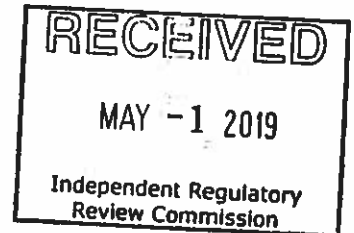


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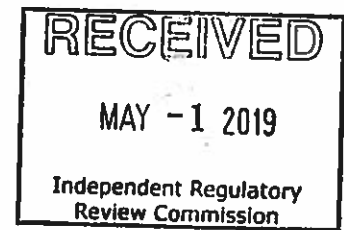
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Oral Testimony on [25 PA. CODE CH. 93] Water Quality Standards;
Class A Stream Redesignations
49 Pa. Bull. 1367, March 23, 2019

Hello. My name is Richard Slade and I live in Halifax, PA.

I'm here, today, to voice my strong support for the Environmental Quality Board to reclassify 46 streams to High Quality (HQ). These streams deserve the regulatory protections provided by the HQ status because the PA Fish and Boat Commission's analysis of the species-specific biomass standards qualify these streams for Class A Wild Trout streams which provides data showing the streams support the aquatic life qualifier for HQ designation.

Tourism and outdoor recreation are also significant components of Pennsylvania's economic well-being. From the exceptional wild trout fisheries in the Poconos to the scenic national water trail of the Susquehanna River in the Endless Mountains, to biking and hiking in western PA's Laurel Highlands, outdoor recreation calls to visitors and residents of Pennsylvania, which in turn stimulates the state's economy.

Pennsylvania is home to more than 86,000 miles of streams. And for decades, Pennsylvania's many clean streams and pristine forested landscapes have attracted people of all walks of life. Protecting these natural resources by providing High Quality designation protections for these 46 streams is key to ensuring that our state treasures are available for generations to come.

Our state constitution ensures that every Pennsylvanian has the right to clean water. By protecting these streams through High Quality designation, the EQB takes a step towards making sure clean water is a reality for all. High Quality designation for these 46 streams will benefit the Commonwealth and its citizens by promoting the health of its surface waters, wildlife habitats, and economic benefits.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to speak in support of this proposal.

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