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The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Water Quality Standards - Dunbar Creek et al. Stream Redesignations (#7-557).

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Comments entered:

Dear EQB,

As an environmental educator and field biologist, a parent and brand-new grandparent, and a citizen who cares deeply about conservation and preserving biodiversity, I strongly urge the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) to vote to approve the Department of Environmental Protection's recommendation (DEP) to upgrade 10.25 miles of the Cranberry Creek basin, from and including UNT 04948 to its mouth, from its current designation (High Quality-Cold Water Fishes, Migratory Fishes (HW-CWF, MF) to the proposed EV, MF designation. Cranberry Creek supports a healthy wild trout fishery and these enhanced protections will greatly benefit aquatic life in these streams as well as in downstream areas of the Broadhead Watershed. This redesignation of Cranberry Creek will also help protect a valuable drinking water source since these waters eventually flow into the stretch of the Broadhead Creek where the Broadhead Creek Water Authority draws its public water supply for the region.

Additionally, I urge the EQB to recommend that the DEP do additional water monitoring at the stretch of Cranberry Creek from its source to UNT 04948. This could provide DEP the data it needs to re-designate this portion of the stream to EV, MF as well. This would protect the headwaters of the basin and support the health of all downstream waterways, especially the

portion of the basin from and including UNT 04948 to its mouth.

Pristine waterways and water sources are precious resources, especially in this time of climate crisis which places great stress on wildlife and entire ecosystems. Once pristine water sources are destroyed, diverted, or polluted, remediation is difficult, if not impossible, and if possible, remediation is usually very expensive and never the equal of nature's original design. Humans and wildlife would all benefit from giving Cranberry Creek the greatest protections possible.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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