



FORM LETTER B: "Protect Cranberry Creek"

Proposed Rulemaking: Water Quality Standards - Dunbar Creek et al. Stream Redesignations

Email subject line: Approve the Highest Possible Protections for Cranberry Creek

Dear EQB,

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 redesignate 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.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,