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## **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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Comments entered:

As a resident of Potter County, I strongly support the proposed revision of the use designation of Mill Creek (from its source to North Hollow) to High Quality - Cold Water Fishery (HQ-CWF). The robust population of trout in this stream reflects its excellent water quality and the food web it supports. Our highest priority should be to preserve such resources; thus, this stream richly deserves the additional regulatory protections afforded by the HQ use designation. As a Pennsylvania resident, I strongly support the use redesignation to HQ-CWF for all of the stream segments listed in this proposed rulemaking. All deserve strong protections. I applaud the PaDEP for beginning the process of eliminating the backlog of Class A Wild Trout Waters that merit the use designation of HQ-CWF.

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