DNR PROPOSES NEW TROUT STREAM CLASSIFICATIONS IN DOUGLAS COUNTY

SUPERIOR - Pursuant to NR 1.02(7)(c), Wis. Adm. Code, the Department of Natural Resources gives public notice of the classification of several Lake Superior tributary stream segments in Douglas County as Class I or Class II trout streams and declassification of one stream from Class I to non-trout. For the proposed Class I and Class II trout streams, the classifications are based on surveys that found naturally reproducing populations of resident and Lake Superior trout and salmon. The proposed declassification is based on surveys that did not find trout or salmon.

Classified Trout Waters in Wisconsin are defined as follows:

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.

The seven streams proposed for Class I are:

* Unnamed Creek 2-2a 2 o'clock (48N R10W S36; 48N R10W S35; and 47N R10W S2), Town of Brule
  + 0.42 mile beginning at the confluence with the Bois Brule River upstream to County Highway H, approximately 0.13 mile north of the intersection with Koho Road.
* Unnamed Creek 2-4 (T47N R10W S1 to T47N R10W S2), Town of Brule
  + 0.44 mile beginning at the confluence with the Bois Brule River upstream to the headwaters, approximately 0.30 mile northeast of County Highway H.
* Unnamed Creek 11-1 (T47N R10W S1 to T47N R10W S2, and T47N R10W S11), Town of Brule
  + 0.72 mile beginning at the confluence with Rocky Run, approximately 0.21 mile west-southwest of the intersection of County Highway Y and Carlson Road, upstream to the headwaters that are approximately 0.07 mile north of Carlson Road.
* Unnamed Creek 12-4 (T47N R10W S12), Town of Brule
  + 0.28 mile beginning at the confluence with Rocky Run, approximately 0.27 mile south of where Rocky Run crosses Carlson Road, upstream to County Line Road, approximately 0.23 mile south of the intersection with Carlson Road.
* Unnamed Creek 12-1 (T47N R10W S12), Town of Brule
  + 0.13 mile from the confluence with Unnamed Creek 12-4 (T47N R10W S12) upstream to County Line Road, approximately 0.28 mile south of the intersection with Carlson Road.

* Unnamed Creek 34-9 (T47N R10W S34), Town of Brule
  + 0.35 mile from the headwaters to the confluence with Cutler Creek, approximately 0.16 mile east of where Cutler Creek crosses Castle Road.
* Unnamed Creek 3-10 (T456 R11W S3), Town of Solon Springs
  + 0.35 mile from headwaters downstream to Bois Brule River, approximately 1.2 miles northeast of Rifle Range Road and 0.07 mile south of the Swamp Angel Creek confluence with Bois Brule River.

The two streams proposed as Class II are:

* Unnamed Creek 18-2 (T47N R15W S36; T47N R14W S31; T46N R14W S6), Town of Summit
  + 3.59 mile beginning at the northern border of T47N R15W S36 NWNW, approximately 0.12 mile east of County Highway B, upstream to the headwaters that are 0.02 mile northeast of State Highway 35 about 0.40 mile south of the intersection with Town Line Road.
* Unnamed Creek 1-16 (T47N R09W S6 to T47N R10W S1), Town of Brule
  + 0.36 mile beginning at the confluence with Rocky Run, approximately 0.04 mile north of the Rocky Run crossing at Carlson Road.

The one stream proposed to be declassified to non-trout water is:

* Red River (T48N R15W S32; T48N R15W S31; T48N R15W S29; T48N R15W S28; T48N R15W S21; T48N R15W S16; T48N R15W S15; through T48N R15W S10), Town of Superior
  + 6.3 miles beginning at the Wisconsin-Minnesota boarder, approximately 0.42 mile north of County Highway W, downstream to the confluence with the St. Louis River.

The Department shall waive any hearing requirement on this classification unless a written request for hearing is received before November 9, 2020. Requests should be sent to Paul Piszczek, Senior Fisheries Biologist, Wisconsin DNR, 1701 North 4th Street, Superior, WI 54880.