63
6	11	11.95	37
7	3	5.07	10
Total	126	46.45	420

Brown Trout RM – 0.21
Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	7	1.18	23
4	13	4.93	43
5	4	2.78	13
6	1	1.16	3
Total	25	10.05	82

UNT to Ludington Run (RM 3.43), Potter County



UNT to Ludington Run (RM 3.43), Potter County

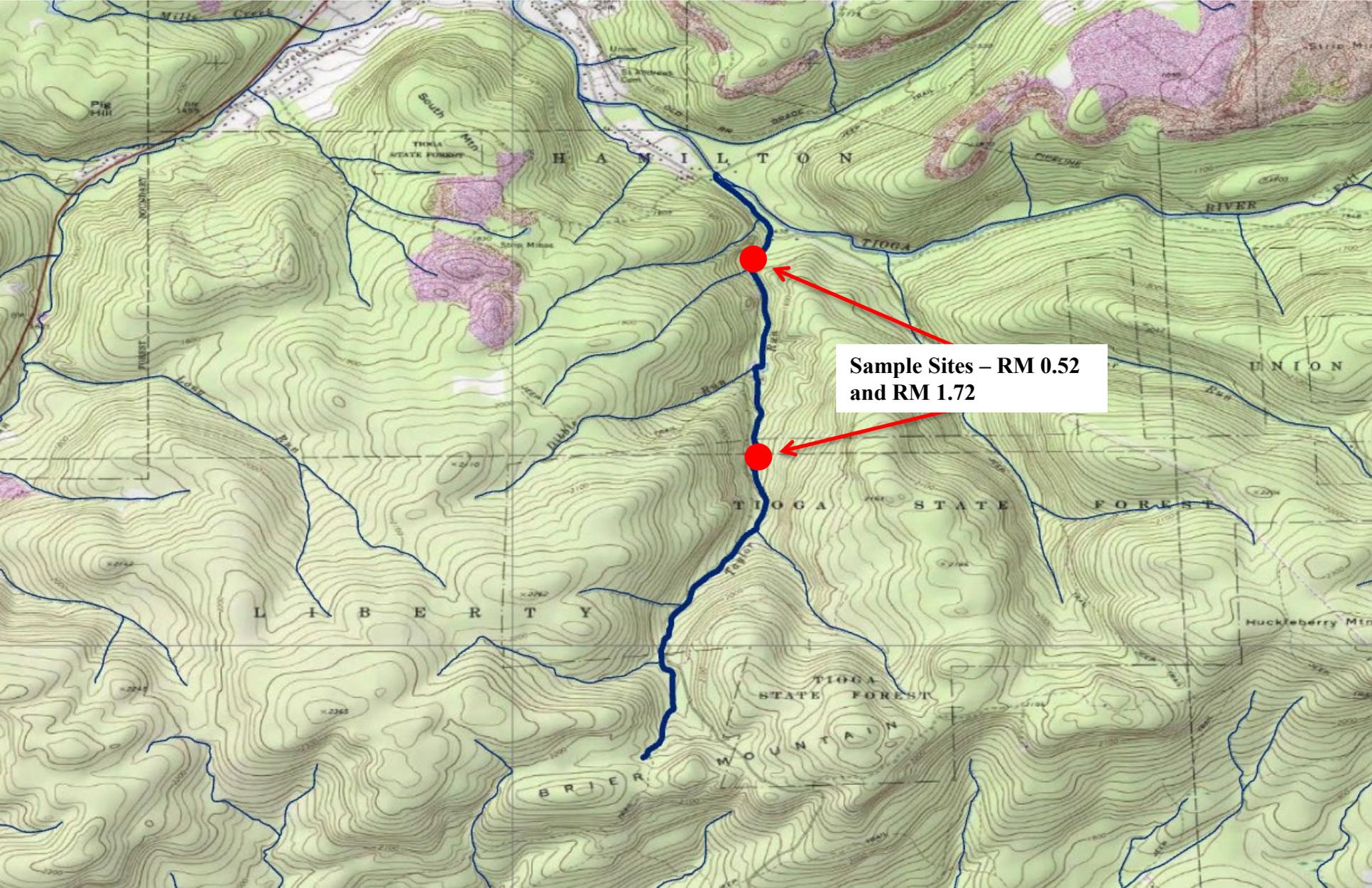
Brook Trout RM – 0.00
Site Length – 351 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
4	1	0.28	3
5	1	0.50	3
6	10	8.42	28
7	12	15.71	34
8	5	9.48	14
Total	29	34.39	82

Brown Trout RM – 0.00
Site Length – 351 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
5	1	0.54	3
6	3	2.70	9
7	3	4.13	9
8	4	7.96	11
9	1	2.77	3
10	6	22.41	17
11	2	9.71	6
13	2	15.66	6
19	1	24.59	3
Total	23	90.47	67

Taylor Run, Tioga County



Taylor Run, Tioga County

Brook Trout RM – 0.52
Site Length – 305 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	108	4.68	603
3	21	1.27	69
4	35	5.75	134
5	16	5.52	72
6	2	0.84	7
7	2	1.31	7
8	3	2.85	10
9	1	1.35	3
Total	188	23.57	905

Taylor Run, Tioga County

Brook Trout RM – 1.72
Site Length – 300 meters

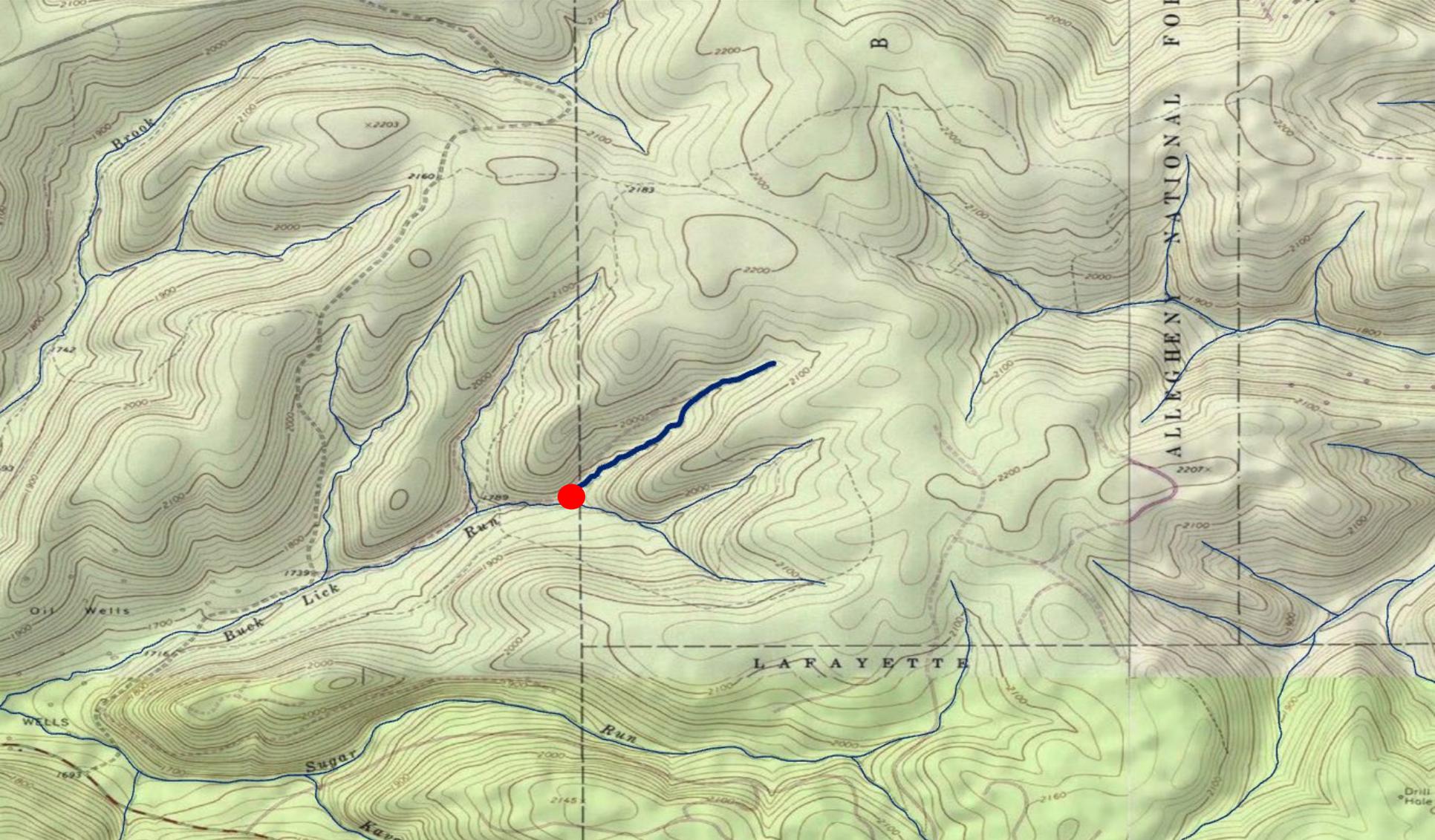
Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	92	6.94	513
3	17	2.57	80
4	64	24.37	327
5	11	5.78	43
6	8	6.73	30
7	1	1.16	3
Total	193	47.55	996

Wild Trout Additions

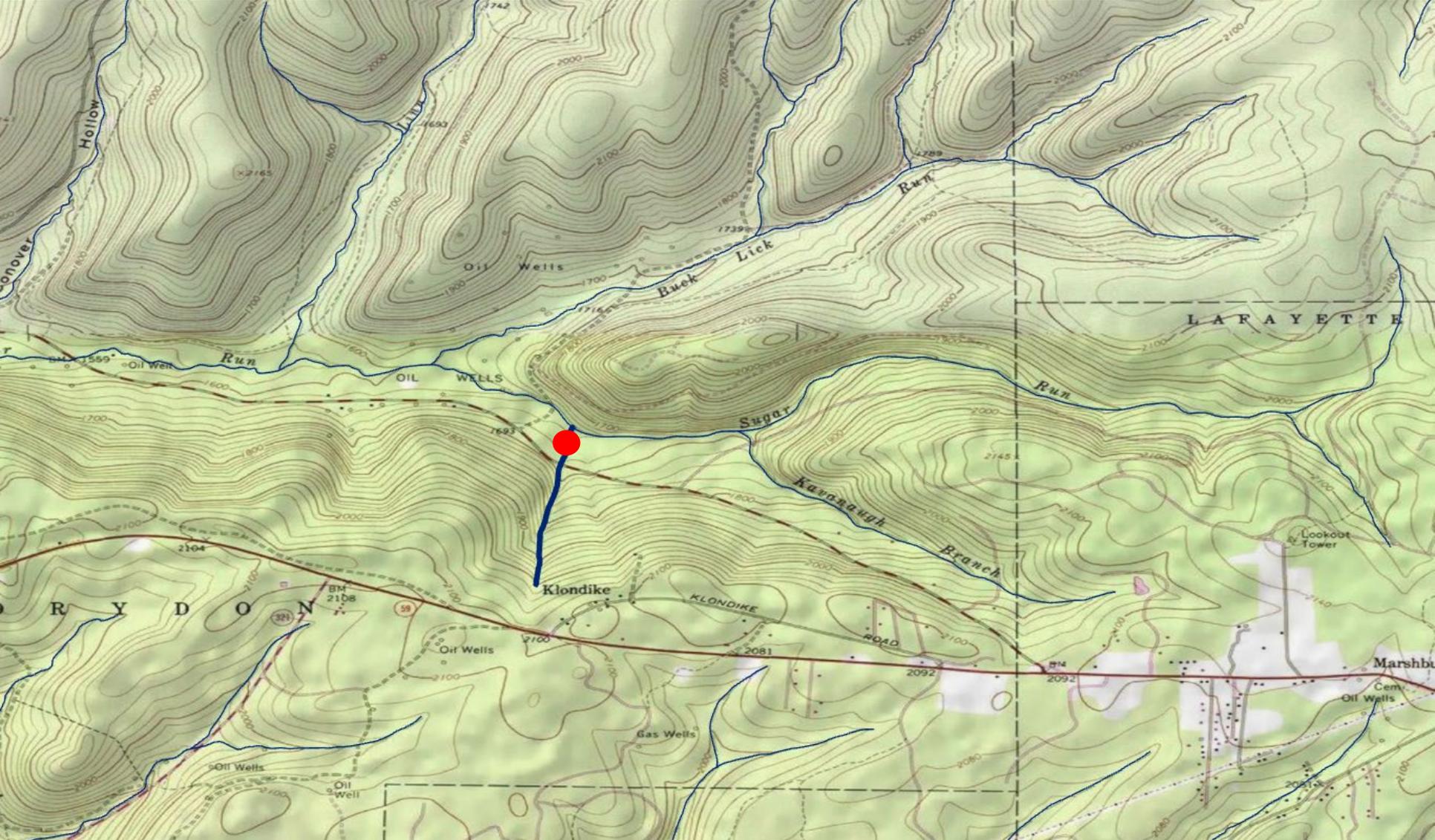
County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
McKean	UNT to Buck Lick Run (RM 1.61)	Buck Lick Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brook	16	2-5



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
McKean	UNT to Buck Lick Run (RM 1.89)	Buck Lick Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brook	24	2-4



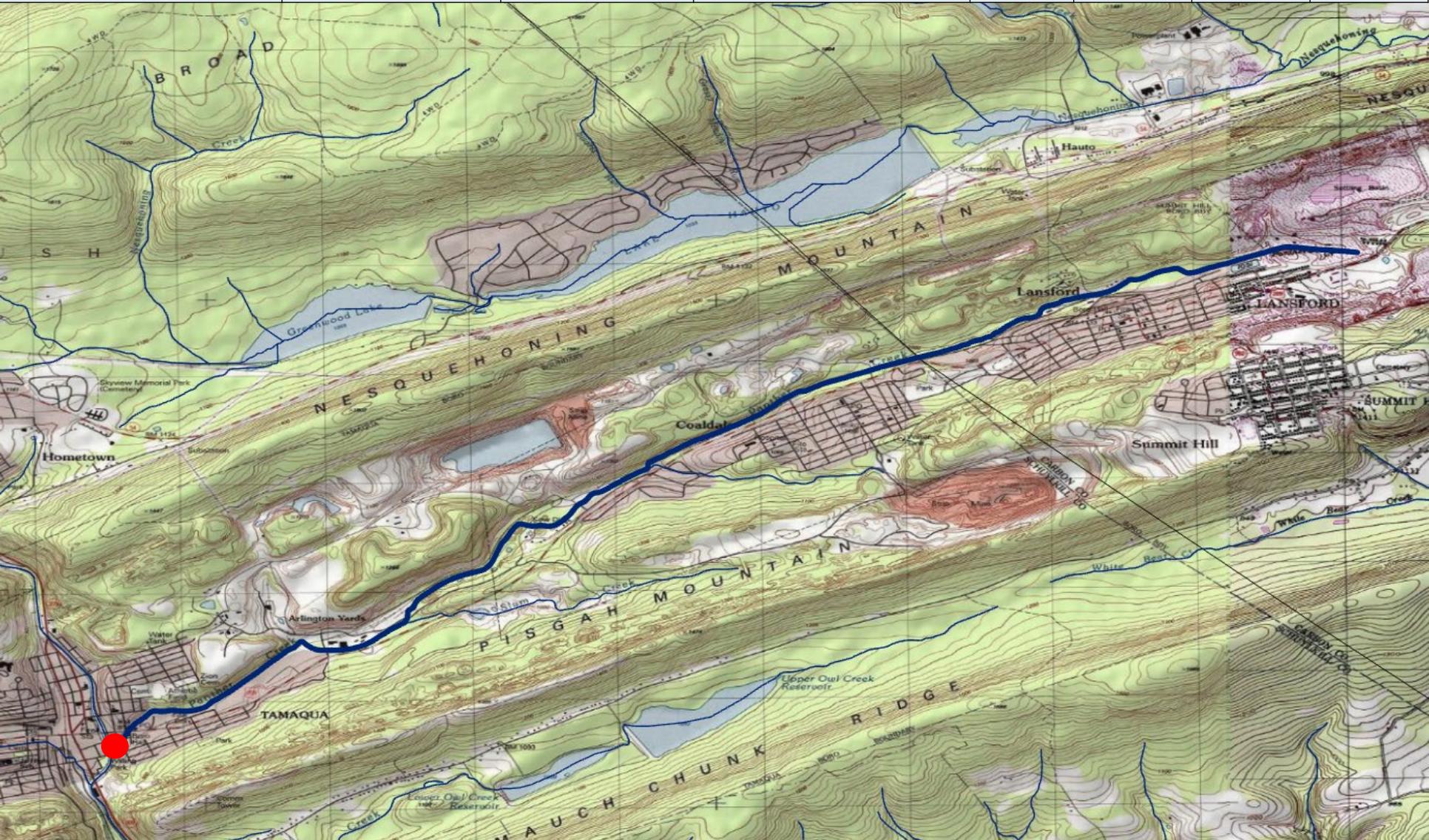
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McKean	UNT to Sugar Run (RM 8.06)	Sugar Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.05	Brook	15	2-5



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Pike	UNT to Little Bush Kill (RM 2.10)	Little Bush Kill	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brown	8	6-15



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Schuylkill	Panther Creek	Little Schuylkill River	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brown	3	6-7



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)
Westmoreland	Tubmill Creek	Conemaugh River	Headwaters to Tubmill Reservoir	Headwaters to private lane bridge at RM 7.88	7.95	Rainbow	6	2-7

