

DATE: 08/26/2020
TO: Representative Warren Petryk
FROM: Kasey Yallaly, DNR Fisheries Biologist
SUBJECT: Trout stream reclassifications

Pursuant to NR 1.02(7)(c), Wis. Adm. Code, the Department of Natural Resources gives public notice of the classification of 4 streams (listed individually below) in Dunn and St. Croix Counties as upgraded trout water.

The DNR will waive hearing requirement on these classifications unless a written request for a hearing is received before September 31th, 2020. Requests should be sent to Kasey Yallaly, Wisconsin DNR, 890 Spruce St, Baldwin, WI 54002.

- A Class II trout stream in these cases contains a population of brook or brown 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 to sustain the fishery.
- A Class I trout stream in these cases contains brook or brown 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 following streams are proposed for reclassification as trout water. In parenthesis, the Section, Township, and Range describes the location of the streams:

Dunn County

Otter Creek (Sections 7, 8, 18, 19, 30 in T30, R12W & Sections 12 and 13 in T30 R13W): in the townships of Otter Creek and Hay River will be classified as Class II brook trout water from County Rd S (south of 1170th Ave) downstream to the mouth at the confluence with the Hay River. This stream was previously classified as Class III trout water.

Eau Galle River (Sections 31, 32, 33 in T27N, R14W and Sections 2, 3, 4 in T26N R14W) in the townships of Weston and Eau Galle will be classified as Class II trout water beginning at the confluence with Unnamed Tributary in Section 31 downstream to just east of the eastern boundary of Section 3 in T26N R14W. This portion of stream was previously classified as Class III trout water.

St. Croix and Dunn Counties

Eau Galle River (Sections 13, 24, 25 in T28N, R16W and Sections 19, 30, 31 in T28N R15W) in the townships of Eau Galle and Cady will be classified as Class II brook trout water from County Rd N downstream to Boston Rd. This stream was previously classified as Class III trout water.

Sandy Creek (Section 13 and 24 in T30N R15W in St. Croix County and Sections 19 and 30 in T30N R14W in Dunn County) in the townships of Glenwood (St. Croix County) and Tiffany (Dunn County) will be classified as Class I brook trout water from County Rd X downstream to the confluence with Tiffany Creek in the town of Downing. This stream was previously classified as Class II trout water.

Beaver Creek (Section 1 in T29N R15W and Section 36 in T30N R15W in St. Croix County and Section 6 in T29N R14W and Sections 30 and 31 in T30N R14W in Dunn County) in the townships of Springfield and Glenwood in St. Croix County and the townships of Tiffany and Stanton in Dunn County will be classified as Class I brook trout water from County Highway W downstream to the confluence with Tiffany Creek. This stream was previously classified as Class II trout water.