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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Office of Water Management

Class A Wild Trout Stream Redesignations Proposed Rulemaking 25 PA Code, Chapter 93

Environmental Quality Board
November 17, 2015

Tom Wolf, Governor

John Quigley, Secretary

§ 93.4b. Qualifying as High Quality or Exceptional Value Waters.

(a)(2)(ii) *Class A wild trout stream qualifier.*

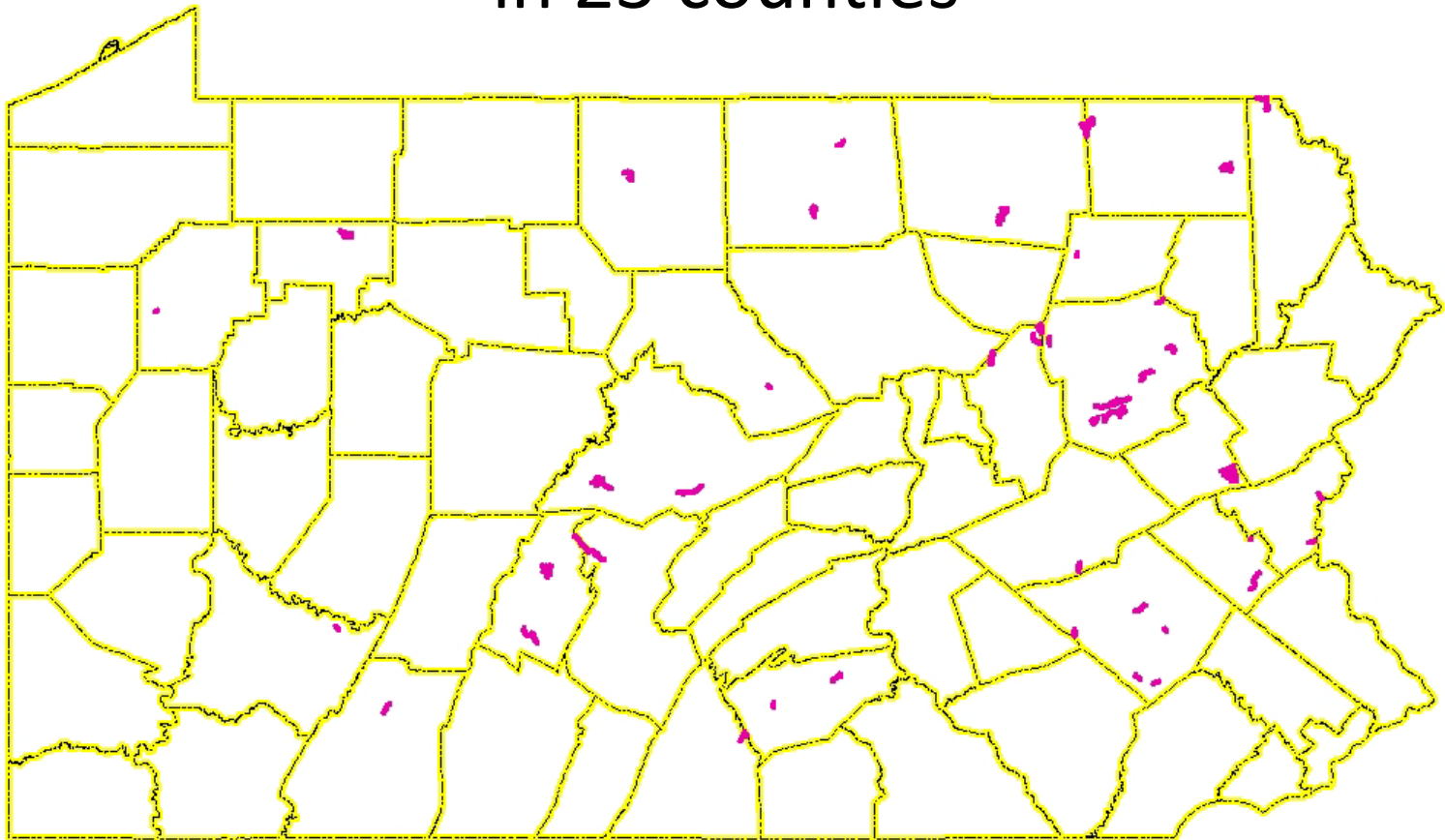
The surface water has been designated a Class A wild trout stream by the Fish and Boat Commission following public notice and comment.

Class A Brook Trout Qualifying Criteria

- a. Total wild brook trout biomass of at least 30 kg/ha (26.7 lbs/acre)
- b. Total biomass of wild brook trout less than 15 centimeters (cm) or 5.9 inches in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre)
- c. Wild brook trout biomass must comprise at least 75% of the total wild trout biomass

Affected Counties

50 stream segments totaling 207 stream miles
in 23 counties



Affected Drainage Lists

- **Delaware River Basin**

- § 93.9a = PA-NY State Border to Lackawaxen River
- § 93.9c = Lackawaxen River to Lehigh River
- § 93.9d = Lehigh River Basin
- § 93.9e = Lehigh River to Schuylkill River
- § 93.9f = Schuylkill River Basin

- **Susquehanna River Basin**

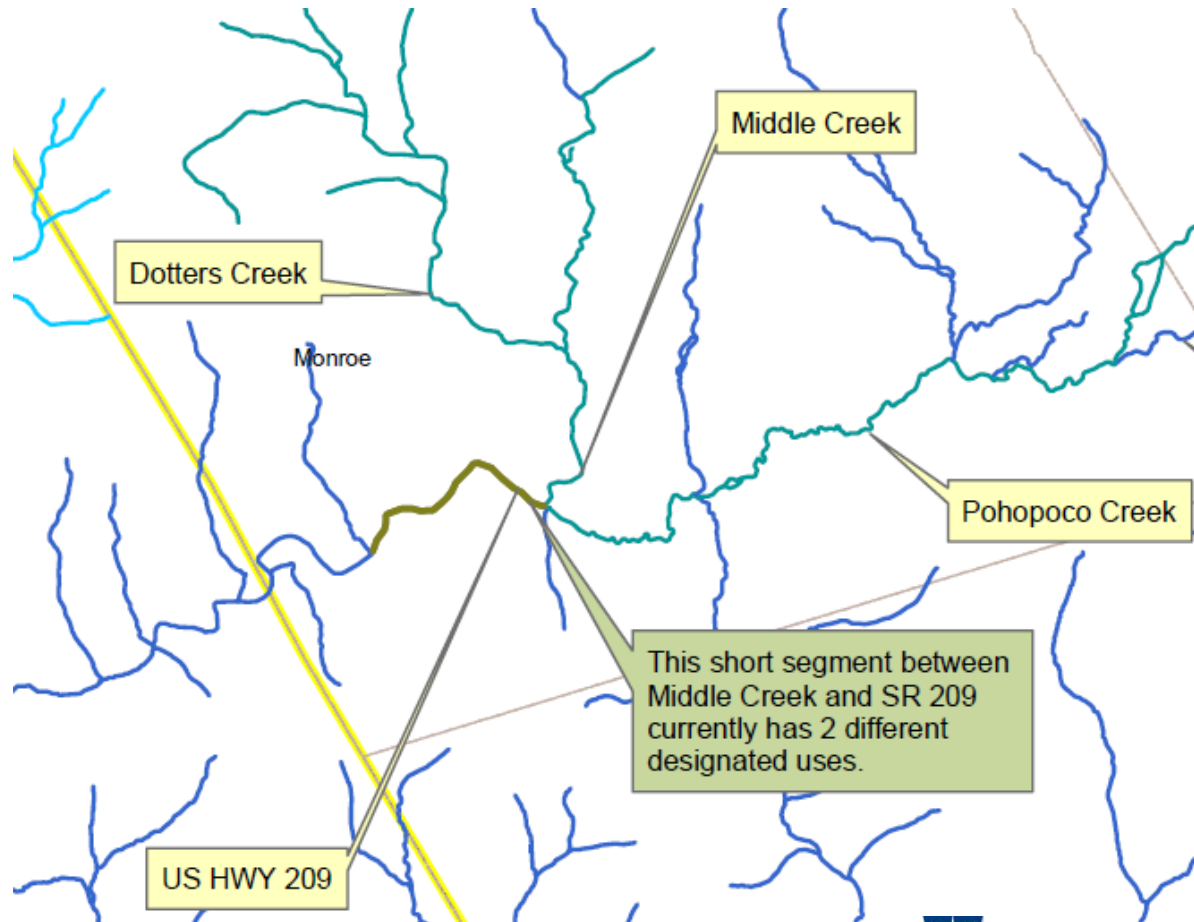
- § 93.9h = Tioga River Basin
- § 93.9i = PA-NY State Border to Lackawanna River
- § 93.9k = Lackawanna River to West Branch

- § 93.9l = West Branch Susquehanna River Basin
- § 93.9n = Juniata River Basin
- § 93.9o = Juniata River to PA-MD State Border

- **Ohio River Basin**

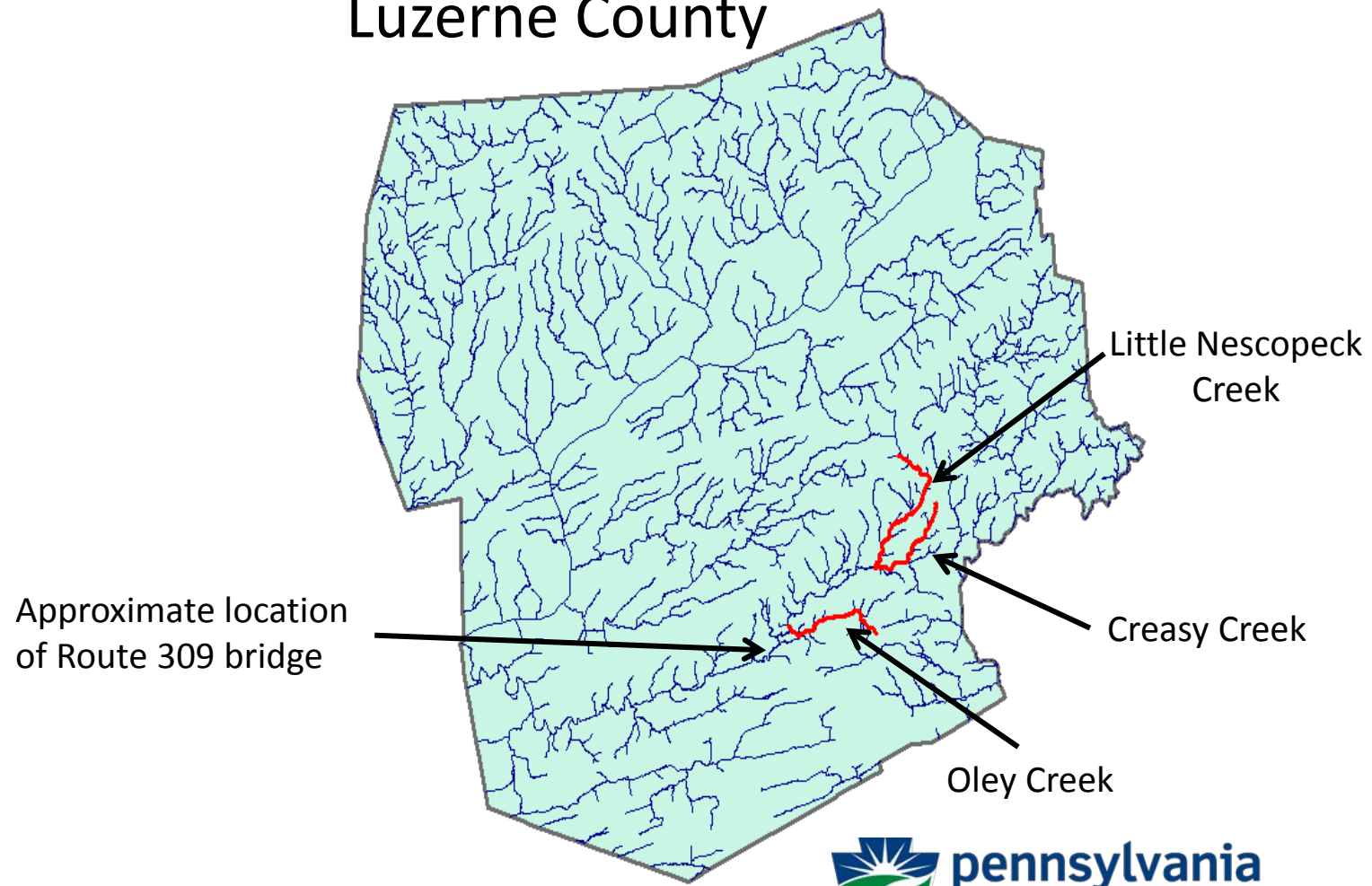
- § 93.9p = Allegheny River Basin, PA-NY State Border to Tunungwant Creek.
- § 93.9q = Allegheny River Basin, Tunungwant Creek to Clarion River.
- § 93.9t = Kiskiminetas River Basin.

Monroe County

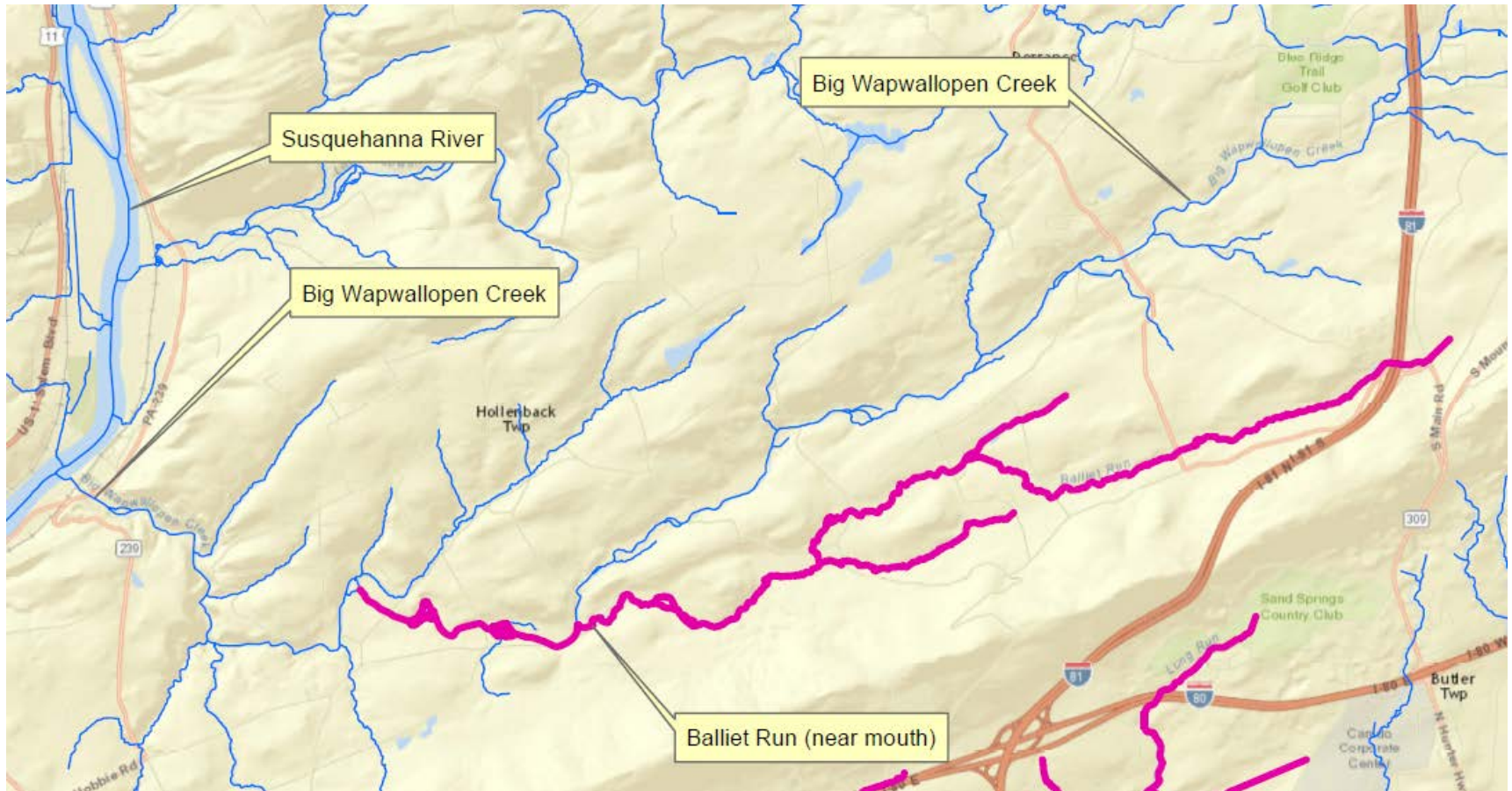


Correction: Upper Nescopeck Creek (\$93.9k)

Luzerne County



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NPDES

- Requires effluent limitations that are protective of the designated use
- Candidate streams are all currently protected at their existing use(i.e. HQ-CWF), therefore no impact on existing treatment requirements
- New or expanding discharges may be subject to more stringent treatment requirements to meet designated and existing uses

Opportunities for Public Participation

- PFBC published notice and requested comments on the Class A designation of these streams
- Notice of intent to assess the streams
- Availability of a draft evaluation report



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