



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 5.39 miles of East Fork Raccoon Creek, in Rock County as a Class II Trout water. The segment of East Fork Raccoon Creek to be classified is located in the Town of Beloit (T1, R12E Sects. 31,30, 19, 18; T1R11E Sect. 24) from the Wisconsin-Illinois border (42.49699N, -89.12821W) upstream to the West Beloit Newark Road crossing (42.54086 N, -89.13263W).

This classification is based upon a survey which indicates this portion of East Fork Raccoon Creek contains a population of trout made up of one or more age groups, above the age of one year, in sufficient numbers to indicate substantial survival from year to the next and may or may not have natural reproduction of trout occurring.

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 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.