

## Appendix A. Trout Stream Classification Checklist (revised 2/2016)

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

Stream name: East Fork Raccoon Creek  
(if stream is known by another name please list both names with the more common name first)

County: Rock WBIC: 874100

Define the portion of the stream to be classified. Please provide both a written description and the coordinate locations of the upstream and downstream beginning and end points.

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This written description should reference permanent, unambiguous landmarks that would allow a person unfamiliar with the area to locate the points (e.g., dams, road crossings, stream confluences, county lines, section lines, township lines)

Please provide coordinate locations in one of three formats:

Longitude/Latitude (Degrees, Minutes, Seconds): 89° 41' 28.7" W , 44° 55' 14.0" N

Longitude/Latitude (Decimal Degrees): -89.691332, 44.920576

WTM91 (easting and northing in meters): 544361, 494173

Upstream point coordinates: 42.54086 N, -89.13263W

Downstream point coordinates: 42.49699N, -89.12821W

Classification proposed Class II

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

Fish team supervisor and district fisheries supervisor have approved the classification.  
Date 8/10/20 DR, TS

Fish Biologist has consulted with the following staff in their office or district

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Permit Drafter Name <u>Tom Bauman</u>	Date <u>8/21/20</u>	Concerns Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Water Resource Specialist Name <u>Camille Bruhn</u>	Date <u>8/25/20</u>	Concerns Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Water Management Specialist Name <u>Jeff Schure</u>	Date <u>08/07/20</u>	Concerns Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Drinking and Groundwater staff Name <u>Amy Kubly</u>	Date <u>08/07/20</u>	Concerns Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Pursuant to NR 1.02(7)(c), Wisconsin Administrative 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 2 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).

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The Department shall waive any hearing requirement on this classification unless a written request for hearing is received before September 15, 2020. Requests should be sent to:

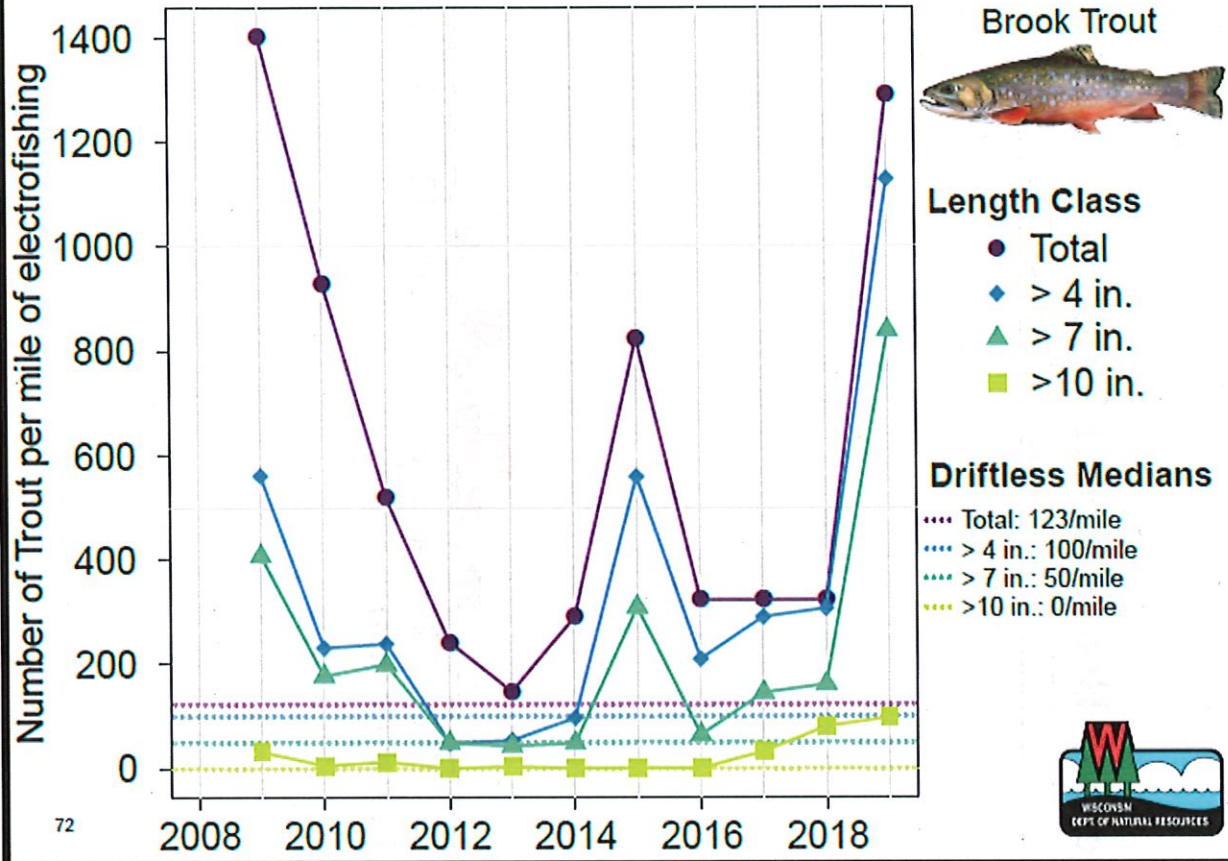
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Fisheries Biologist  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
3911 Fish Hatchery Road  
Fitchburg, WI 53711

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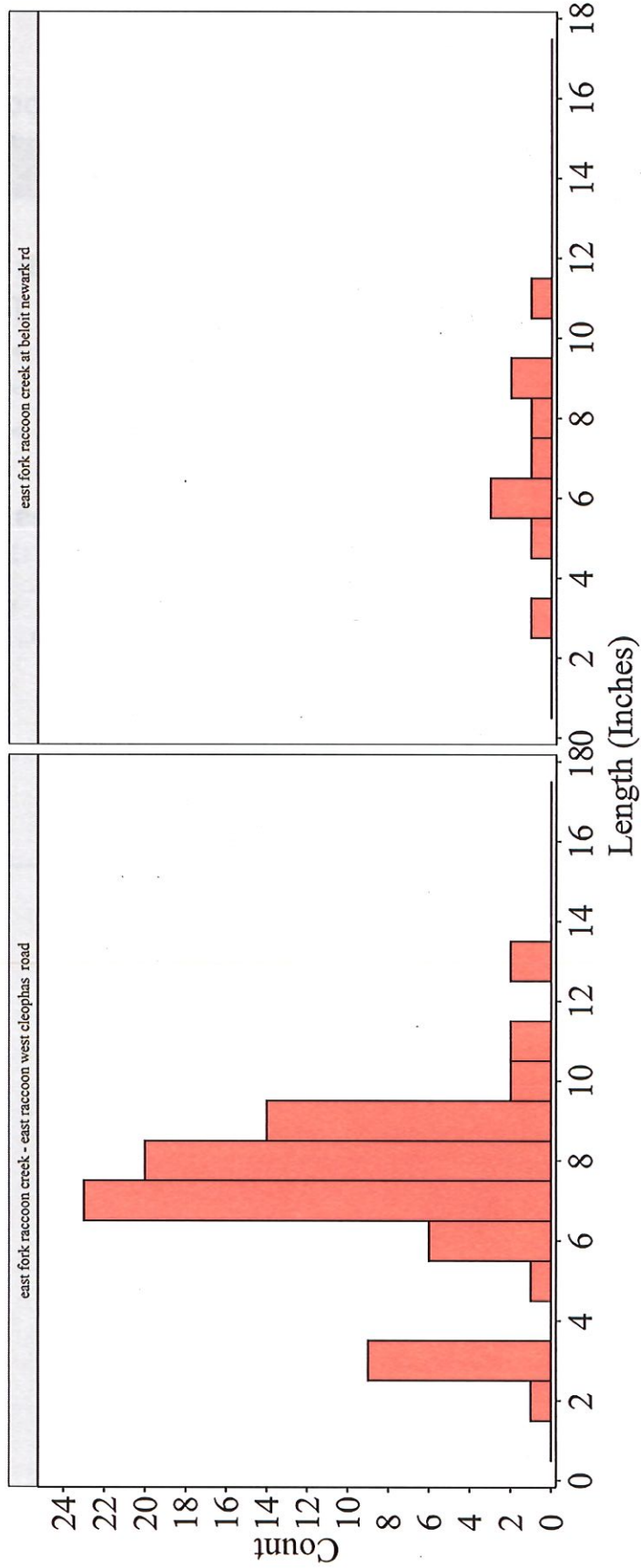
Stocking Summary East Fork Raccoon Creek 2012-2020

Year	Waterbody	Species	Strain (Stock)	Age Class	NumberFishStocked	Avg FishLength (IN)
2019	EAST FORK RACCOON CREEK	BROOK TROUT	SOUTH FERAL	LARGE FINGERLING	1,155	3.1
2018	EAST FORK RACCOON CREEK	BROOK TROUT	SOUTHWEST FERAL	LARGE FINGERLING	500	2.4
2017	EAST FORK RACCOON CREEK	BROOK TROUT	ASH CREEK - SOUTHWEST FERAL	ADULT (BROODSTOCK)	100	9.1
2017	EAST FORK RACCOON CREEK	BROOK TROUT	NW FERAL	LARGE FINGERLING	450	2.2
2016	EAST FORK RACCOON CREEK	BROOK TROUT	ASH CREEK - SOUTHWEST FERAL	LARGE FINGERLING	667	3.3
2015	EAST FORK RACCOON CREEK	BROOK TROUT	ASH CREEK - SOUTHWEST FERAL	LARGE FINGERLING	897	3.3
2014	EAST FORK RACCOON CREEK	BROOK TROUT	ASH CREEK - SOUTHWEST FERAL	LARGE FINGERLING	465	4.5
2013	EAST FORK RACCOON CREEK	BROOK TROUT	ASH CREEK - SOUTHWEST FERAL	LARGE FINGERLING	1,050	3.8
2012	EAST FORK RACCOON CREEK	BROOK TROUT	ASH CREEK - SOUTHWEST FERAL	LARGE FINGERLING	500	3

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# East Fork Raccoon Brook Trout 2019



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Rock County } SS.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of August, A.D. 2020

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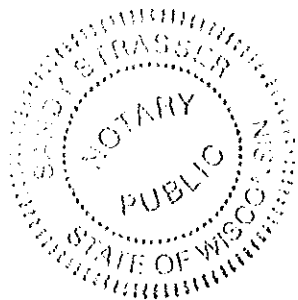
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August 18, 2020

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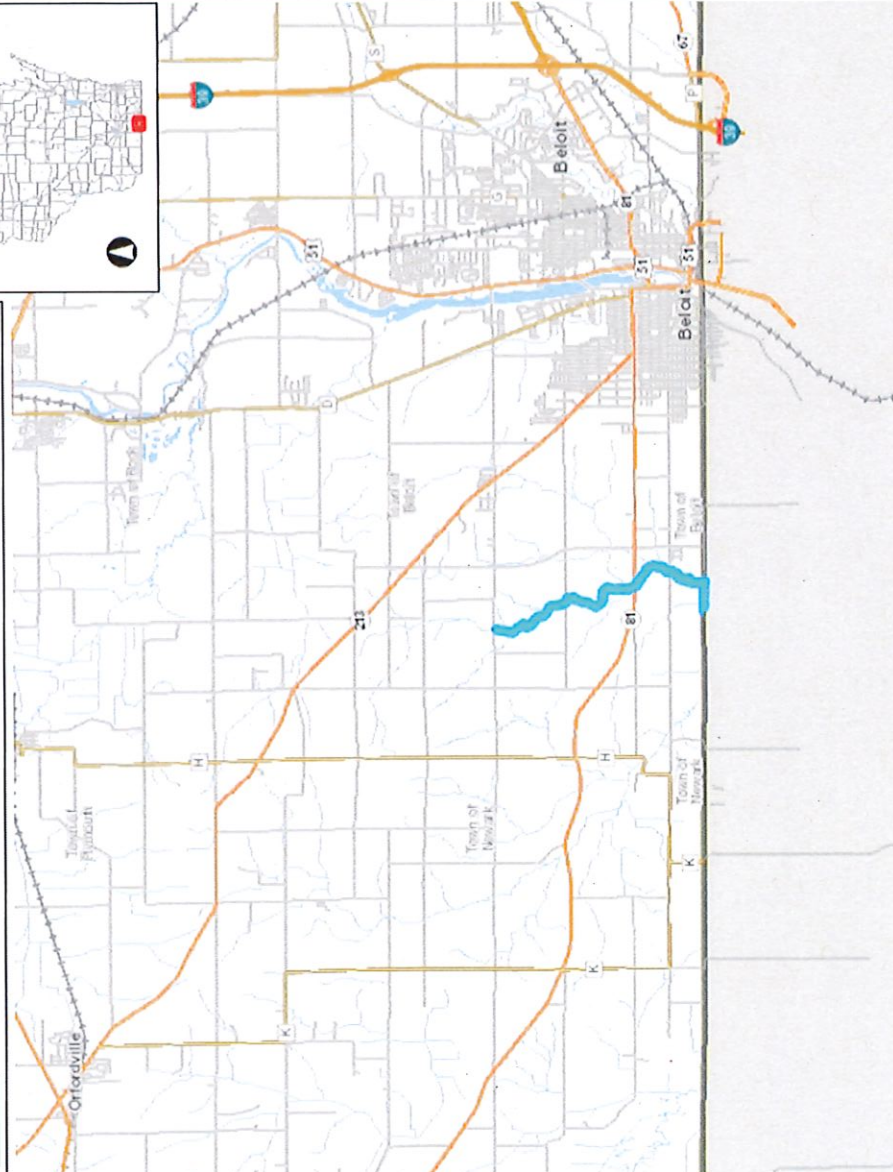








# East Fork Raccoon Creek



## Legend

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## Notes

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