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Subject: Proposed Rulemaking Water Quality Standards: Class A stream Designations

Dear EQB Members,

As a Watershed Association in Potter County, We 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 abundance and strength of the trout population in this stream demonstrates its excellent water quality and robust food source. This stream richly deserves the increased regulatory protection afforded by the HQ use designation.

As a Watershed Association, we support the use redesignation to HQ - CWF for all of the stream segments listed in the above-referenced proposed rulemaking. We applaud the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Environmental Quality Board for beginning the process of eliminating the backlog of Class A Wild Trout waters that merit redesignation to HQ - CWF.

Sincerely,

Frank Weeks President, UAWA

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