



August 14, 2015

PA Fish and Boat Commission  
Attn: Mr. John Arway, Executive Director  
1601 Elmerton Ave.  
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Harrisburg, PA 17106

**RE: Proposed Additions to Wild Trout and Class A Streams - September 2015**

Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) is writing in support of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's (Commission's) consideration of the addition of 102 stream segments to the Wild Trout list and 40 stream segments to the Class A Wild Trout list. The Commonwealth's trout fisheries are an important resource for residents and visitors alike, and any designations and subsequent water quality protections afforded these streams is critical to their preservation. The Delaware Riverkeeper Network is especially pleased to see eight stream segments in the Delaware River Basin proposed for Wild Trout designation and three stream segments for Class A Wild Trout designation (listed below). This is in addition to the 13 stream segments for Wild Trout and six stream segments for Class A in the Delaware River Basin that were put forth, approved and accepted for listing at the Commission's June 2015 meeting.

Delaware Riverkeeper Network also requests, as we did in a May 28, 2015 letter, that at the September 2015 Commission meeting, the Commission consider Class A Wild Trout designation for the Hosensack Creek basin (Lehigh and Montgomery Counties, PA). We understand that the Commission has sampled this stream during the 2014 season and that it has been listed on the pending list for designation as Wild Trout. We also understand that the FBC recognizes most of Hosensack Creek and Indian Creek tributary to have naturally reproducing wild trout (August 2015 FBC list). With current threats pending for the Hosensack Creek, an expedient listing could help protect the stream and the trout species and exceptional water quality the Hosensack supports.

DRN submitted a petition requesting redesignation of the Hosensack Creek to Exceptional Value earlier this year; the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) moved the petition to the review phase at the EQB's April 2015 meeting. DRN commissioned a preliminary fish shocking survey conducted in 2014 that confirmed the presence of wild naturally reproducing brown trout in five different segments of the Hosensack Creek as well as the presence of native brook trout (upgrade petition and the fishery report available here: <http://www.delawariverkeeper.org/river-action/ongoing-issue-detail.aspx?Id=83>).

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We urge the Commission to continue to move the Hosensack and other streams from the list of “recently surveyed” to formal wild trout stream listing in as timely manner as possible, and hope more recently surveyed streams on the pending list, might yet be added to the list for consideration at the next Commission meeting occurring in September 2015.

**FBC Streams Proposed as Wild Trout in the Delaware River Basin**

Chester Culbertson Run	Headwaters to Mouth	East Branch Brandywine Creek	40.057949 75.744049
Chester Dennis Run	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Brandywine Creek	39.961349 75.800934
Chester UNT to West Branch Brandywine Creek (RM 10.87)	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Brandywine Creek	39.939159 75.777893
Chester UNT to West Branch Brandywine Creek (RM 13.86)	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Brandywine Creek	39.962414 75.803940
Schuylkill Morgan Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Schuylkill River	40.72710 0 76.08976 0
Schuylkill UNT to Little Schuylkill River (RM 5.10)	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Schuylkill River	40.64229 6 76.01615 9
Schuylkill UNT to Mahoning Creek (RM 10.09)	Headwaters to Mouth	Mahoning Creek	40.77867 5 75.84314 0
Schuylkill UNT to Schuylkill River (RM 107.46)	Headwaters to Mouth	Schuylkill River	40.58182 9 76.07973 5

**FBC Class A proposed listings in Delaware River Watershed**

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	
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

On behalf of our over 15,000 members, Delaware Riverkeeper Network appreciates the Commission's dedication to protection of streams across the Commonwealth and for considering these important streams for addition to the wild trout & Class A lists. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maya K. van Rossum". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Maya K. van Rossum  
the Delaware Riverkeeper