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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 retired DEP Aquatic Biologist and a member of the Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited I support the upgrade of segments of Letort Spring Run, Big Spring Creek, Middle Spring Creek, Furnace Run, and Gum Run (93.9o Drainage List O). Data submitted by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) has shown that these streams all contain a wild trout population with a biomass exceeding the criteria for Class A. Once a stream has been officially designated Class A it meets the Biological Assessment Qualifier for High Quality in DEP's Rules and Regulations Chapter 93.4b.

I also support the upgrade of all the streams/stream segments listed in the subject PA Bulletin announcement of March 5, 2016. All of those streams have been designated by the PFBC as Class A and therefore meet the criteria for High Quality.

I would like to commend the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and its staff for once again moving on stream redesignations. It is a necessary and justifiable function of DEP in order to uphold the State Constitution.

"The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and aesthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people." -Article 1, PA Constitution

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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