

NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Proposed Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Waters; April 2023

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

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/acre).

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

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

(vi) *Mixed Wild Brown and Rainbow Trout Fisheries*

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

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

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

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

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

During recent surveys, Commission staff documented the following stream sections to have Class A wild trout populations. The Commission intends to consider adding these waters to its list of Class A Wild Trout Streams at its meeting on April 24 and 25, 2023.

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	Birch Island Run	1	Headwaters to unnamed tributary (UNT) at Juneberry Trail	West Branch Susquehanna River	41.195831 77.974442	36.51	—	—	1.80	2022
Centre	Yost Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Susquehanna River	41.226111 77.930000	44.50	1.10	—	4.35	2022
Clinton	East Branch Queens Run	1	Headwaters to Ram	Queens Run	41.183611 77.930000	30.55	—	—	3.00	2022

			Hollow Reservoir		77.475278					
Clinton	Queens Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Susquehanna River	41.175835	5.38	56.97	—	0.77	2022
					77.482224					
Clinton	West Branch Queens Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Queens Run	41.181389	39.31	3.33	—	4.11	2022
					77.477776					
Clinton	Whisky Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Lick Run	41.174180	36.56	0.14	—	1.96	2022
					77.512495					
Crawford	Shirley Run	1	Headwaters to State Route 1032 bridge	Thompson Creek	41.681944	—	55.11	—	2.11	2022
					79.667500					
Crawford	Shirley Run	3	State Route 89 bridge in Cloverdale Corners to Mouth	Thompson Creek	41.681944	—	63.84	—	1.70	2022
					79.667500					
Crawford	Thompson Creek	1	Headwaters to 100 meters upstream State Route 2031 bridge	Oil Creek	41.648611	—	48.43	—	3.29	2022
					79.732222					
Lycoming/ Potter/Tioga	UNT to Francis Branch (RM 2.40)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Francis Branch	41.550030	43.23	—	—	1.11	2022
					77.595367					
McKean/ Potter	South Branch Hamilton Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Hamilton Run	41.743677	45.16	10.68	—	1.98	2022
					78.231023					
Potter	Boone Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Cross Forks	41.599285	43.32	2.44	—	3.01	2022
					77.784811					
Potter	Schoolhouse Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Francis Branch	41.552678	66.14	5.37	—	2.36	2022
					77.616121					
Potter	Welch Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	UNT to Francis Branch (RM 3.44)	41.558782	56.59	—	—	0.95	2022
					77.616672					

Potter	Wingerter Run	1	Headwaters to Bolich Run	Cross Fork	41.60833 3 77.78055 6	32.68	1.39	—	3.04	2022
Potter/Tioga	Kramer Hollow Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Francis Branch	41.55345 0 77.58304 6	43.58	0.05	—	2.11	2022
Tioga	Bear Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Cushman Branch	41.55888 4 77.55183 4	84.59	—	—	2.13	2022
Warren	UNT to Spring Creek (RM 2.77)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Spring Creek	41.85387 3 79.55780 0	74.56	—	—	1.09	2022

Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the additions 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, objections or suggestions may also be submitted electronically to RA-pfbcregulations@pa.gov.

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