

## Trout Stream Classification Checklist

(This checklist should be completed and accompany any trout stream classification changes. Check the items as appropriate and attach comments if desired.)

County Crawford

Stream name, classification proposed, and portion classified

Copper Cr C-III 3.5mi TO C-IV all 5.0mi

Master Waterbody ID Code 1635500

Fish survey (including relative abundance, length distribution, and age structure) and habitat survey completed on water to be classified  
Survey on file at what location FT McCoy

Public notice published in local newspaper or other media

Notice sent to all clerks of the county, town, city, or village in which the stream is located

Notice sent to legislators in the affected districts

Notice sent to chairpersons of legislative committees with jurisdiction for natural resources issues

No hearing requested 30 days after public notice

Hearing requested, held, and classification recommended

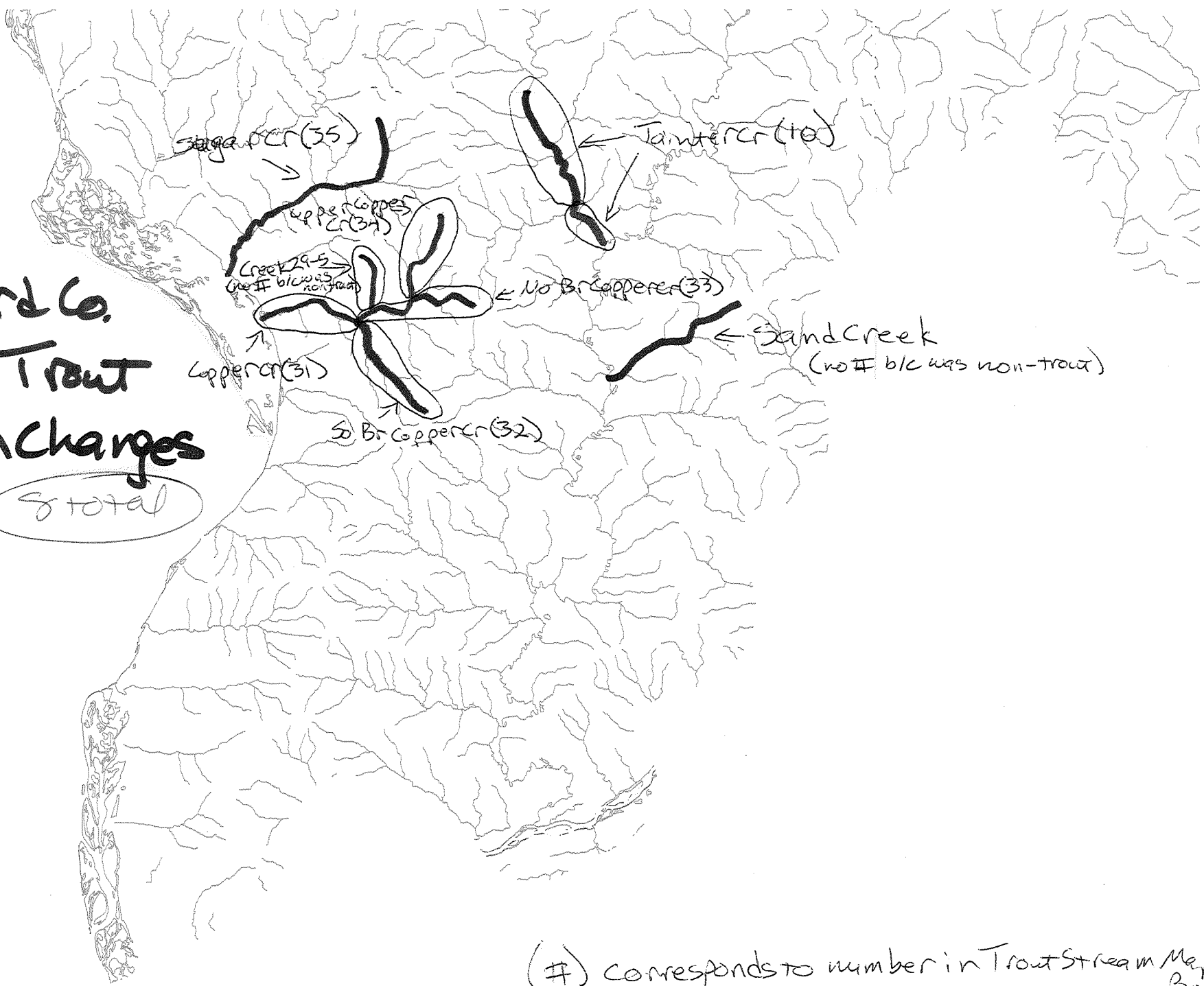
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Regional Supervisor David Wilson

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# Crawford Co. 2003 Trout Stream Changes

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8 total



(#) corresponds to number in Trout Stream Map Book

Crawford Co  
Trout Stream  
Blue Book

- I -
- II -
- III -



**La Crosse, WI---** Eight Crawford County trout streams will be classified based on their ability to support natural reproduction and good trout habitat, according to David Vetrano, Department of Natural Resources Senior Fisheries Supervisor, La Crosse. The classifications are based on water quality and fisheries studies conducted during the past several years in the county.

Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 1.02 (7) (4) requires the Department of Natural Resources to give public notice of the stream classifications or reclassifications. The Department shall waive any hearing requirement on any new classification unless a written request is received by David Vetrano, Senior Fisheries Supervisor, 3550 Mormon Coulee Road, La Crosse, WI., 54601 before October 3, 2003. He can be contacted by telephone at (608) 785-9009.

The Crawford County streams are:

**Copper Creek** (Seneca and Freeman Townships)

CURRENT: Class III from STH 35 upstream, (3.5 miles)

PROPOSED: Class I brown trout, entire length (5.0 miles)

Recent surveys show that Copper Creek is a high quality trout stream with sufficient natural reproduction to sustain populations of wild trout at or near carrying capacity. Consequently, this stream requires no stocking of hatchery trout. Copper Creek is a tributary to the Mississippi River.

**North Branch Copper Creek** (Seneca and Utica Townships)

CURRENT: Class II entire length, (3.8 miles)

PROPOSED: Class I brown trout, entire length (3.8 miles)

Recent surveys show that North Branch Copper Creek is a high quality trout stream with sufficient natural reproduction to sustain populations of wild trout at or near carrying capacity. Consequently, this stream requires no stocking of hatchery trout. The North Branch of Copper Creek is a tributary to Copper Creek.

**South Branch Copper Creek (Seneca Township)**

CURRENT: Class II entire length, (2.7 miles)

PROPOSED: Class I brown trout, entire length (2.7 miles)

Recent surveys show that South Branch Copper Creek is a high quality trout stream with sufficient natural reproduction to sustain populations of wild trout at or near carrying capacity. Consequently, this stream requires no stocking of hatchery trout. The South Branch of Copper Creek is a tributary to Copper Creek.

**Upper Copper Creek (Seneca and Utica Townships)**

CURRENT: Class II entire length, (1.6 miles)

PROPOSED: Class I brown trout, entire length (1.6 miles)

Recent surveys show that Upper Copper Creek is a high quality trout stream with sufficient natural reproduction to sustain populations of wild trout at or near carrying capacity. Consequently, this stream requires no stocking of hatchery trout. Upper Copper Creek is a tributary to the North Branch of Copper Creek.

**Creek 29-5 (Freeman and Seneca Townships)**

CURRENT: Non-trout entire length, (1.6 miles)

PROPOSED: Class I brown trout, entire length (1.6 miles)

Recent surveys show that Creek 29-5 is a high quality trout stream with sufficient natural reproduction to sustain populations of wild trout at or near carrying capacity. Consequently, this stream requires no stocking of hatchery trout. Creek 29-5 is a tributary to the North Branch of Copper Creek in Section 29.

**Sand Creek (Clayton and Haney Townships)**

CURRENT: Non-trout entire length, (3.9 miles)

PROPOSED: Class I brown trout, entire length (3.9 miles)

Recent surveys show that Sand Creek is a high quality trout stream with sufficient natural reproduction to sustain populations of wild trout at or near carrying capacity. Consequently, this stream requires no stocking of hatchery trout. Sand Creek is a tributary to the Kickapoo River.

**Sugar Creek** (Freeman Township)

CURRENT: Class II from Section 10 upstream, (7.0 miles)

Class III from Section 10 downstream (2.5 miles)

PROPOSED: Class I brown trout, entire length (9.5 miles)

Recent surveys show that Sugar Creek is a high quality trout stream with sufficient natural reproduction to sustain populations of wild trout at or near carrying capacity. Consequently, this stream requires no stocking of hatchery trout. Sugar Creek is a tributary to the Mississippi River.

**Tainter Creek** (Utica Township)

Current: Class II from County Road B upstream (4.8 miles)

Class III from County Road B downstream (2.0 miles)

Proposed: Class I brown trout from County Road B upstream (4.8 miles)

Class II brown trout from County Road B downstream (2.0 miles)

This classification is based upon a survey that indicates the upper 4.8 miles of Tainter Creek is a high quality trout stream, having sufficient natural reproduction to sustain populations of wild trout at or near carrying capacity. The lower 2.0 miles of Tainter Creek has some natural reproduction but not enough to utilize available food and space. Therefore, stocking is required to maintain a desirable sport fishery. The portion of Tainter Creek in Vernon County is proposed to be reclassified from Class II to Class I. Tainter Creek is a tributary to the Kickapoo River.