



DNREC Virtual Public Hearing

7 DE Admin. Code 3300 Non-tidal Finfish 3301 - Definitions and 3304 - Creel Limit, Size Limits and Season (Docket #2022-R-F-0016)

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RED CLAY CREEK AMENDMENTS

- Due to water quality improvements, a section of Red Clay Creek is designated as a trout stream in 2018 and trout stocking resumes there.
- Cooperation with Auburn Valley State Park allows the addition of 0.4 mile of Red Clay Creek in an undeveloped area of the park as designated trout stream.
- The growing popularity of fly fishing and repeated requests from anglers to add more fly fishing-only areas prompt DDFW to designate this additional 0.4 mile of Red Clay Creek as fly fishing-only.

Location of proposed fly-fishing only section on Red Clay Creek.



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YOUTH DAY AMENDMENTS

- DNREC Secretary designates the first day of the 2020 trout season on the trout streams as Youth Day (defined as anglers under age 16) under the authority granted by the Governor's COVID-19 Emergency Order.
- Youth Day is extremely popular and is repeated in 2021 on Newton Pond and the trout streams.
- Termination of DNREC's emergency authority later in 2021 requires DDFW to amend the regulation if the first day of trout season on the ponds and streams are to continue as Youth Days.
- The Advisory Council on Wildlife and Freshwater Fish recommends adoption by regulation of the proposed Youth Fishing Days at its August 2021 meeting.
- Youth Days provide a great introduction to trout fishing for Delaware's youth with the hope that many of the Youth Day participants become lifelong anglers.



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Thank you for joining us. We will accept comments on this matter through December 7, 2022.

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