

## DNR PROPOSES NEW TROUT STREAM CLASSIFICATIONS IN BAYFIELD COUNTY

SUPERIOR – Twenty-three (24) streams in Bayfield County are proposed for trout water classification or reclassification based on their habitats and abilities to support natural reproduction, under a Department of Natural Resources proposal open for public comment. Classification helps ensure high, long-term habitat quality necessary to support healthy fisheries.

Twenty-three (23) of the streams will be classified as Class 1 and one stream will become Class 2, all of which have not been previously classified, according to Paul Piszczek, DNR Senior Fisheries Biologist in Superior. Many of these streams are small and unnamed, and DNR surveys documented multiple year classes (including young-of-year) of resident and migratory Lake Superior trout and salmon species.

“The DNR surveys used for this proposal demonstrate that the streams, in part, function significantly as natural fish hatcheries for Lake Superior’s near shore fisheries,” Piszczek said.

The stream being newly classified to Class 2 is:

- Unnamed Tributary to Whittlesey Creek in Barksdale Township (T48N, R5W, Sects. 34 and 35). 1.3 miles beginning approximately 350 feet upstream from and parallel to the Ondossagon Road stream crossing, downstream to the confluence with the mainstem Whittlesey Creek.

The 23 streams being newly classified to Class 1 are:

- Unnamed tributary to Bark River in Clover Township (T50N, R7W, Sect. 12) and Bell Township (T50N, R6W, Sects. 7 and 18); the first major tributary upstream from Lake Superior. 1.6 miles, located near the abandoned powerline corridor that extends approximately 1.9 miles east of the intersection of Deswart Road and Bark River Road and approximately 0.8 mile west of the intersection of Keystone Road and West Lake Shore Drive, downstream to the confluence with the Bark River.
- Unnamed tributary to Bark River in Bell Township (T50N, R6W, Sects. 7 and 18). 0.6 mile beginning from approximately 2.0 miles east of the intersection of Clover Cemetery Road and Bark River Road, downstream to the confluence with an unnamed tributary to the Bark River.
- Unnamed tributary to Bark River in Clover Township (T50N, R7W, Sect. 12): The tributary immediately upstream from the first major tributary from Lake Superior. 0.1 mile beginning at the southeast corner of Section 12, approximately 0.6 mile southeast of Bark River Road, where the road bends 90° to the west approximately 1.1 mile south of STH 13, downstream to the confluence with Bark River.
- Unnamed tributary to Bark River in Clover Township (T50N, R7W, Sect. 13). 1.0 mile beginning at the abandoned powerline corridor, located approximately 1.7 miles east from the intersection of Deswart Road and Bark River Road, downstream to the confluence with Bark River.
- Unnamed tributary to Bark River in Clover Township (T50N, R7W, Sects. 13 and 24). 0.8 mile beginning approximately 0.6 mile upstream from the abandoned powerline corridor, located

approximately 0.9 mile east from the intersection of Deswart Road and Bark River Road, downstream to the confluence with an unnamed tributary to Bark River

- Unnamed tributary to Bark River in Clover Township (T50N, R7W, Sects. 13 and 24). 0.8 mile beginning approximately 0.6 mile upstream from the abandoned powerline corridor, located approximately 0.7 mile east from the intersection of Deswart Road and Bark River Road, downstream to the confluence of an unnamed tributary to Bark River.
- Unnamed tributary to Bark in Clover Township (T50N, R7W, Sects. 13 and 24). 0.5 mile beginning approximately at the abandoned powerline corridor, located approximately 1.2 miles east from the intersection of Deswart Road and Bark River Road, downstream to the confluence of an unnamed tributary to Bark River.
- Unnamed tributary to East Fork Cranberry in Clover Township (T50N R7W Sect. 34). 1.1 miles beginning approximately 0.4 mile upstream from Campbell Road to the confluence with an unnamed tributary to the East Fork Cranberry River.
- Unnamed tributary to East Fork Flag River in Port Wing Township (T49N, R7W, Sect. 6). 143 feet beginning approximately 1.0 mile east of the 45° bend in County Forest Road (Flag Road), and approximately 0.2 mile north of Section lines 6 and 7, downstream to the confluence with an Unnamed tributary to the East Fork Flag River.
- Unnamed tributary to East Fork Flag River in Port Wing Township (T49N, R7W, Sect. 6). 0.6 mile beginning approximately 1.0 mile southeast of the end of Almstead Road and near the center of Port Wing Section 6, downstream to the confluence with an Unnamed Tributary to the East Fork Flag River.
- Unnamed tributary to East Fork Flag River in Port Wing Township (T49N, R8W, Sects. 1 and 6). 1.3 miles beginning approximately 1.1 miles southeast of the end of Almstead Road and approximately 0.3 mile west of Section Lines 6 and 5, downstream to the confluence with the Unnamed Tributary to the East Fork Flag River.
- Unnamed tributary to East Fork Flag River in Port Wing Township (T49N, R8W, Sect. 1 and 6). 1.2 miles beginning approximately 1.0 mile east of the 45° bend in County Forest Road (Flag Road), and 0.1 mile north of Section Lines 6 and 7, downstream to the confluence with the Unnamed tributary to East Fork Flag River.
- Unnamed tributary to East Fork Flag River in Port Wing Township (T49N, R8W, Sect. 1) and Clover Township (T50N, R7W, Sect. 31). 1.0 mile beginning approximately 1.0 mile southeast of the end of Almstead Road and 0.1 mile west of Clover Township Section Lines 31 and 32, downstream to the confluence with East Fork Flag River.
- Unnamed tributary to Flag River in Orienta Township (T49N, R8W, Sect. 36). 0.1 mile beginning approximately 0.7 mile north of the east end of Hennessey Road, downstream to the Flag River.
- Unnamed tributary to Little Pine River in Pilsen Township (T47N, R6W, Sect 10). 0.1 mile beginning approximately 0.1 mile upstream from the Tri-County Corridor and 0.1 mile west of Ottman Road, downstream to an unnamed tributary to the Little Pine River.

- North Fish Creek in Keystone Township (T47N, R6W, Sect 29). 0.4 mile beginning at the confluence with an unnamed tributary approximately 0.2 mile southeast from the intersection of Section Lines 29 and 30 and U.S. Highway 2, downstream to U.S Highway 2. This segment joins with the existing 9.6-mile, Class 1 segment that continues downstream to the existing 7.5-mile Class 2 segment that continues to Chequamegon Bay.
- Unnamed tributary to North Fish Creek in Pilsen Township (T47N, R6W, Sects. 16 and 22). 0.3 mile beginning at the confluence with an unnamed tributary at SW corner of Section 15 and NW corner of Section 22, downstream to the confluence with North Fish Creek.
- Unnamed tributary to North Fish Creek in Pilsen Township (T47N, R6W, Sect 22). 0.4 mile beginning approximately 201 feet west of CTH G and north of Smerchik Road, downstream to the confluence with an unnamed tributary to North Fish Creek.
- Unnamed tributary to North Pikes Creek in Bayfield Township (T50, R4W, Sects. 4 and 5). 1.1 miles beginning at the confluence with an unnamed tributary, approximately 1,300 feet west of Section Lines 4 and 5, and 0.3 mile south of Schultz Fire Lane Road, downstream to the confluence with North Pikes Creek.
- Unnamed tributary to Pikes Creek in Bayfield Township (T50, R4W, Sects. 20, 21, and 28). 0.6 mile beginning at the powerline corridor just north of Section Lines 20 and 29 and 1.0 mile west of the intersection of Milligan Road and Bruhn Road, downstream to the confluence with Pikes Creek.
- Unnamed tributary to Pikes Creek in Bayfield Township (T50, R4W, Sects. 20, 28, and 29). 0.9 mile beginning approximately 0.2 miles upstream from the powerline corridor that is 0.1 mile upstream from Section Lines 20 and 21, and 1.0 mile northwest of the intersection of Milligan Road and Bruhn Road, downstream to the confluence with Pikes Creek
- Sandy Run Creek in Hughes Township (T47N R9W Sect. 18). 0.3 mile beginning at the headwaters approximately 0.2 mile west of Anderson Road between the Tri-County Corridor and U.S. Highway 2, downstream to the Bayfield-Douglas County lines. This segment will join with the existing 1.65-mile, Class 1 segment that continues downstream to the confluence with the Little Bois Brule River.
- Whittlesey Creek in Barksdale Township (T48N, R5W, Sects. 28, 33, and 34). 1.2 miles beginning approximately 0.3 miles northeast from the end of Galligan Road and at an exposed bluff located approximately 400 feet north of Section Lines 28 and 33, downstream to the confluence with North Fork Whittlesey Creek.

The Department shall waive any hearing requirement on this classification unless a written request for a hearing is received before November 24, 2013. Requests should be sent to: Paul Piszczek, Senior Fisheries Biologist, Wisconsin DNR, 1701 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Superior, WI 54880. He can be contacted by telephone at (715) 392-7990.