

**Lowery, Unnamed Tributary to Lowery (1), and Unnamed
Tributary to Lowery (2) Stream Classification Proposal, Iowa
County, Wisconsin**

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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: Lowery Creek

County: Iowa WBIC: 1241400

The portion of stream to consider for classification runs upstream from State Highway 23 to the headwaters.

Upstream point coordinates: 43.06544 -90.06570

Downstream point coordinates: 43.13466 -90.06449

Classification proposed Class 1

Stream name: Unnamed Tributary to Lowery 1

County: Iowa WBIC: 1241800

The portion of stream to consider for classification runs upstream from the confluence with Lowery to the headwaters.

Upstream point coordinates: 43.08599 -90.06628

Downstream point coordinates: 43.10583 -90.05561

Classification proposed Class 1

Stream name: Unnamed Tributary to Lowery 2

County: Iowa WBIC: 1241700

The portion of stream to consider for classification runs upstream from Taliesen Lake to the headwaters.

Upstream point coordinates: 43.09967 -90.07812

Downstream point coordinates: 43.13327 -90.06896

Classification proposed Class 1

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 8/18/20

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit Drafter Name: <u>Thomas Bauman</u>	Date <u>08/20/20</u>	Concerns	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resource Specialist: <u>Kim Kuber</u>	Date <u>08/20/20</u>	Concerns	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Management Specialist: <u>Jeff Schure</u>	Date <u>08/20/20</u>	Concerns	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drinking & Groundwater: <u>Matthew Hilse</u>	Date <u>08/20/20</u>	Concerns	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Public notice published in local newspaper or other media. Date: 8/27/2020

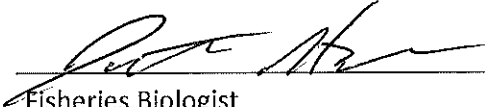
Notice sent to all clerks of the county, town, city, or village in which the stream is located. Date 8/20/20

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

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“A Class I Trout Stream is a stream or portion thereof with a self-sustaining population of trout. Such streams contain trout spawning habitat and naturally produced fry, fingerling, and yearling in sufficient numbers to utilize the trout habitat; or contains trout with 2 or more age groups, above the age of one year, and natural reproduction and survival of wild fish in sufficient numbers to utilize the available trout habitat and to sustain the fishery without stocking.”

The Department shall waive any hearing requirement on this classification unless a written request for hearing is received before September 26, 2020. Requests should be mailed to Justin Haglund, WDNR, 1500 North Johns St., Dodgeville WI, 53533.

Data Summary for Lowery Creek, Iowa County, WI

Justin Haglund, WDNR Senior Fisheries Biologist, Dodgeville

August 18, 2020

2020

Lowery Creek was surveyed in 2020 as part of a water resources targeted watershed assessment. Data from Lowery Creek and connected unnamed tributaries submitted for reclassification are shown below. Two sites were surveyed on Lowery Creek, one at Far Look road and one at the Cates farm upstream from CTH Z. One site was surveyed on UNT 1 to Lowery, upstream from the confluence on Cates Farm. Three other sites were surveyed on the UNT 2 that flows into Lowery below STH 23: one site at STH 23, one site at Hillside School Road, and one site on the Deegan property. Lowery Creek is proposed to be reclassified from class 2 to class 1 trout water. Both of the UNT are unclassified and are proposed to be classified to class 1 trout water. Map of survey sites is shown below with data collected at each site.

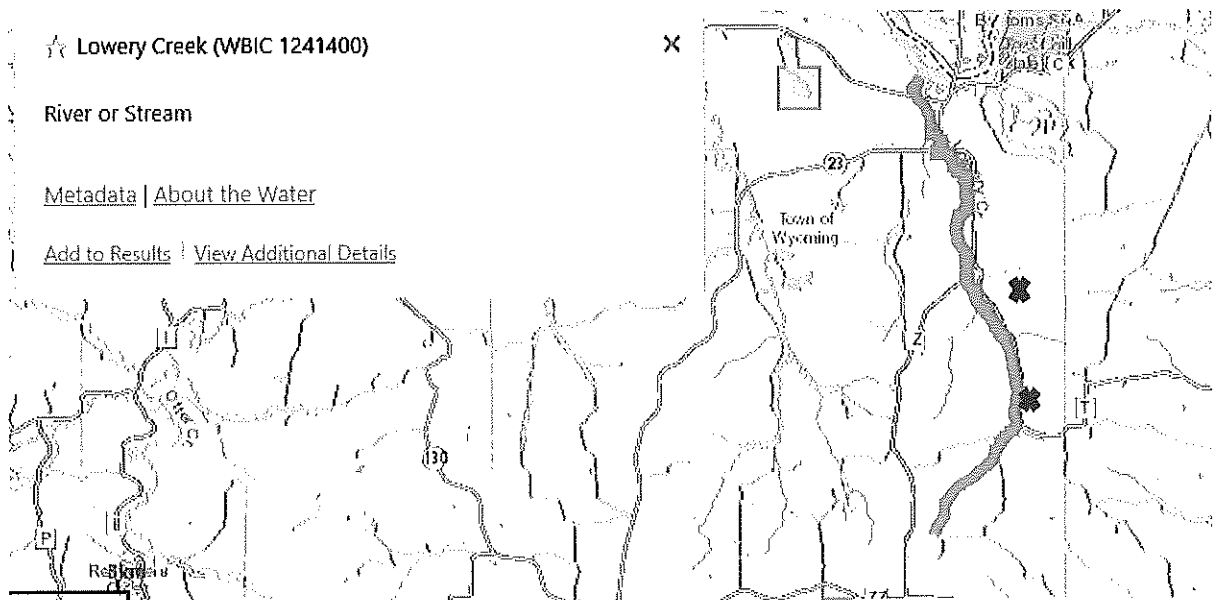


Figure 1. Map of Lowery Creek with survey sites.

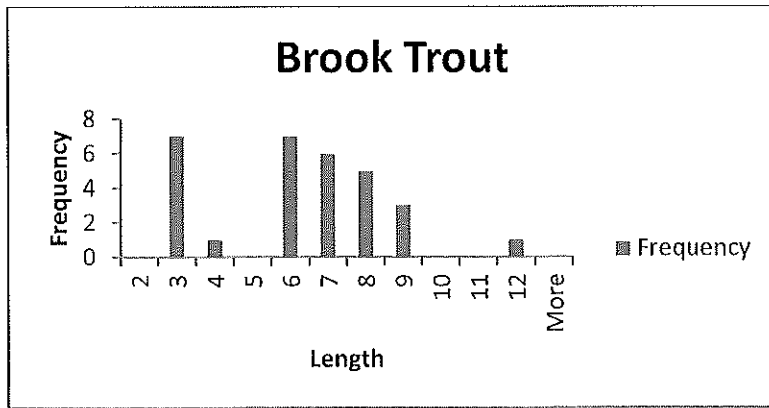


Figure 2. Data from Brook Trout collected at upper most Far Look Road site. 133 YOY, 250 yearlings and 150 adults/mile were collected.

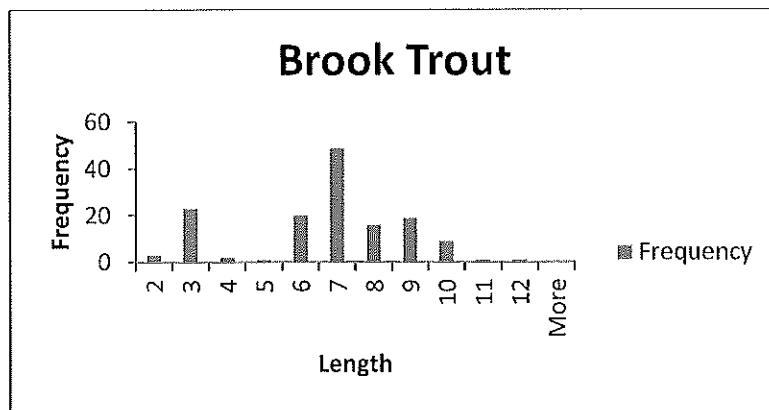


Figure 3. Data from Brook Trout collected at next site downstream along Cates Farm. 412 YOY, 1000 yearlings, and 706 adults/mile were collected.

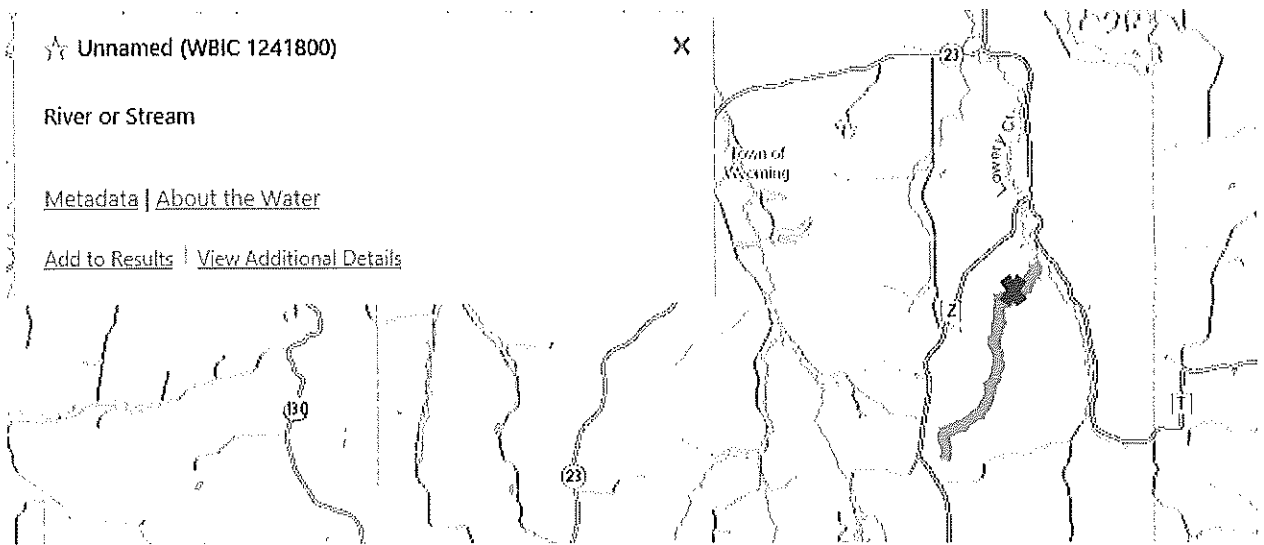


Figure 4. Map of UNT 1 that flows to Lowery Creek at Cates Farm.

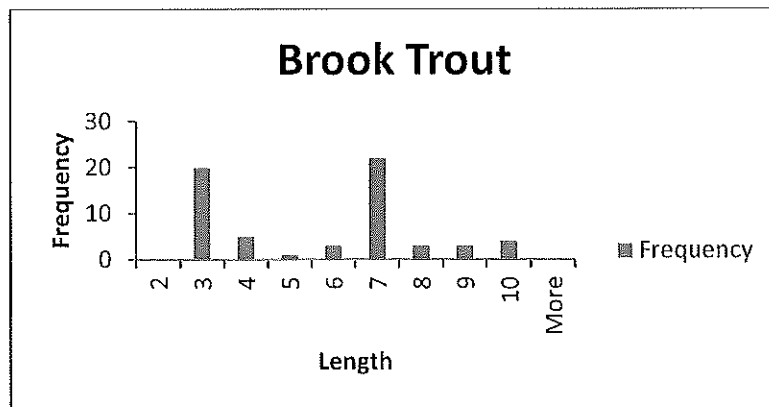


Figure 5. Data from Brook Trout collected at UNT 1 to Lowery at Cates Farm. 721 YOY, 382 yearlings, and 147 adults/mile were collected.

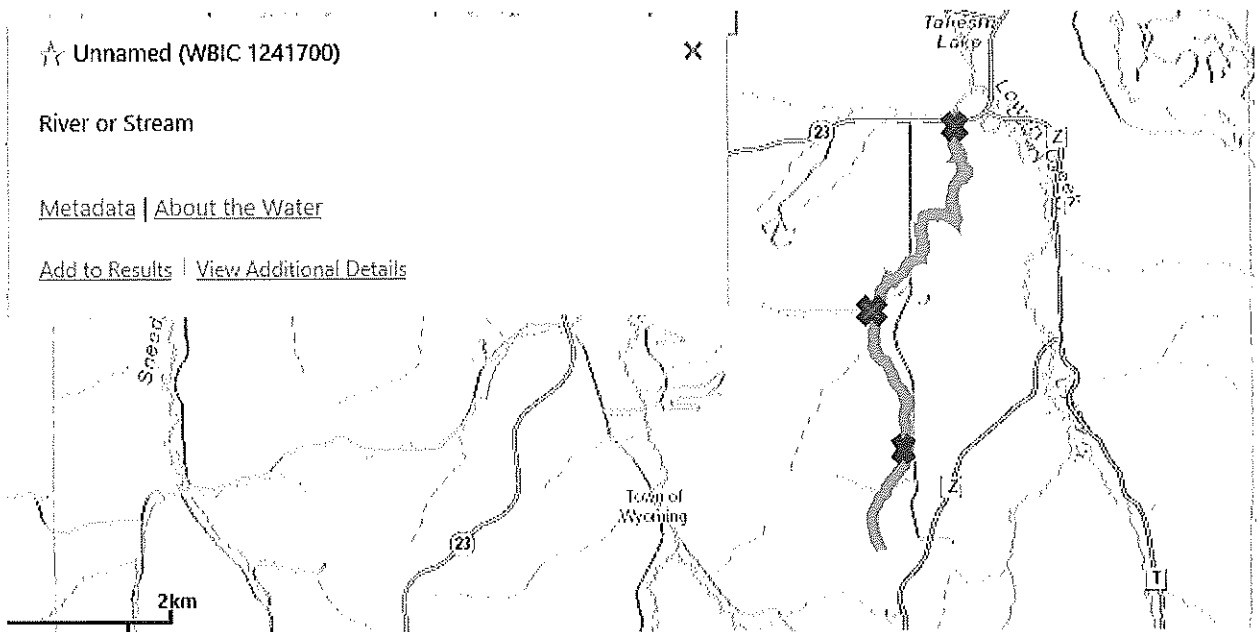


Figure 6. Map of UNT 2 that flows to Lowery Creek below STH 23.

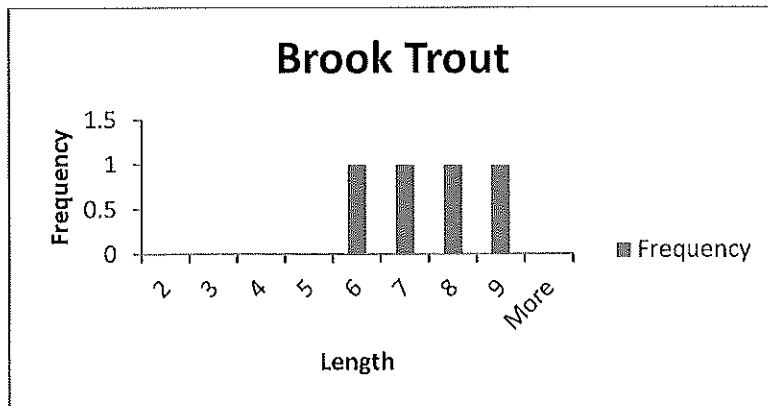


Figure 7. Data collected at upper most UNT 2 site at Degen property. 0 YOY, 12 yearlings, and 12 adults/mile were collected.

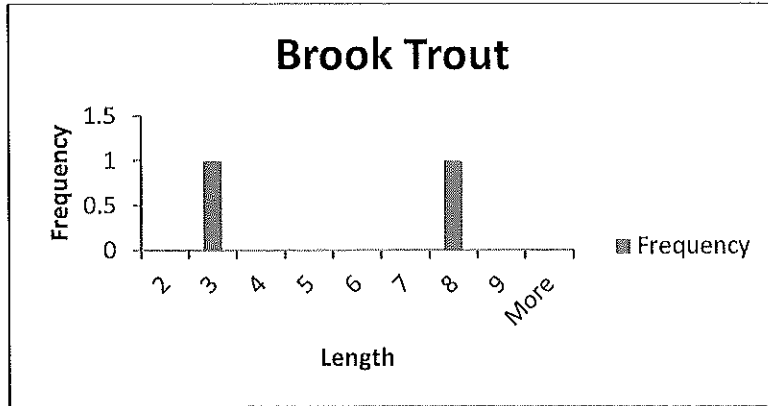


Figure 8. Data collected at next downstream site on UNT 2 site at Hillside School Road. 13 YOY, 0 yearlings, and 13 adults/mile were collected.

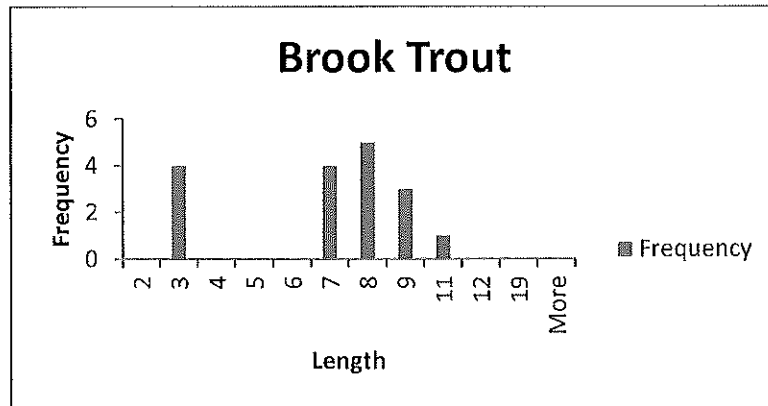


Figure 9. Data collected at lower most UNT 2 site upstream of STH 23. 62 YOY, 62 yearlings, and 138 adults/mile were collected.

5 Year Stocking History:

No stocking has occurred in Lowery Creek or UNT's within the last 5 years.

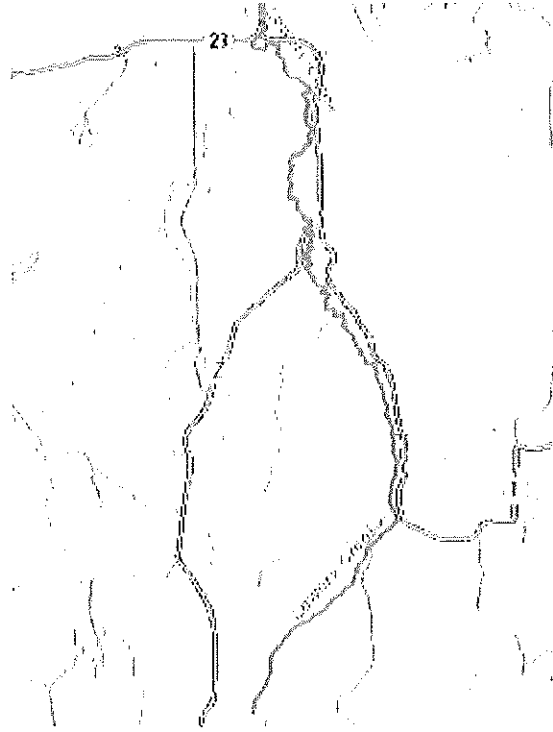


Figure 10. Lowery Creek proposed for reclassification.



Figure 11. Unnamed Tributary 1 to Lowery Creek proposed for reclassification.

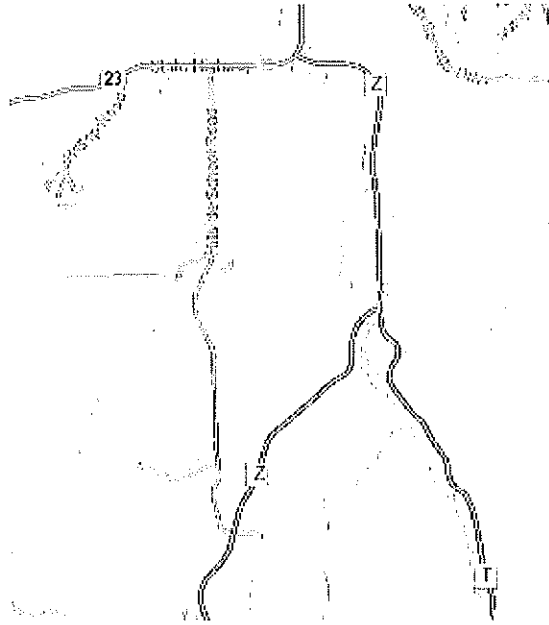


Figure 12. Unnamed Tributary 2 to Lowery Creek proposed for reclassification.

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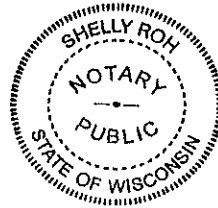
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NOTICE OF RECLASSIFICATION OF 1.8 MILES OF UNNAMED TRIBUTARY 1 TO LOWERY CREEK

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on September 2, 2020

Shelly Roh
Notary Public, Iowa County, Wisconsin
Commission Expires January 7, 2024

Haglund, Justin M - DNR

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.

W:\Rowe\trout stream reclass 2020

Dave

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David Rowe
Phone: (608) 275-3282
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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; Hulse, 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

Subject: Reclassification of Lowery Creek and unnamed tributaries to Lowery Creek, Iowa County

To whom it may concern:

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Current classification for this segment of Unnamed Tributary 1 to Lowery Creek: Unclassified

Current classification for this segment of Unnamed Tributary 2 to Lowery Creek: Unclassified

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

Classification proposed for this segment of Unnamed Tributary 1 to Lowery Creek: Trout water; Class 1

Classification proposed for this segment of Unnamed Tributary 2 to Lowery Creek: Trout water; Class 1

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

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Sincerely,

Justin Haglund
Fisheries Biologist
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
1500 N. Johns Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533



Figure 1. Unnamed Tributary 1 to Lowery Creek proposed for reclassification.

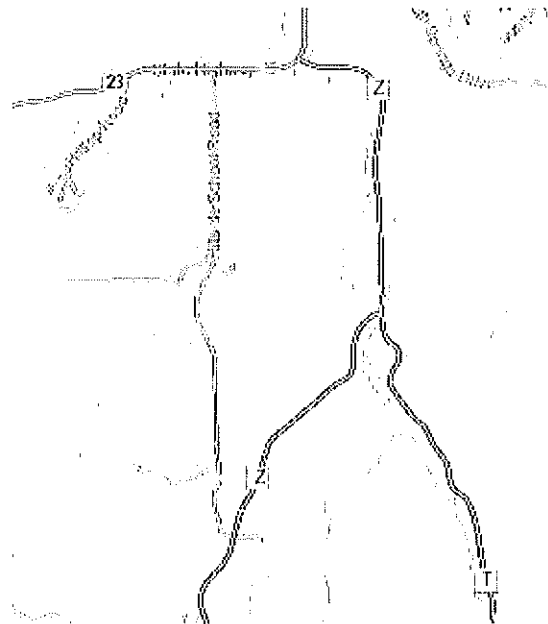


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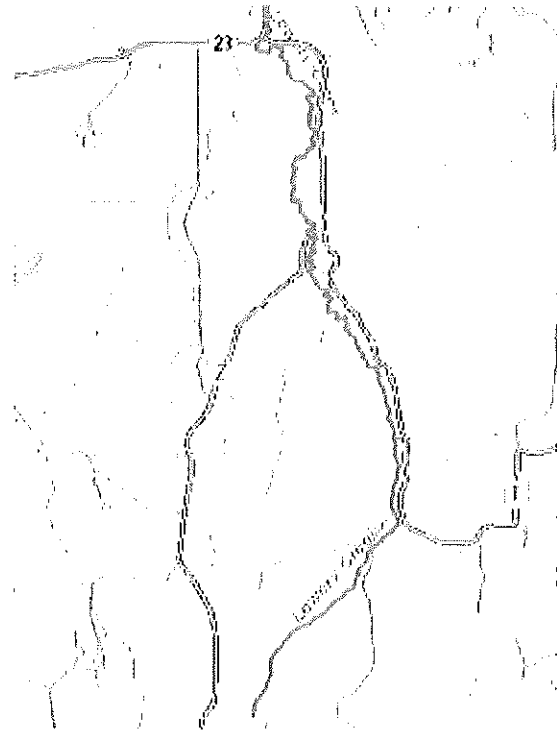


Figure 3. Lowery Creek proposed for reclassification.