

**Wheat Hollow Creek and Unnamed Tributary to Willow Creek
Stream Classification Proposal, Richland County, Wisconsin**

**Justin Haglund, Fisheries Biologist
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources**

**Approved by David Rowe, Fitchburg Fish Team Supervisor and
Tim Simonson, South District Fisheries Supervisor**

Trout Stream Classification Checklist (revised 2/2016)

(This completed checklist should accompany any trout stream classification changes. Check the items as appropriate and attach comments if desired.)

Stream name: Unnamed Tributary to Willow

County: Richland WBIC: 1224500

The portion of stream to consider for de-classification runs upstream from Willow Creek along Ernstmeyer Drive to the Richland/Sauk county line.

Upstream point coordinates: 43.46628 -90.19183

Downstream point coordinates: 43.45835 -90.19741

Classification proposed No classification

Stream name: Wheat Hollow

County: Richland WBIC: 1222800

The portion of stream to consider for reclassification runs from Willow Creek at Quackenbush road to the uppermost Wheat Hollow Road crossing.

Upstream point coordinates: 43.41591 -90.28633

Downstream point coordinates: 43.39193 -90.24912

Classification proposed Class I

Fish survey (including relative abundance, length distribution, and age structure) and habitat survey completed on water to be classified. Survey on file at Dodgeville (office location) **see attached report

Fish team supervisor and district fisheries supervisor have approved the classification. Date 8/18/2020

Fish Biologist has consulted with the following staff in their office or district

Permit Drafter Name: Thomas Bauman Date 08/05/20 Concerns Yes No
 Water Resource Specialist: Kim Kuber Date 08/05/20 Concerns Yes No
 Water Management Specialist: Jeff Schure Date 08/05/20 Concerns Yes No
 Drinking & Groundwater: Matthew Hilse Date 08/05/20 Concerns Yes No

Public notice published in local newspaper or other media. Date: 8/20/2020

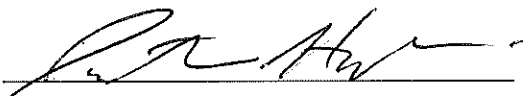
Notice sent to all clerks of the county, town, city, or village in which the stream is located. Date 8/20/20

Notice sent to legislators in the affected districts. Date: 8/20/20

Notice sent to chairpersons of legislative committees with jurisdiction for natural resources issues. Date: 8/20/20

No hearing requested 30 days after public notice.

Hearing requested, held, and classification recommended. Date _____

Signed:  Date: 9/28/20
Fisheries Biologist

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Fish Team Supervisor

_____ Date: _____
District Fisheries Supervisor

Trout Stream Classification Public Notice

Pursuant to NR 1.02(7)(c), Wis. Adm. Code, the Department of Natural Resources gives public notice of the de-classification of 0.68 miles of the unnamed tributary to Willow in the Willow township, Richland County as non-classified water and 2.99 miles of Wheat Hollow in the Willow township, Richland County as Class 1 trout water. The portion of the unnamed tributary to Willow runs from the confluence with Willow upstream to the Richland/Sauk county line. The portion of Wheat Hollow proposed for reclassification runs from the confluence with Willow Creek, upstream to the upper most Wheat Hollow road crossing.

These classifications are based upon surveys which indicate these stream segments support self-sustaining brown trout populations with multiple year classes of trout in sufficient numbers to utilize available habitat or lack trout and represent a warmwater fishery.

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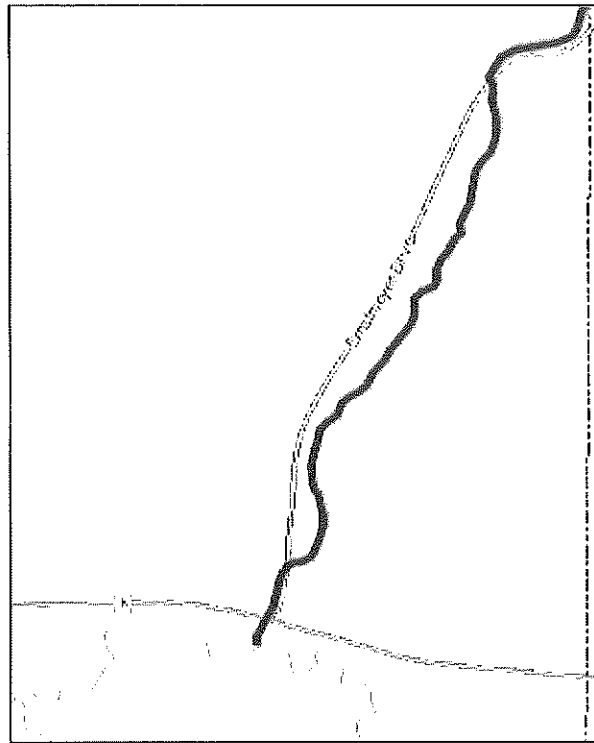


Figure 1. Unnamed tributary to Willow proposed for de-classification.

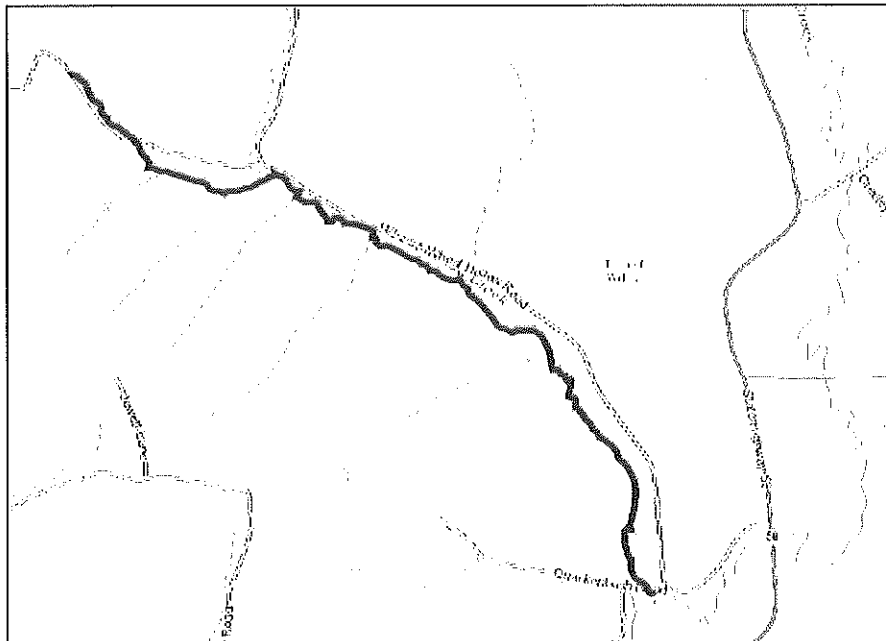


Figure 2. Wheat Hollow proposed for reclassification.

Brown Trout CPUE by Stream

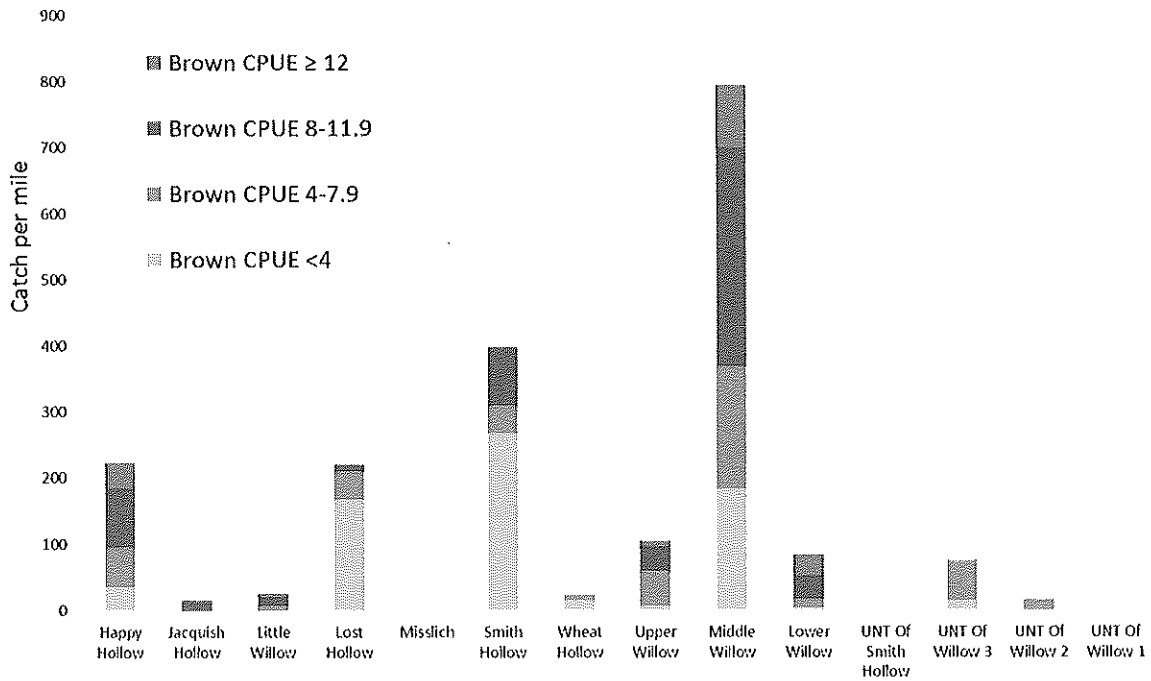


Figure 3. 2018 Brown Trout catch per unit effort (CPUE) given as number per mile for streams in the Willow Creek watershed. Age groups are defined as adults > 8 inches, yearlings 4 -7.9 inches, and young of the year < 4 inches.

Table 1. Brown Trout CPUE by stream and station.

Stream	Station Name	Station Number	CPUE (fish per mile)	Brown <4	Brown 4-7.9	Brown ≥ 8	Brown ≥ 12
Unnamed Tributary	UNNAMED TRIB OF WILLOW 1	13		0	0	0	0
Wheat Hollow	WHEAT HOLLOW CREEK-WHEAT HOLLOW (GAME FARM LANE)	17		0	0	0	0
	Wheat Hollow Cr US Quackenbush rd	18		32.26	16.16	0	0

Brook Trout CPUE by Stream

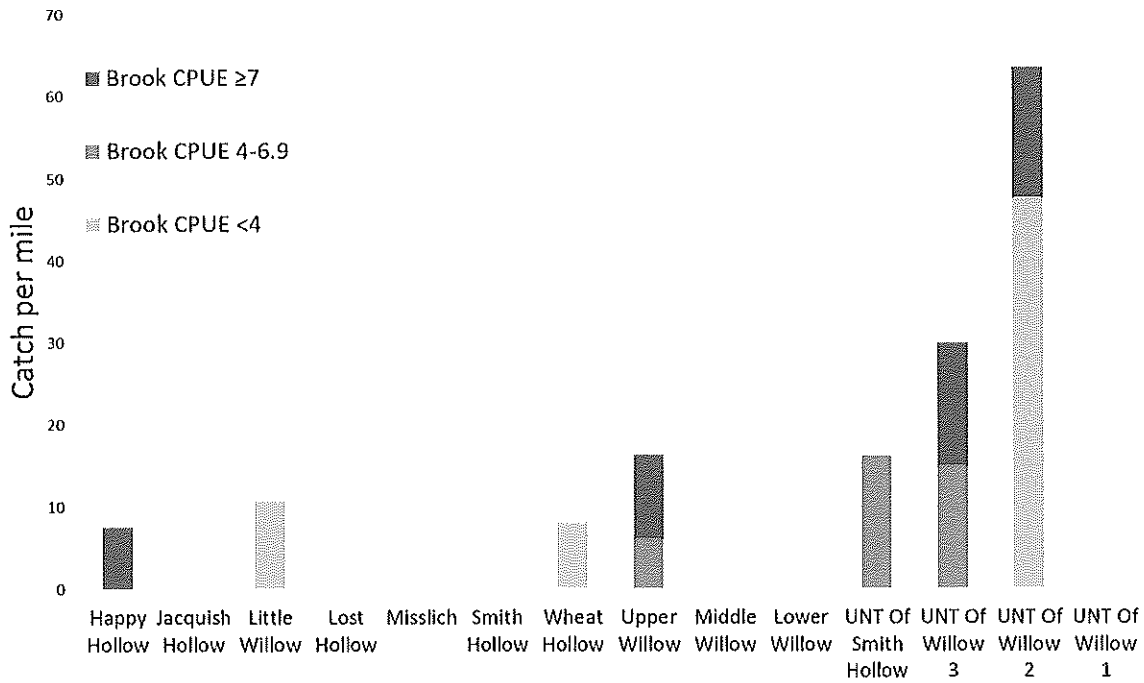


Figure 4. 2018 Brook Trout catch per unit effort (CPUE) given as number per mile for streams in the Willow Creek watershed. Age groups are defined as adults > 8 inches, yearlings 4 -7.9 inches, and young of the year < 4 inches.

Table 2. Brook Trout CPUE by stream and station.

Stream	Station Name	Station Number	CPUE (fish per mile)	Brook <4	Brook 4-6.9	Brook ≥7	Brook ≥10
Unnamed Tributary	UNNAMED TRIB OF WILLOW 1	13		0	0	0	0
Wheat Hollow	WHEAT HOLLOW CREEK- WHEAT HOLLOW (GAME FARM LANE)	17		0	0	0	0
	Wheat Hollow Cr US Quackenbush rd	18		16.13	0	0	0

No stocking has occurred in either of these streams.

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NOTICE

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From: Rowe, David C - DNR
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:58 PM
To: Haglund, Justin M - DNR; Simonson, Timothy D - DNR
Subject: RE: Stream Reclasses

I approve these reclasses. Please make sure the write ups get saved in the shared folder when Tim approves them.

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Dave

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David Rowe
Phone: (608) 275-3282
David.rowe@wisconsin.gov

From: Haglund, Justin M - DNR <JustinM.Haglund@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:04 PM
To: Rowe, David C - DNR <David.Rowe@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Stream Reclasses

Attached are the other stream reclasses for approval.

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Haglund, Justin M - DNR

From: Simonson, Timothy D - DNR
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:40 PM
To: Haglund, Justin M - DNR; Rowe, David C - DNR
Subject: RE: Stream Reclasses

Justin – I'm good with all these.

Dave – If you want to sign the hard copies for me, that's fine with me, given the circumstances. Tim

From: Haglund, Justin M - DNR <JustinM.Haglund@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Simonson, Timothy D - DNR <Timothy.Simonson@wisconsin.gov>; Rowe, David C - DNR <David.Rowe@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Stream Reclasses

Tim,

Attached are the stream reclasses that Dave approved.

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From: Haglund, Justin M - DNR
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 10:56 AM
To: Bauman, Thomas S - DNR; Schure, Jeff J - DNR; Hilse, Matthew J - DNR; Bruhn, Camille M - DNR; Kuber, Kimberly A - DNR
Subject: Trout Stream Reclassification
Attachments: Laxey Creek_Watershed_Reclass_Writeup.docx; Lowery_Watershed_Reclass_Writeup.docx; Mill Creek_Watershed_Reclass_Writeup.docx; Narveson Creek_Reclass_Writeup.docx; UNT_SpringValley_Reclass_Writeup.docx; Willow_Creek_2020_Watershed_Report.pdf

Good Morning Everyone.

Fisheries Management will be submitting the following waters for reclassification on October 1. I have attached supporting documentation for your review.

Stream	County	current class	proposed class	Description
<i>UNT Spring Valley Creek</i>	Iowa	unclassified	1	whole stream
<i>Narveson Creek</i>	Iowa	2	unclassified	Upstream of Blackhawk Lake
<i>Laxey Creek</i>	Iowa	unclassified	1	confluence with UNT WBIC(929800) upstream
<i>Lowery Creek</i>	Iowa	2	1	whole stream
Mill Creek Group	Richland			
<i>Mill Creek</i>		2	1	<i>Hwy E north of Boaz to headwaters</i>
<i>Ryan Hollow</i>		2	1	<i>whole stream</i>
<i>Dieter Hollow</i>		2	1	<i>whole stream</i>
<i>Coultier Hollow</i>		2	1	<i>whole stream</i>
<i>EBR Mill Creek</i>		2	1	<i>whole stream</i>
<i>Hood Hollow</i>		2	1	<i>whole stream</i>
<i>Pine Valley Creek</i>		2	1	<i>whole stream</i>
Willow Creek Group	Richland			
<i>UNT Willow Creek</i>		1	unclassified	<i>whole stream</i>
<i>Wheat Hollow Creek</i>		2	1	<i>whole stream</i>

Please review and let me know if you have any concerns regarding these stream reclasses.

Camille, you only need to review for Laxey Creek.

Thanks!

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From: Haglund, Justin M - DNR
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 2:19 PM
To: Sen.Marklein@legis.wi.gov; Rep.Tranel - LEGIS; Sen.Kurtz@legis.wisconsin.gov; Rep.Novak - LEGIS; Sen.LeMahieu - LEGIS; Rep.Stafsholt - LEGIS; Rep.Kitchens - LEGIS; Sen.Cowles - LEGIS
Cc: Ruby, Erin A - DNR; Kennedy, Sean P - DNR
Subject: Notice of Trout Stream Classification
Attachments: WDNR Laxey Creek Reclassification Proposal.docx; WDNR Lowery Creek Reclassification Proposal.docx; WDNR Mill Creek_Watershed_Reclassification Proposal.docx; WDNR Narveson Creek Reclassification Proposal.docx; WDNR UNT Spring Valley Reclassification Proposal.docx; WDNR Willow Creek_Watershed_Reclassification Proposal.docx

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to notify you of trout stream reclassifications in Iowa and Richland Counties. The legal notices for these stream reclassifications along with maps are attached. The Iowa County streams include Narveson Creek, Lowery Creek, two Unnamed Tributaries to Lowery Creek, Laxey Creek, and Unnamed Tributary to Spring Valley Creek. The Richland County streams include Mill Creek, Ryan Hollow Creek, Dieter Hollow Creek, Coulter Hollow Creek, East Branch Mill Creek, Hood Hollow Creek, Pine Valley Creek, Unnamed Tributary to Willow Creek, and Wheat Hollow Creek.

Part of the stream reclassification process is to notify the State Senators and Assembly Representatives for the areas where the streams are located, as well as the Chairpersons of legislative committees with jurisdiction for natural resource issues which is why you are all receiving this email. This is merely a notification and there is no required action on your part.

Thank You.

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August 19, 2020

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To whom it may concern:

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Current classification for this segment of Unnamed Tributary to Willow Creek: Trout water; Class 1

Current classification for this segment of Wheat Hollow Creek: Trout water; Class 2

Classification proposed for this segment of Unnamed Tributary to Willow Creek: Unclassified

Classification proposed for this segment of Wheat Hollow Creek: Trout water; Class 1

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Sincerely,

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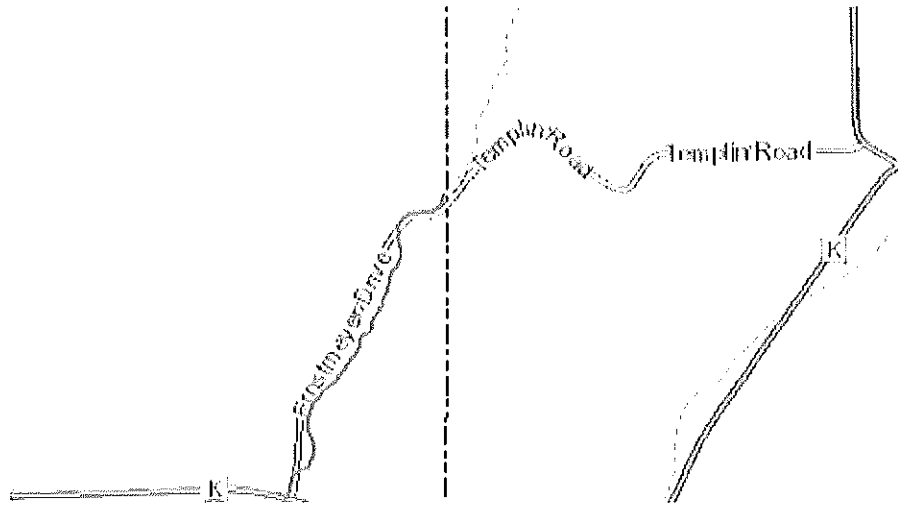


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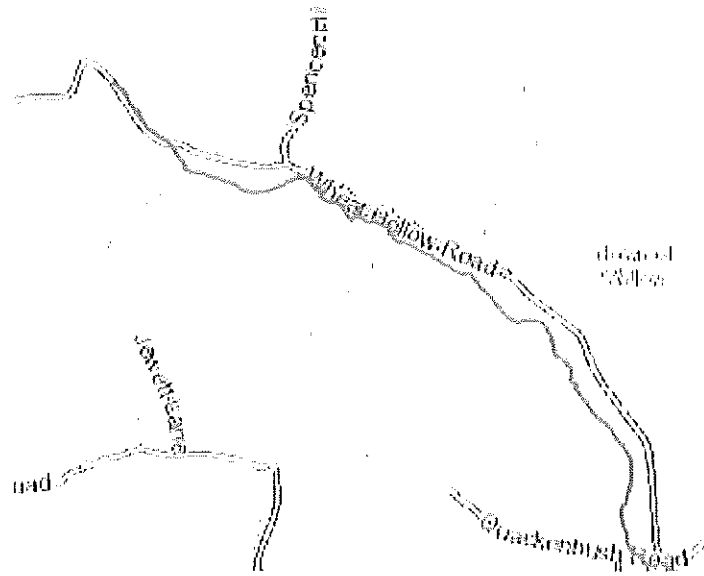


Figure 2. Wheat Hollow Creek proposed for reclassification.