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Subject: Comment received - Proposed Rulemaking: Water Quality Standards; Class A Stream Redesignations



Re: eComment System

The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Water Quality Standards; Class A Stream Redesignations.

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I fish PA streams regularly from east to west and north to south. You have a beautiful State with amazing stream resources. Each trip entails a license fee, road tolls, gas, food and hotel purchases as well as guide services and fly shop products. These streams need to be cared for and protected for me and thousands of other out of staters to keep coming. Please see that the Environmental Quality Board upgrades these 50 class A trout streams to High Quality status (HQ).

I agree fully with this statement from the proposed law: The Commonwealth, its citizens and natural resources will benefit from this proposed rulemaking to provide the appropriate level of protection to preserve the integrity of existing and designated uses of surface waters in this Commonwealth. Protecting water quality provides economic value to present and future generations in the form of a clean water supply for human consumption, wildlife, irrigation and industrial use; recreational opportunities such as fishing (also for consumption), water contact sports and boating; and aquatic life protection. It is important to realize these benefits and to ensure opportunities and activities continue in a manner that is environmentally, socially and economically sound. Maintenance of water quality ensures its future availability for all uses.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.