

Trout Stream Classification Checklist (WBIC: 1211800)

Stream name: Unnamed Tributary to Coon Valley Creek

County: Grant WBIC: 1211800

The portion of stream being considered for reclassification runs from the confluence with Coon Valley upstream to the confluence with unnamed spring stream (WBIC 5035563). See Figure 1.

Upstream point coordinates: 43.07540 -90.59844

Downstream point coordinates: 43.07290 -90.57029

Current classification natural community cold water

Classification proposed Trout water Class I

This classification is based upon a survey conducted in 2019 which indicates this portion of stream supports a self-sustaining brown trout and brook trout populations with multiple year classes of trout in sufficient numbers to utilize available habitat (Figures 2 & 3). Catch per unit effort (number per mile) for brown trout was 1,871 young of the year, 571 yearlings, and 71 adults. Catch per unit effort (number per mile) for brook trout was 192 young of the year, 51 yearlings, and 71 adults. Field report is filed at the Dodgeville office and available upon request.

Figure 4 is of adult trout present in pools in the downstream areas too deep and wide to effectively sample with a backpack electrofishing unit. The only recorded stocking event was in 1997. Two hundred fifty large fingerling brook trout were stocked.

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Figure 1. The portion of unnamed tributary to Coon Valley Creek proposed for reclassification (Coon Valley Creek upstream to unnamed spring stream (WBIC: 5035563)).

Public noticed in Fennimore Times 8/27/2020

Pursuant to NR 1.02(7)(c), Wis. Adm. Code, the Department of Natural Resources gives public notice of the classification of 1.68 miles of an unnamed tributary (WBIC: 1211800) to Coon Valley Creek in the Town of Grove, Grant County as Class 1 trout water and declassification 0.69 miles of unnamed tributary (WBIC:3000381) in the Town of Grover, Grant County. The portion of unnamed tributary (WBIC:1211800) proposed for classification runs from Coon Valley Creek upstream to unnamed stream (WBIC:5035563). The portion of unnamed stream (WBIC:3000381) proposed for declassification runs from the Coon Valley Creek to the headwaters.

These classifications are based upon surveys which indicate unnamed stream (WBIC:1211800) support self-sustaining brown trout and brook trout populations with multiple year classes of trout in sufficient numbers to utilize available habitat. Unnamed stream (WBIC:3000381) is currently intermittent and does not support trout.

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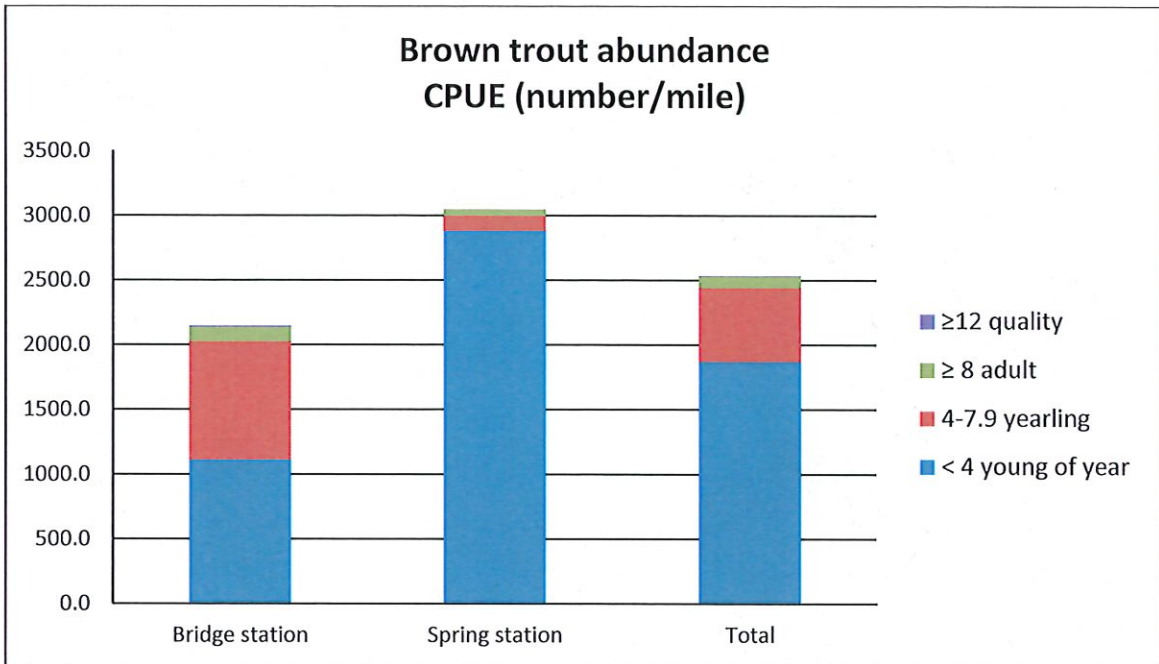


Figure 2. 2020 brown trout catch per unit effort (CPUE) given as number per mile for unnamed tributary (WBIC 1211800) to Coon Valley Creek. Age groups are defined as adults > 8 inches, yearlings 4 - 7.9 inches, and young of the year < 4 inches.

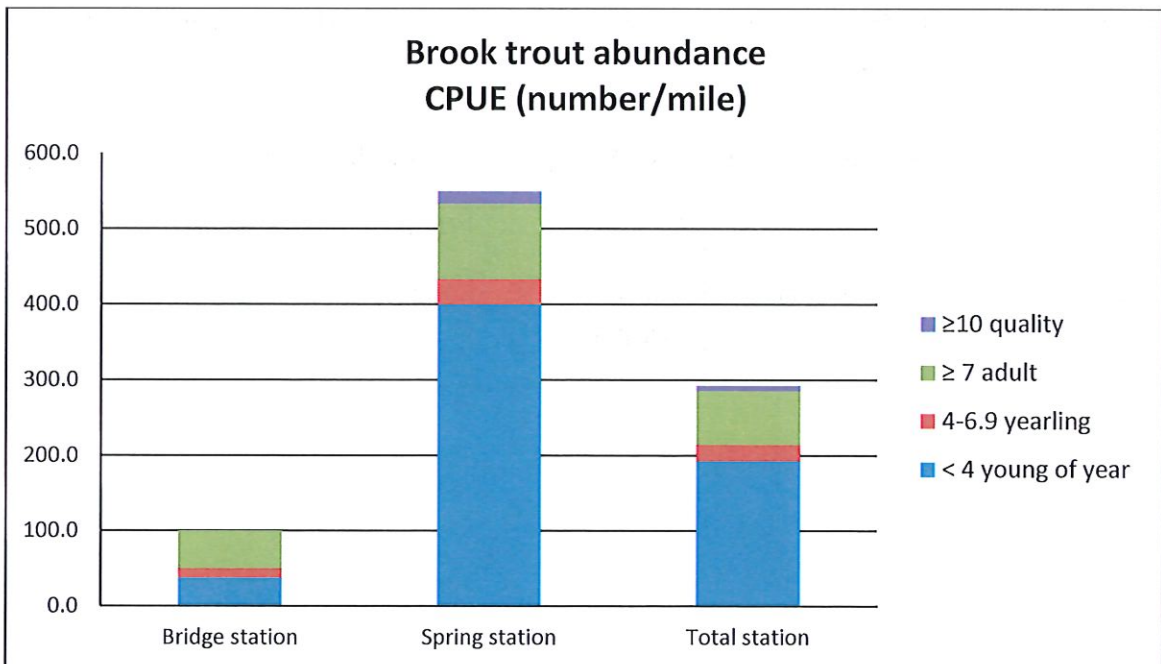


Figure 3. 2020 brook trout catch per unit effort (CPUE) given as number per mile for unnamed tributary (WBIC 1211800) to Coon Valley Creek. Age groups are defined as adults > 7 inches, yearlings 4 - 6.9 inches, and young of the year < 4 inches.



Figure 4. Photo of adult brook and brown trout present in unnamed tributary (WBIC 1211800) to Coon Valley Creek. Area was too deep and wide to sample with backpack electrofishing unit.

Stocking History unnamed tributary to Coon Valley Creek (WBIC: 1211800)

Year	Species	Age class	Number stocked	Average Length
1997	BROOK TROUT	LARGE FINGERLING	250	5.2

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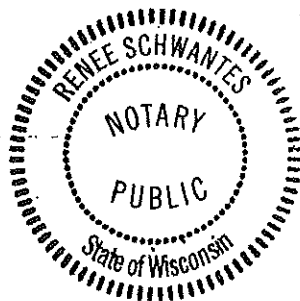
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