

Subject: Proposed changes to trout fishing regulations in Delaware (DE Admin. Code 3300, Non-Tidal Fish)
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To: HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

To whom it may concern at DNREC,

I am writing in support of codifying the designation of 0.4 miles of a fly fishing only stream segment in the Red Clay Creek at Yorklyn, and additionally encouraging participation by young people through the establishment of Youth Days for fishing.

There have been significant improvements in water quality and habitat in that section of the Red Clay, and with the establishment of the State Park there is a fantastic opportunity to open up recreational access to an increasing number of residents and visitors. This is a special part of the state, and having a fly only section recognizes the importance from a natural resource perspective, and in terms of enabling access for a wider cross-section of the community.

Trout stocking on this section of stream represents a victory for clean water and the environment, and should be enhanced by making this fishery designation permanent. Establishing and encouraging Youth Days is also a great way to engender appreciation of Delaware's most scenic, sensitive, and ecologically important stream sections to a new generation of leaders. This will encourage a lifetime of outdoor enjoyment and a strong conservation ethic.

Best regards,
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