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Topic: : NW PA Stocking Over Wild Trout Survey Results
Re: NW PA Stocking Over Wild Trout Survey Results
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Quote:

> troutbert wrote:
> Does anyone know if the "no stocking on Class A waters" is a law, a regulation, an internal guidance type thing, a recommendation, or just what. In other words, does it have any legal force, is it a formal rule that they are obligated to follow? Or just a sort of management idea that they say that they follow, in general, but will make exceptions to in some cases.
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> Because they DO stock some Class A sections. --

TB,

Here is something from the Rulemakings section of the F&BC site. Keep in mind that this is up for public comment but I am sure the verbiage emboldend was there before.

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*Notice*
*Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Waters*
*Spring 2007*
*Notice is hereby given that the Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) is considering changes to its list of Class A Wild Trout Streams. Pursuant to 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.* ***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 Abundance 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).*
*In order for a water to be removed from the Class A Wild Trout Streams designation, total trout biomass must be documented below the set criteria for two consecutive stream examinations. At its meeting on April 16 and 17, 2007, the Commission intends to consider adding Tannery Hollow Run, Section 01, in Cameron County to its list of Class A Wild Trout Streams. Tannery Hollow Run is a tributary to Sterling Run. Section 01 extends for a distance of 2.75 miles, from the headwaters downstream to the mouth. Based on a stream examination inventory conducted by Commission staff in August 2006, Section 01 supported an estimated wild brook trout biomass of 40.04 kg/ha and met the biomass criteria for designation as a Class A wildbrook trout water. The Commission will not consider the removal of any streams from the list at the April 2007 meeting. Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the addition 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 Electroniuc comment form. 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.*
*FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION:*
*Douglas J. Austen, Ph.D.*
*Executive Director*

Its a pdf file located here

changes to the wild trout list
Another notice up for Public Comment regarding disposition of some streams to the wild trout list...what ever that is.

I would get behind these two items with public comment to the F&BC.

Maurice