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Proposed a change to the stocking policy for Class A wild trout which would permit stocking to continue on certain Class A waters that meet specific conditions. Currently, stocking is prohibited on all Class A waters, which represent the best of the naturally reproducing trout fisheries. The PFBC has identified nine waters which meet Class A standards, but are currently stocked and receive heavy angler use.

The proposed policy amendment would allow stream sections which are designated as Class A after 2013 to remain eligible for fingerling stocking or preseason-only stocking of adult trout by the PFBC or cooperative nurseries as long as certain conditions are met. The stream section must have been stocked during the year immediately prior to its Class A designation, and angler use in the stream section must equal or exceed the 75th percentile, statewide, of angler use for the opening weekend of trout season as documented by PFBC staff.

The PFBC is soliciting public comment on the proposal for 90 days. If adopted, the amended statement of policy would go into effect on Jan. 1, 2015.

Link to source: [http://www.fish.state.pa.us/newsrelea ... 013press/pfbc-q4-wrap.htm](http://www.fish.state.pa.us/newsrelea...013press/pfbc-q4-wrap.htm)

Dear Mr. Arway,

I am against the proposed change to the stocking policy for Class A wild waters that would allow the stocking of Class A streams.

The definition of Class A Waters (as per the PFBC) is:

"Streams that support a population of naturally produced trout of sufficient size and abundance to support a long-term and rewarding sport fishery."

Why stock them? Use the fish not stocked in these Class A streams to stock additional streams without a viable population of wild trout and/or stock current Approved Trout Waters more frequently or with more fish, thus increasing angler opportunities and actually enhancing trout fishing in Pennsylvania.

Thank you.

I plan to send the above to the PFBC when I figure out exactly where and how public comments about proposed policies are sent.

I encourage all anglers to send in their comments on the above proposal.

Edit: Found it!

http://www.fishandboat.com/promo/form/regulation_comments.htm