

Notice

Proposed Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Waters September 2015

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 Pennsylvania'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.

Criteria developed for Class A Wild Trout fisheries are species specific. 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/ac).
 - (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 September 28 and 29, 2015.

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
Cambria	Porter Run	01	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Susquehanna River	40.667567 78.788181	52.62	28.14	---	1.77	2014
Cambria	Walnut Run	01	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Susquehanna River	40.662601 78.783905	1.33	69.03	---	2.68	2014
Cambria/ Indiana	Douglas Run	01	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Susquehanna River	40.693985 78.805816	2.26	42.26	---	2.68	2014
Carbon	Fawn Run	01	Headwaters to Mouth	Lehigh River	41.094036 75.754978	46.96	0.71	---	1.90	2014
Carbon	Stewart Creek	02	Crooked Run to Mouth	Mahoning Creek	40.815278 75.740833	---	88.08	---	1.70	2013
Centre	Black Gap Run	01	Headwaters to Mouth	White Deer Creek	41.011967 77.212662	59.90	10.71	---	1.49	2014
Centre	Old Mingle Valley Run	01	Headwaters to Mouth	Penns Creek	40.840987 77.405951	18.52	27.73	---	1.47	2014
Centre	Sixmile Run	01	Headwaters to Clay Mine Road	Moshannon Creek	40.943056 78.123056	67.59	49.76	---	4.22	2012
Centre	UNT To Spring Creek (RM 1.31)	02	UNT at RM 0.53 to Mouth	Spring Creek	40.926698 77.780579	---	53.78	---	0.53	2014
Centre/ Clinton	Eastville Run	01	Headwaters to Sink at RM 0.44	Fishing Creek	41.040195 77.227460	37.88	---	---	1.75	2014
Clearfield	Jack Dent Branch	02	First Forest Road Bridge downstream of the headwaters to Mouth	Medix Run	41.220278 78.393889	40.29	---	---	1.70	2014

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Clinton	Greenlick Run	01	Headwaters to Little Greenlick Run	Left Branch Young Womans Creek	41.439167 77.702500	29.99	21.25	---	3.79	2012
Clinton	Greenlick Run	02	Little Greenlick Run to Mouth	Left Branch Young Womans Creek	41.439167 77.702500	34.53	110.43	---	1.93	2012
Clinton	Long Run	03	Emergence of Stream 1.42 km upstream of Mouth to Mouth	Fishing Creek	41.086944 77.469444	0.69	169.27	13.65	0.88	2013
Clinton	Washburn Run	01	Headwaters to Mouth	Long Run	41.063332 77.354721	52.83	7.22	---	1.27	2014
Crawford	Dolly Run	01	Headwaters to Mouth	Shirley Run	41.708057 79.662781	---	188.18	---	2.17	2013
Elk	Sullivan Run	01	Headwaters to Mouth	Medix Run	41.267223 78.404999	46.12	1.43	---	3.45	2013
Fayette	Fulton Run	01	Headwaters to Mouth	Mill Run	39.949963 79.432861	34.62	---	---	3.66	2012
Lackawanna	Aylesworth Creek	01	Headwaters to Backwaters Edgerton Reservoir	Lackawanna River	41.520279 75.544998	41.20	---	---	1.54	2013
Lackawanna	Aylesworth Creek	02	Outlet of Edgerton Reservoir to Backwaters Aylesworth Creek Lake	Lackawanna River	41.520279 75.544998	32.10	---	---	1.56	2013

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Lackawanna	Plank Bridge Creek	01	Headwaters to Mouth	Spring Brook	41.305556 75.643889	132.74	1.92	---	2.47	2012
Lycoming	Antes Creek	01	Big Spring (Nippenose) to Mouth	West Branch Susquehanna River	41.188824 77.240997	0.01	46.22	---	3.30	2014
Lycoming	Mosquito Creek	01	Outflow Mosquito Valley Reservoir to Williamsport Water Authority Intake	West Branch Susquehanna River	41.224998 77.041389	45.49	31.61	---	4.43	2014
Lycoming	Mosquito Creek	02	Williamsport Water Authority Intake to Mouth	West Branch Susquehanna River	41.224998 77.041389	0.03	57.37	---	2.88	2014
Lycoming	Remington Run	01	Headwaters to Mouth	Mosquito Creek	41.199444 77.050552	36.06	4.52	---	2.62	2014
Lycoming	Ross Run	01	Headwaters to Mouth	Pine Creek	41.419876 77.489098	36.48	2.45	---	1.77	2014
Mifflin	Wakefield Run	02	UNT at RM 2.42 to Mouth	Juniata River	40.517902 77.698251	---	55.65	---	2.42	2014
Potter	Nelson Run	01	Headwaters to Mouth	Mill Creek	41.732735 77.936798	8.30	61.76	---	3.18	2014
Potter	Peet Brook	01	Headwaters to Mouth	Allegheny River	41.833889 77.942223	4.18	175.64	---	4.78	2014
Potter	Steer Run	01	Headwaters to Mouth	Allegheny River	41.807220 78.014168	44.03	19.68	---	3.58	2014

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Schuylkill	UNT To Mahoning Creek (RM 10.09)	02	UNT upstream from intersection of Dairy and Struss Valley Road to Mouth	Mahoning Creek	40.778675 75.843140	1.20	42.54	---	2.00	2013
Snyder/Union	Coral Run	01	Headwaters to Mouth	Penns Creek	40.856945 77.264999	60.46	0.23	---	3.25	2013
Somerset	Cub Run	01	Headwaters to 2.6 km upstream of Mouth	Clear Shade Creek	40.171667 78.745278	65.44	1.06	---	1.39	2014
Somerset	Iser's Run	01	Headwaters to Backwater of Rockwell Reservoir	Town Line Run	39.858334 79.218613	37.98	---	---	1.04	2014
Somerset	South Fork Bens Creek	01	Headwaters to Backwater of Conemaugh Township Reservoir	Bens Creek	40.272500 78.978611	51.08	---	---	1.30	2014
Tioga	Sand Run	01	Headwaters to Mouth	Wilson Creek	41.639721 77.301392	51.63	---	---	2.07	2014
Union	Stony Run	01	Headwaters to SR 45	Laurel Run	40.894581 77.202789	36.13	---	---	2.90	2014
Union	UNT To Rapid Run (RM 6.35)	01	Headwaters to Mouth	Rapid Run	40.987289 77.111710	42.47	1.38	---	0.92	2014
Union	UNT To Rapid Run (RM 7.16)	01	Headwaters to Mouth	Rapid Run	40.987511 77.125610	32.98	15.79	---	0.98	2014
Westmoreland	McCullen Run	01	Headwaters to Mouth	Laughlintown Run	40.215041 79.184240	4.82	0.42	5.24	2.90	2013

Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the additions are invited to submit comments in writing to Executive Director, Pennsylvania 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 also may be submitted electronically by completing the form at www.fishandboat.com/regcomments. If an acknowledgment of electronic comments is not received by the sender within 2 working days, the comments should be retransmitted to ensure receipt. Electronic comments submitted in any other manner will not be accepted.

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