NOTICE OF TROUT STREAM CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to NR 1.02(7)(c), Wis. Adm. Code, the Department of Natural Resources gives public notice of the classification of 9 streams (listed individually below) in Chippewa, Eau Claire and Pepin Counties as new, upgraded or declassified trout water.

The Department shall waive any hearing requirement on this classification unless a written request for hearing is received before November 20, 2020. Requests should be sent to Joseph Gerbyshak, Wisconsin DNR, 1300 W. Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54701.

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.

A Class II Trout Stream is a stream or portion thereof that contains a population of trout made up of one or more age groups, above the age one year, in sufficient numbers to indicate substantial survival from one year to the next, and may or may not have natural reproduction of trout occurring; however, stocking is necessary to fully utilize the available trout habitat or sustain the fishery.

A Class III Trout Stream is a stream or portion thereof that requires the annual stocking of trout to provide a significant harvest; and does not provide habitat suitable for the survival of trout throughout the year, or for natural reproduction of trout.

The following streams are proposed for classification, reclassification or declassification as trout water. Unnamed streams are described by the named stream which they are a tributary to and, in parenthesis, the Section, Township, and Range at which the streams converge with the named stream:

Chippewa County

Unnamed tributary to Duncan Creek (Sections 24, 29 & 30, T31N, R9W): in the town of Bloomer will be classified as Class I for its entire length. This stream was not previously classified.

Unnamed tributary to Duncan Creek (Sections 17 & 18, T31N, R9W) in the town of Bloomer will be classified as Class I water for its entire length. This stream was not previously classified.

Eau Claire County

Black Creek (Section 4, 9, 10, 14, 15, 23, 24, & 25, T25N, R5W) & (Section 32, 33 T26N R5W) in the towns of Fairchild and Bridge Creek will be declassified as trout water for its entire length. This stream was previously classified as a Class III.

Bridge Creek (Section 18, 20, 29, & 32, T25N, R5W) & (Section 3, 10, 11, 12, & 13, T25N, R6W) in the town of Fairchild and Bridge Creek will be declassified as trout water upstream of the Hwy 12. This stream was previously classified as Class III.

Horse Creek (Section 15, 22, 23, 25, 26, 36, T26N, R5W) in the town of Bridge Creek will be declassified as trout water for its entire length. This stream was previously classified as Class III.

McGaver Creek (Section 26, 27, 33 & 34 T25N, R5W) in the town Fairchild will be declassified for its entire length. This stream was previously classified as a Class II.

Pine Creek (Sections 26, 27, 34, 35 & 36, T25N, R8W) in the town of Clear Creek will be classified as Class I trout water for its entire length. This stream was previously classified as a Class III.

Pepin County

Porcupine Creek (Section 4, 5, 8, 9, & 17, T24N, R14W) & (Section 30, 31, 32, T25N, R14W) in the towns of Frankfort and Waterville will be classified as Class II trout water to the Pierce County line. This stream was not previously classified.

Unnamed tributary to Bear Creek (Section 31, T25N, R12W) in the town of Lima will be classified as Class II trout water in Section 31. This stream was not previously classified.