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**165<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

**MINUTES<sup>1</sup>**

The 165th Meeting of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission was held on Friday, January 30, 2026, at the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission headquarters, 1601 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

The public session for review of this agenda began on January 30, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m.

**Call to Order**

This meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Commission President John Mahn. The roll was called by Chief Counsel Robert Schefter and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

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

**Members Excused**

William C. Brock  
Daniel J. Pastore

**Staff and Volunteer Recognition**

Commissioner Mahn stated that staff and volunteer recognition will be postponed until the next quarterly commission meeting on April 27, 2026.

**Public Comments to Commissioners and Staff**

The following individual provided public comment:

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- Mike Kriner, Palmyra, Pennsylvania, representing the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen and Conservationists (PFSC), expressed strong support for the Commission and its staff. He thanked the Commissioners and staff, especially Tim Schaeffer and Laurel Anders, for their accessibility, consistent engagement and open-door policy. Kriner emphasized that the Commission's openness reduces the need for formal public comment and reflects good government practice, contrasting it favorably with other agencies. He praised the collaborative study between the Fish and Boat Commission and the Game Commission, noting the potential for shared services, cost savings and fiscal responsibility while maintaining agency independence. He highlighted successful legislative efforts, particularly flexibility in using Boat Fund dollars, crediting the Commission's team for practical, common-sense solutions that resonate with legislative leaders. On behalf of the PFSC and its board, he thanked the Commissioners and staff for their leadership, transparency and commitment to public input.

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

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

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

Executive Director Timothy Schaeffer provided his quarterly report to the commissioners. The 27<sup>th</sup> Class of Waterways Conservation Officer Cadets completed their curriculum at Mansfield University in December and will graduate in July; thanks were given to Commissioner Anderson for attending the ceremony.

Director Schaeffer thanked the General Assembly, especially Senator Rothman, for sponsoring Senate Bill 800, which provides flexibility between the Fish Fund and Boat Fund. The legislation allows funds to be used for cross purposes when there is a clear benefit to both anglers and boaters with full transparency and public reporting required in the Commission's annual report. The goal of the fund flexibility is to improve efficiency and reduce the need for fee increases for anglers and boaters.

The Executive Director also mentioned that the Commission is submitting its annual report to the legislature as required, with a House Game and Fisheries Committee hearing scheduled for February 4 at 9:00 a.m. The annual report will include QR codes linking to videos for added engagement, such as the one previewed during these remarks. Director Schaeffer concluded his report with a thank you to Commission staff and partners for working together.

### **Reports of Commissioner Committees**

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

**Fisheries (Commissioner Charlesworth)** – Committee meeting was held virtually on December 23, 2025. Staff provided five presentations: (1) an update on the review of the Commission’s minimum size limit for trout; (2) a presentation of the use of data from the 2023 multi-modal trout angler survey as it relates to objectives in the *Strategic Plan for the Management of Trout Fisheries in Pennsylvania: 2025-2029*; (3) an overview of the Commission’s Brook Trout stocking strategy; (4) an overview of an angler creel survey planned for 2026 to collect current data on the fisheries of the Delaware River and its major tributaries; and (5) an overview of the Bureau of Fisheries agenda items planned for today’s quarterly Commission meeting.

**Boating Advisory Board (Executive Director Tim Schaeffer on behalf of Commissioner Richard Lewis)** – The Boating Advisory Board met virtually on December 17, 2025. The majority of the members were present to complete a quorum and approved the minutes of the September 30, 2025, meeting. The public comment period was held and no comments were received. Seven presentations were given: (1) an overview of the Commission’s legislative updates; (2) an overview of PA Water Trails; (3) an overview of the Run-of-the-River Dam marking guidelines; (4) a report on the progress of the abandoned and derelict vessels forms and processes; (5) a summary of the Commission’s Boating Facility Grant Program; (6) an update on the implementation of regulations pertaining to boat rental businesses; and (7) an overview of the Commission’s ice rescue training.

### **Announcement of Executive Sessions**

President Mahn announced two executive sessions. On December 3, 2025, an executive session was held to discuss the Wildlife Management Institute’s Collaboration Initiative; and on January 30, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., an executive session was held to discuss potential and ongoing litigation, including striped bass regulations, property rights and the Open Fields Doctrine. There were also various real estate acquisitions, dispositions and related matters discussed.

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

Chief Counsel Robert Schefter provided notice to the Commissioners that the Executive Director used his authority under 58 Pa. Code § 65.25 to enact temporary fishing regulation changes at several lakes. All seasons, size limits and daily limits were lifted for all species at Fords Lake (Lackawanna County), Harris Pond (Luzerne County), and Rose Valley Lake (Lycoming County). At Tobyhanna Lake (Monroe County), the changes apply to all species except trout. These temporary changes are due to planned full-lake drawdowns for upcoming projects and will remain in effect through the 2026 calendar year. Commissioners were invited to ask questions, and the report was concluded.

### **Notice of Exemptions for Stocking of Class A Wild Trout Streams**

Chief Counsel Robert Schefter provided notice to the Commissioners that the Executive Director used his authority under 58 Pa. Code § 57.8a to grant stocking exemptions on Class A wild trout stream sections that meet established criteria. A total of 13 stocking exemptions

were granted across 12 Class A wild trout stream sections. Eight exemptions are renewals and five are new; all exemptions are valid for five years. The eight renewals qualified based on having previously received exemptions in 2021, primarily for pre-existing fishing derbies (with one exception related to Warriors Mark Run). The five new exemptions meet criteria for pre-existing private stockings on private property closed to public angling, with one (Monocacy Creek) previously operating under a special activities permit. Commissioners were invited to ask questions regarding the exemptions, and the report was concluded.

**EXECUTIVE  
FINAL RULEMAKING**

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

Commentary:

A notice of proposed rulemaking was published at 55 Pa.B. 8375 (December 13, 2025) (Exhibit E). The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) received no public comments relating to this proposal.

Briefer:

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

Recommendation:

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

Action:

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.

**EXECUTIVE  
PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

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

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fiscal Code (Act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 343, No. 176), as amended) (Fiscal Code) was amended in 2025 to permit the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) to use Fish Fund moneys for expenditures related to boats and boating that also benefit fish and fishing and Boat Fund moneys for expenditures related to fish and fishing that also benefit boats and boating. (Fiscal Code § 1736-E (a) and (b)). Previously no crossover of funds was permitted, leading to inefficiency and higher costs for anglers and boaters.

Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code Chapter 51 be amended to memorialize the fund flexibility created by the amendment to the Fiscal Code by adding Subchapter O as follows:

**Subchapter O. FISCAL CODE PROVISIONS**

Sec.

51.139. Fish Fund.

51.140. Boat Fund.

**§ 51.139. Fish Fund.**

Notwithstanding 30 Pa.C.S. § 521 (relating to establishment and use of Fish Fund), pursuant to § 1736-E(a) of the Pennsylvania Fiscal Code (Act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 343, No. 176), as amended), moneys in the Fish Fund may be expended by the Commission for activities related to boats and boating that benefit fish and fishing.

**§ 51.140. Boat Fund.**

Notwithstanding 30 Pa.C.S. § 531 (relating to establishment and use of Boat Fund), pursuant to § 1736-E(b) of the Pennsylvania Fiscal Code (Act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 343, No. 176), as amended), moneys in the Boat Fund may be expended by the Commission for activities related to fish and fishing that benefit boats and boating.

Briefer:

Robert Schefter, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel

Recommendation:

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

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Small 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.

## **FISHERIES DESIGNATIONS**

- A. Removal of Blue Hole Creek, Section 02, Somerset County, from the Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-round Fishing program (58 Pa. Code § 65.19).

**Commentary:**

Blue Hole Creek, Somerset County, is a three-mile-long stream that originates near the Fayette and Somerset county border in the Forbes State Forest and flows southeast to its confluence with Falls Creek near the Borough of Rockwood, Somerset County. The stream is currently managed as two sections for fisheries management purposes. Section 01 is managed under Commonwealth Inland Waters angling regulations (58 Pa. Code § 61.1). Section 02 is included in the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's (Commission) Stocked Trout Waters (STW) program and managed with Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-round Fishing (STW-OYR) angling regulations (58 Pa. Code § 65.19).

In 2025, the Commission was notified by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) of results from its physicochemical and macroinvertebrate community survey that documented high concentrations of cadmium and lead in a portion of Blue Hole Creek. While these results do not necessitate the DEP to issue a consumption advisory because it does not have a standard for such advisories, staff will remove Section 02 from the STW program for 2026 due to potential health safety concerns. As such, staff recommend Blue Hole Creek, Section 02, be removed from the STW-OYR program given that it will no longer be stocked with trout by the Commission.

A notice of proposed designation was published at 55 Pa.B. 8447 (December 13, 2025) (Exhibit F). The Commission received no public comments relating to this proposal.

**Briefer:**

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommend that the Commission remove Blue Hole Creek, Section 02, Somerset County, from the Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-round Fishing program (58 Pa. Code § 65.19) as described in the Commentary. If approved, the section will revert to Commonwealth Inland Waters angling regulations (58 Pa. Code § 61.1) upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Gibney to remove Blue Hole Creek, Section 02, Somerset County, from the Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-round Fishing program (58 Pa. Code § 65.19). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**FISHERIES**  
**DESIGNATIONS**

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

Commentary:

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

A notice of proposed changes was published at 55 Pa.B. 8024 (November 22, 2025) (Exhibit H). The Commission received two public comments regarding the proposed additions: all support the proposal. Copies of public comments were provided to the commissioners.

Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission add three 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 Kauffman and seconded by Commissioner Gibney to add three stream sections to its Class A wild trout streams list as set forth in the notice of proposed changes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**FISHERIES  
DESIGNATIONS**

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

**Commentary:**

During recent surveys, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) staff documented wild trout populations in two 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 I provides information on the locations and a data summary for each of these waters.

A notice of proposed changes was published at 55 Pa.B. 8026 (November 22, 2025) (Exhibit J). The Commission received two public comments regarding the proposed additions: all support the proposal. Copies of public comments were provided to the commissioners.

**Briefer:**

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommend that the Commission add two 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 Small to add two 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. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **Other New Business**

Commissioner Anderson requested that fisheries management staff evaluate the Stony Creek River for potential changes to its trout management strategy. The request follows multiple letters and inquiries from constituents in his district. There is interest in adding a new stocked trout water section in northern Somerset County near Greenhouse Park. He asked that this area be scheduled for a fisheries survey in the coming year so staff can assess it and respond to anglers in the Somerset and Cambria County area.

Commissioner Kauffman commended Mark Sweppenhiser, Tigh Savercool and staff for their work on implementing the newly passed abandoned and derelict boat policy. He highlighted a recent virtual meeting with the Philadelphia Parking Authority and praised staff for effectively addressing questions and concerns during what he described as a challenging but productive meeting. Thanks were given to State Representative Solomon and Karen O'Connor of the Philadelphia Parking Authority for their leadership and collaboration. The meeting included broad participation from the Philadelphia caucus which helped vet the program, clarify details and move implementation forward. Executive Director Timothy Schaeffer added that following the new legislation, tools, forms and processes are now in place to assist municipalities statewide in addressing abandoned and derelict vessels. He said the agency plans to continue to reach out to communities across Pennsylvania and thanked the General Assembly and Governor for supporting the legislation.

### **Time and Place of April 2026 Commission Meeting**

President Mahn announced that the next quarterly commission meeting will be held on April 27, 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 Small to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

# NOTICES

## FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

### Temporary Change to Fishing Regulations; Fords Lake, Lackawanna County

[56 Pa.B. 147]  
[Saturday, January 3, 2026]

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

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

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,  
Executive Director

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# EXHIBIT B

## NOTICES

### FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

#### Temporary Change to Fishing Regulations; Harris Pond, Luzerne County

[56 Pa.B. 148]  
[Saturday, January 3, 2026]

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

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

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# EXHIBIT C

## NOTICES

### FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

#### Temporary Change to Fishing Regulations; Rose Valley Lake, Lycoming County

[56 Pa.B. 148]  
[Saturday, January 3, 2026]

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

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

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,  
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# EXHIBIT D

## NOTICES

### FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

#### Temporary Change to Fishing Regulations; Tobyhanna Lake, Monroe County

[56 Pa.B. 148]  
[Saturday, January 3, 2026]

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

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

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,  
Executive Director

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# **PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

## **FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION**

**[ 58 PA. CODE CH. 53 ]**

### **Commission Property; Access Areas and Marinas**

**[55 Pa.B. 8375]**

**[Saturday, December 13, 2025]**

The Fish and Boat Commission (commission) proposes to amend Chapter 53 (relating to commission property). 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 would cancel the commission's restrictions that apply to the North East Access and Marina, which is no longer 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/en/agencies/fishandboat.html>.

#### *C. Statutory Authority*

The proposed amendment to § 53.12a (relating to access areas and marinas) is published under the statutory authority of section 741 of the code (relating to control of property).

#### *D. Purpose and Background*

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

#### *E. Summary of Proposal*

The commission has the authority to create rules and regulations that provide for the health and safety of those who boat and fish on or near the waters of this Commonwealth. The Lake Erie tributaries are some of the most popular boating and fishing areas in this Commonwealth. Currently, under § 53.12a, it is unlawful to hunt on the commission's property in Northeast Township, Erie County, which covers approximately 17.68 acres and is known as the North East Access area and Marina (North East Marina Property).

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 disposed of 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.

The commission proposes that § 53.12a be amended to read as set forth in Annex A.

#### F. *Paperwork*

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

#### G. *Fiscal Impact*

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

#### H. *Public Comments*

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

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

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,  
Executive Director

**Fiscal Note:** 48A-368. No fiscal impact; recommends adoption.

## Annex A

### TITLE 58. RECREATION

#### PART II. FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

##### Subpart A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### CHAPTER 53. COMMISSION PROPERTY

#### § 53.12a. 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] {Reserved}.

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# NOTICES

## FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

### Proposed Special Regulation Designation

[55 Pa.B. 8447]

[Saturday, December 13, 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 January 26, 2026, the Commission will consider taking the following action with respect to a water subject to special fishing regulations under 58 Pa. Code Chapter 65, effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

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

The Commission will consider 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):

<b>County</b>	<b>Water</b>
Somerset	Blue Hole Creek, Section 02

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,  
Executive Director

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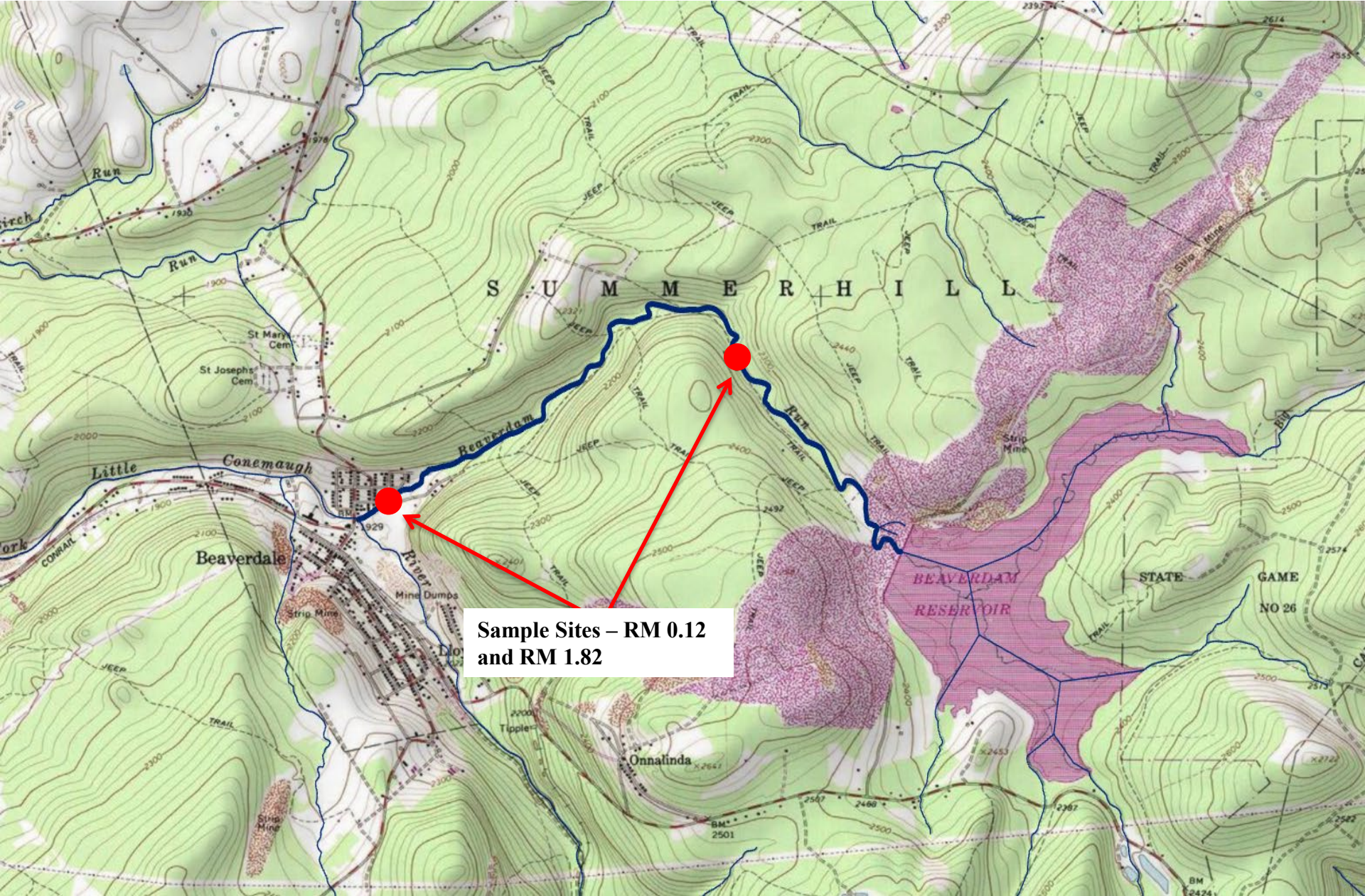
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# Class A Additions

# Beaverdam Run, Cambria County



**Sample Sites – RM 0.12  
and RM 1.82**

# Beaverdam Run, Cambria County

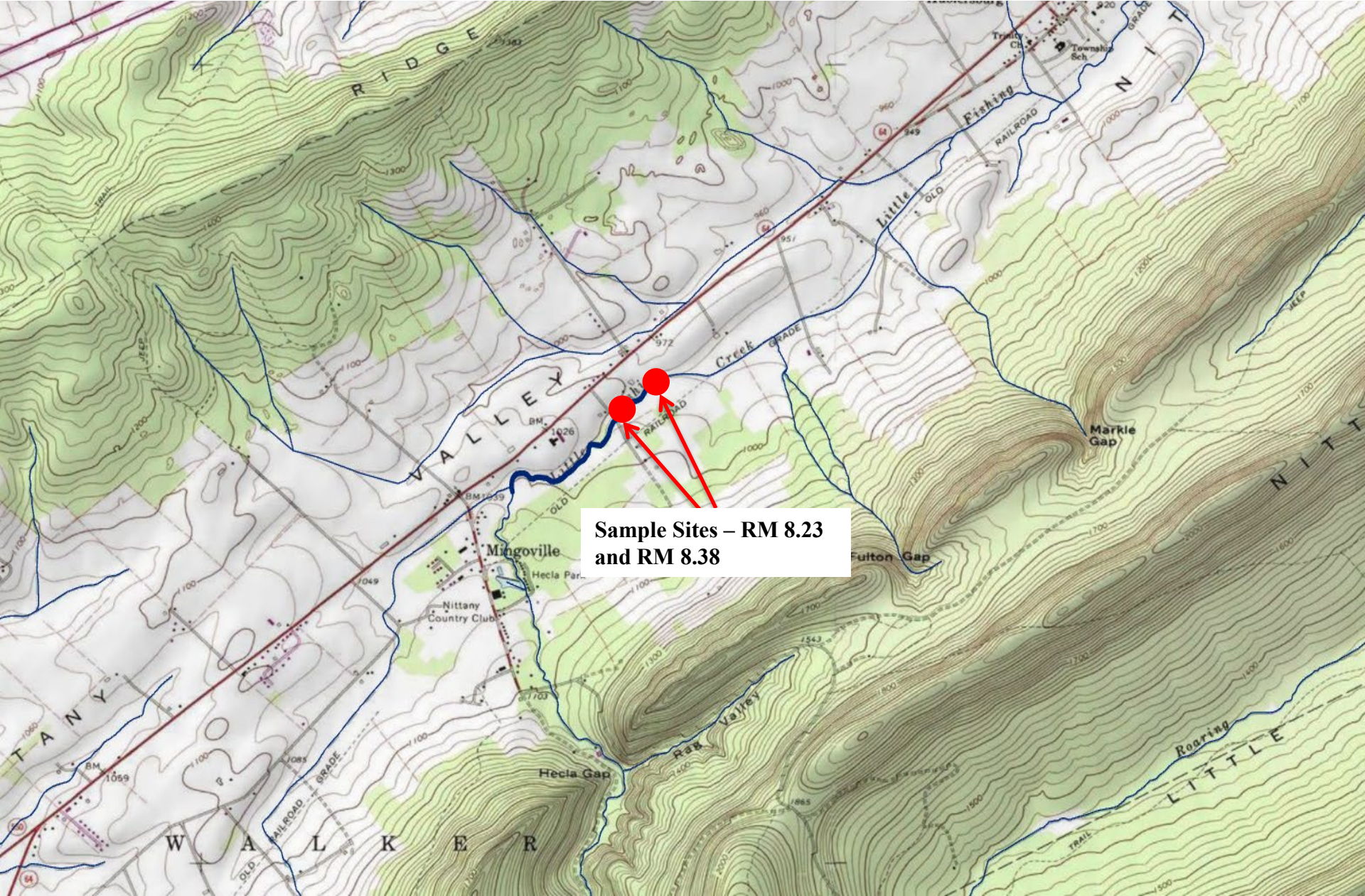
**Brook Trout RM – 0.12**  
**Site Length – 200 meters**

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	57	1.32	290
3	83	6.00	555
4	6	0.75	30
5	42	9.87	220
6	20	8.30	110
7	3	2.35	20
8	1	0.85	5
Total	212	29.44	1,230

**Brook Trout RM – 1.82**  
**Site Length – 303 meters**

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	32	0.34	106
3	20	1.19	83
4	1	0.11	3
5	10	2.36	40
6	17	5.96	59
7	3	2.06	13
8	7	5.98	26
9	10	11.68	36
10	3	4.39	10
11	1	1.95	3
Total	104	36.32	379

# Little Fishing Creek, Centre County



Sample Sites – RM 8.23  
and RM 8.38

# Little Fishing Creek, Centre County

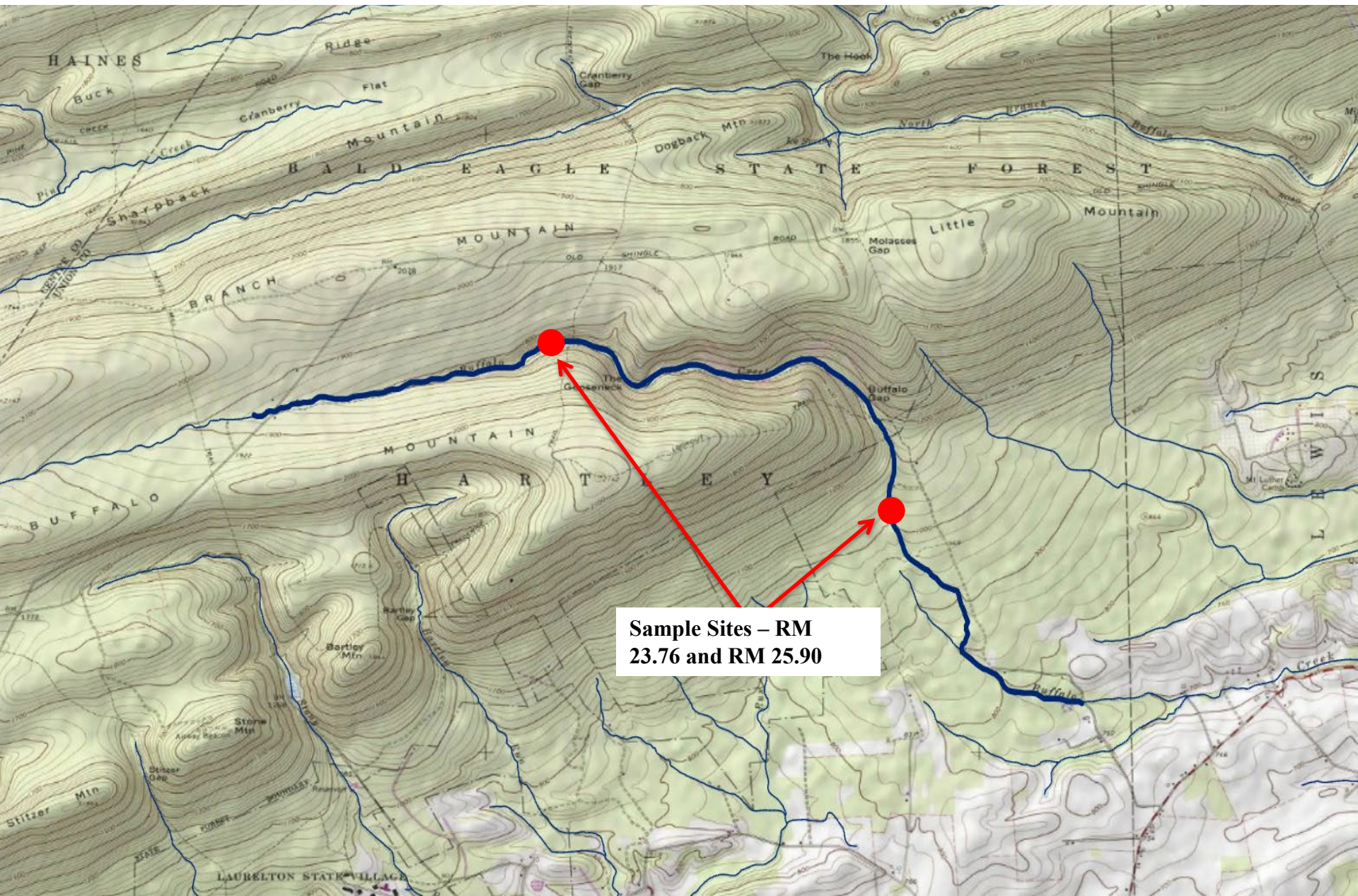
**Brook Trout RM – 8.23**  
**Site Length – 135 meters**

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	1	0.09	7
3	9	1.93	67
5	3	2.66	22
6	3	4.48	22
7	5	11.61	37
8	1	3.37	7
Total	22	24.14	162

**Brook Trout RM – 8.38**  
**Site Length – 100 meters**

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	6	1.21	60
4	1	0.47	10
5	7	5.83	70
6	6	8.41	60
7	4	8.72	40
8	4	12.63	40
10	2	12.37	20
Total	30	49.64	300

# Buffalo Creek, Union County



Sample Sites – RM  
23.76 and RM 25.90

# Buffalo Creek, Union County

**Brook Trout RM – 23.76**  
**Site Length – 500 meters**

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	37	0.93	74
3	3	0.18	6
4	93	12.89	186
5	71	17.59	142
6	35	14.59	70
7	10	6.48	20
Total	249	52.66	498

**Brook Trout RM – 25.90**  
**Site Length – 506 meters**

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	14	0.29	28
3	72	4.24	170
4	94	12.80	221
5	39	9.81	95
6	20	8.60	49
7	3	2.14	8
Total	242	37.88	571

# NOTICES

## FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

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

[55 Pa.B. 8024]

[Saturday, November 22, 2025]

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

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

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

(i) *Wild brook trout fisheries.*

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

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

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

(ii) *Wild brown trout fisheries.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

During recent surveys, Commission staff documented the following stream sections to have Class A wild trout populations. The Commission intends to consider adding these waters to its list of Class A wild trout streams at its meeting on January 26, 2026.

County	Stream	Section	Limits	Tributary to	Mouth Lat/Lon	Brook Trout	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Length (miles)	Survey year
						(kg/ha)	(kg/ha)	(kg/ha)		
Cambria	Beaverdam Run	2	Beaverdam Run Reservoir to Mouth	South Fork Little Conemaugh River	40.321667 78.696667	32.89	—	—	2.95	2022
Centre	Little Fishing Creek	2	1.20 kilometers downstream T-470 bridge to sink at RM 8.23	Fishing Creek	41.011667 77.537222	36.88	—	—	0.78	2024
Union	Buffalo Creek	2	Outflow of alkaline addition system to Aikey Road	West Branch Susquehanna River	40.968887 76.882774	45.26	—	—	4.98	2024

Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the classification of the streams listed may submit them in writing to the Executive Director, Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, within 30 days after publication of this notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. To submit a comment electronically, visit [pa.gov/fishandboat/regcomments](http://pa.gov/fishandboat/regcomments) and click on the notice of proposed Class A designations for § 57.8a (relating to Class A wild trout streams).

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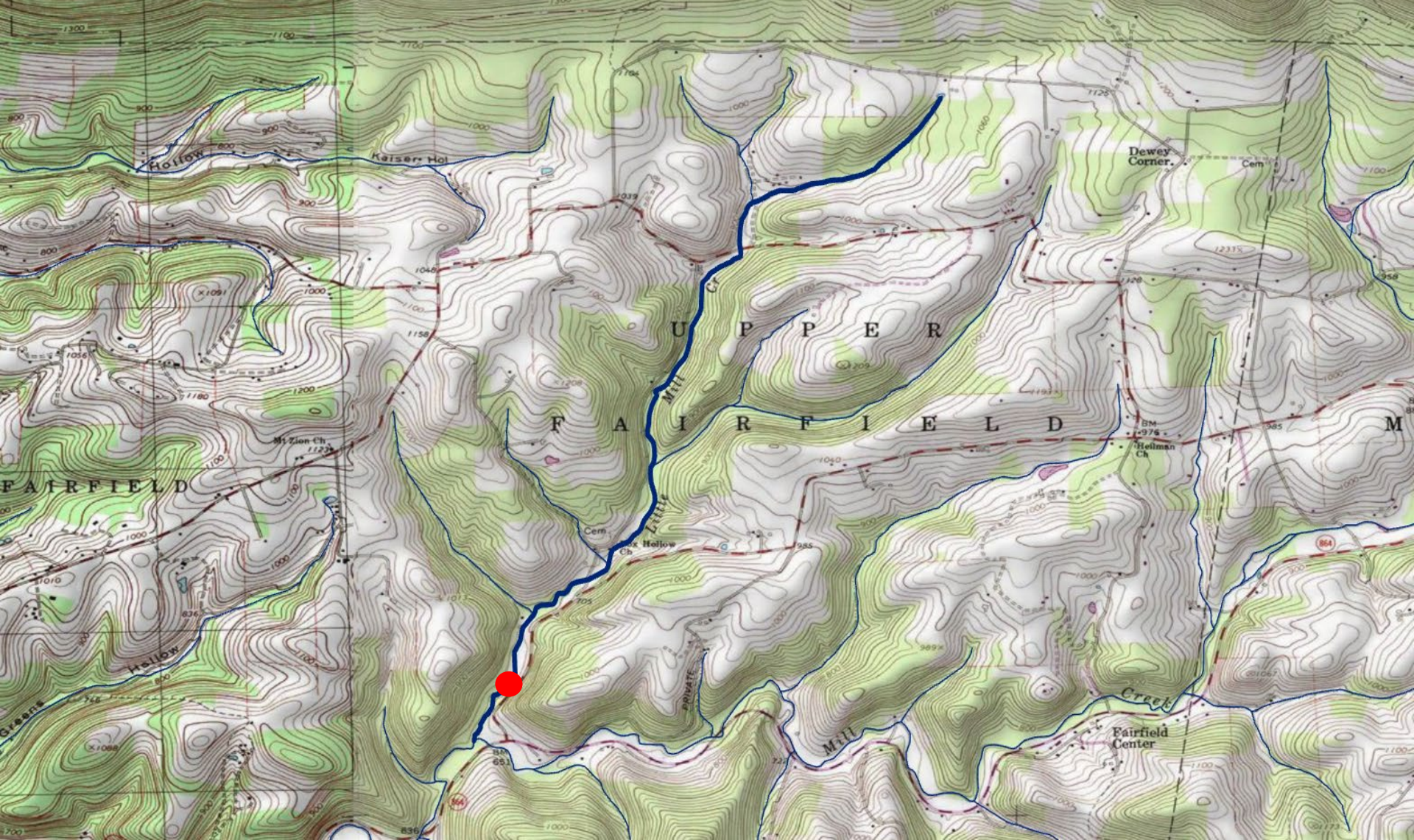
# EXHIBIT I

## Wild Trout Additions

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile <span style="color: red;">●</span>	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Blair	Riggles Gap Run	Little Juniata River	Headwaters to mouth	0.04	Brown	19	1-12

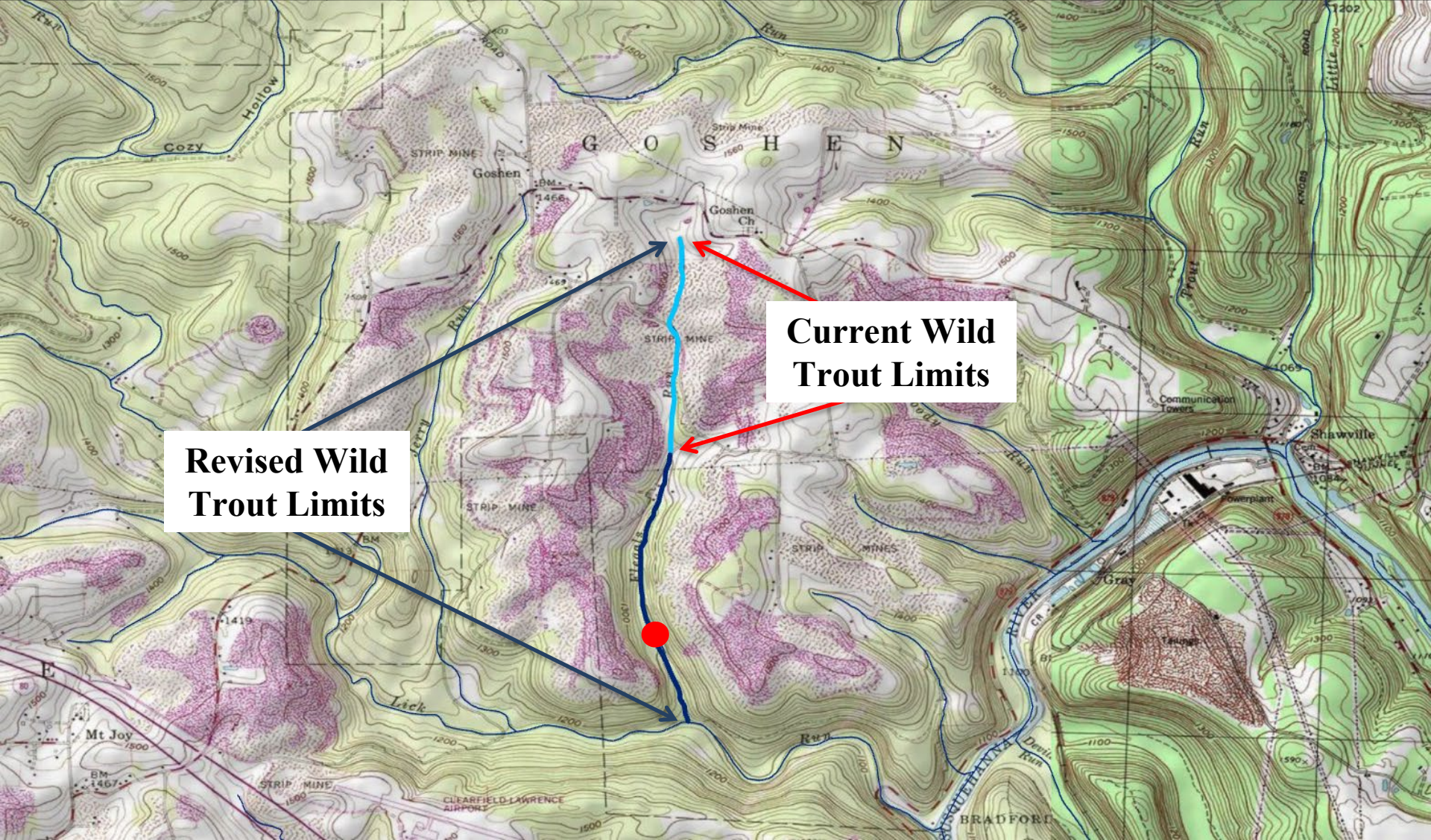


County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile <span style="color: red;">●</span>	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Lycoming	Little Mill Creek	Mill Creek (Montoursville)	Headwaters to mouth	0.31	Brown	14	1-14



# 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)
Clearfield	Flegals Run	Lick Run	Headwaters to Brown Hollow Road	Headwaters to mouth	0.30	Brook	54	2-7



# EXHIBIT J

## NOTICES

### FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

#### Proposed Changes to the List of Wild Trout Streams; January 2026

[55 Pa.B. 8026]  
[Saturday, November 22, 2025]

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

At the next Commission meeting on January 26, 2026, the Commission will consider changes to its list of wild trout streams. Specifically, the Commission will consider the addition of the following streams or portions of streams to the list:

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section Limits	Tributary to	Mouth Lat/Lon
Blair	Riggles Gap Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Juniata River	40.573611 78.351944
Lycoming	Little Mill Creek	Headwaters to Mouth	Mill Creek (Montoursville)	41.295887 76.867638

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

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Current Limits	Revised Limits	Tributary to	Mouth Lat/Lon
Clearfield	Flegals Run	Headwaters to Brown Hollow Road	Headwaters to Mouth	Lick Run	41.054188 78.397700

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