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Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 11:31 AM
To: Engel, Marty P - DNR
Cc: LaLiberte, Paul J - DNR; Margenau, Terry L - DNR
Subject: FW: Proposed Trout Stream Classification Changes

Marty – Thanks for forwarding these reports to Mark and me. The suggested class changes appear well documented and I concur with the suggested class changes. There seems to be some major “natural reproduction and population improvements” in the Rush and Little Trimbelle as well as very significant increases in recruitment in Bolen Creek – do you know if we have documented/quantified the causes of these improvement (in-stream habitat, land use changes, bmp installations? Etc.) If so, can you share that with me.

And I see Lamb Creek is “modeled” as a warm/cool transition headwater so spot on with that re-class also.

I’ve also forwarded to Paul LaLiberte for his review. Paul the check list does include a step that I send these suggested changes to other water division for their review and I would guess concurrence. Can you (or your staff) please review and let both Marty and me know if you concur.

From: Engel, Marty P - DNR
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 11:25 AM
To: Helsel, Daniel R - DNR
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Subject: Proposed Trout Stream Classification Changes

Dan,

As part of the trout stream classification process I am working through the Trout Stream Classification Checklist and am seeking concurrence from the Water Division on these proposed classifications:

Rush River, Pierce County only - Change from Class II to Class I
South Fork of Kinnickinnic River, Pierce Co. – Change from Class II to Class I
Little Trimbelle River, Pierce Co. – Change from Class II to Class I
Bolen Creek, Dunn & St. Croix County – Change from Class II to Class I
Lamb Creek, Dunn Co. – Class III, declassify to WWFF.

Please review the attached documents and let me know if you concur. In the mean time I will proceed with the public notice.

Thanks

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Five western Wisconsin trout streams to be reclassified

News Release Published: July 15, 2013 by the Northwest Region

Contact(s): Marty Engel, Senior Fisheries Biologist, 715-684-2914 ext. 110

SPOONER, Wis. – Portions of five western Wisconsin trout streams would be reclassified based on their habitat and ability to support natural trout reproduction, under a Department of Natural Resources proposal that is currently open for public comment.

Four of the streams would be reclassified from class 2 to class 1 trout streams, and a fifth would be reclassified as a warm-water forage fish stream, according to Marty Engel, Department of Natural Resources Senior Fisheries Biologist, Baldwin.

“The four streams being reclassified as class 1 stream because fisheries surveys have shown they contain abundant self-sustaining trout populations and no longer need stocking,” Engel said. “Surveys have shown that the fifth stream is unable to support a trout population even after years of stocking, so it is being reclassified from a class 3 trout stream to a warm-water forage fish stream.”

The streams being reclassified from class 2 to class 1 are:

- Rush River in Pierce County (Martell, Gilman, El Paso, Salem and Maiden Rock Townships) for 27.6 miles from the St. Croix-Pierce county line downstream to State Highway 35.
- South Fork of the Kinnickinnic River, all 4.5 miles in Pierce County (River Falls East and West Townships).
- Little Trimble River all 5.3 miles in Pierce County (Trenton Township).
- Bolen Creek all 5.3 miles in Dunn County (New Haven Township) and all 0.8 miles in St. Croix County (Forest Township).

The fifth stream, 4 miles of Lambs Creek in Dunn County (Sherman Township) would be reclassified from a class 3 trout stream to a warm water forage fish stream based on recent surveys that indicate Lambs Creek was a stocked stream that did not support a trout fishery for many years.

The DNR will waive any hearing requirement on these classifications unless a written request for a hearing is received before August 14, 2013. Hearing requests should be sent to: Marty Engel, Senior Fisheries Biologist, Wisconsin DNR, 890 Spruce Street, Baldwin, WI 54002. He can be contacted by telephone at 715-684-2914 ext. 110.

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