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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 3.11 miles of Prairie Brook, in Green County from a Class 3 Trout water to unclassified. The segment of Prairie Brook to be unclassified is located in the Town of Adams (T3, R6E, Sects. 21, 22, 23) beginning at confluence with Dougherty Creek in Green County (42.72231N, -89.78814W) upstream terminating in the headwaters just west of the Prairie View Road Crossing (42.72009N, -89.74523W).

This classification is based upon a recent survey which indicates this portion of Prairie Brook is devoid of trout or other cold-water species and lacks adequate base flows or habitat to support a trout fishery at this time.

Also pursuant to NR 1.02(7)(c), Wisconsin Administrative Code, the Department of Natural Resources gives public notice of the classification of the following streams in Dane and Green Counties as Class I trout water:

Dane County

Schlapbach Creek: 2.13 miles of Schlapbach Creek; the segment of Schlapbach Creek to be classified is located in the Towns of Springdale (T6R7E sections 3, 4, 5, 7 ,8) and Cross Plains (T7R7E section 34), and the village of Mount Horeb (T6R7E section 7). Schlapbach Creek flows east from the headwaters near the end of Perimeter Street in Mount Horeb (43.012259 N, -89.720386W) to the confluence with Sugar River in Dane County (43.032710N, -89.657808W).

This classification is based upon a survey which indicates this portion of Schlapbach Creek contains 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 two 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.

Dane/Green County

Story Creek: 12.54 miles of Story Creek; the segment of Story Creek to be classified is located in the Towns of Oregon, Exeter, Brooklyn, and Montrose (T5, R9E, Sects. 8,17, 18, 19, 20, 29,30,31,32, T4, R8E Sects. 1, 12, 13, 24, T4, R9 E Sects. 6,7) beginning at confluence with Sugar River in Green County west of HWY X (42.80605N, -89.49935W) upstream into Dane County just north of Lincoln Road crossing east of CTY D (42.91470 N, -89.45080W).

This classification is based upon a survey which indicates this portion of Story Creek contains 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 two 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 these classifications unless a written request for hearing is received before November 20, 2020. Requests should be sent to Dan Oele, Fisheries Biologist, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711.

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.