

## DNR PROPOSES NEW TROUT STREAM CLASSIFICATION IN OCONTO COUNTY

Pursuant to NR1.02(7)(c), Wis. Adm. Code, the Department of Natural resources gives public notice of the classification of eight miles of Pecore Creek, in Oconto County as a Class 3 Trout water.

Pecore Creek in Oconto County is proposed for trout water reclassification based on its habitat and inability to support natural reproduction, under a Department of Natural Resources proposal open for public comment. Pecore Creek in Oconto County will be reclassified from Class 2 to Class 3, according to Tammie Paoli, DNR Fisheries Biologist in Peshtigo. Several years of water temperature monitoring suggest that this section of stream experiences water temperatures that often exceed tolerances for trout. Fisheries surveys have not found evidence of natural reproduction, nor evidence of adult trout. The section being reclassified to Class 3 is Pecore Creek in the Town of How (T29N R17E Sects. 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 17, 18), from the outlet at Grignon Lake bordering Menominee and Oconto Counties (T29N R17E Section 7) downstream to the confluence of the South Branch Oconto River (T29N R17E Section 3). The Department shall waive any hearing requirement on this reclassification unless a written request for a hearing is received before November 6, 2015. Requests should be sent to: Tammie Paoli, Fisheries Biologist, Wisconsin DNR, 101 N. Ogden Road, Peshtigo, WI 54157, or by telephone at (715) 582-5052.