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**ADVISORY COUNCIL RULE SUGGESTION REVIEW:
FISHING - TROUT & SALMON/BROOKVILLE TAILWATERS**

**COMPREHENSIVE
FISH & WILDLIFE RULES PROJECT**

SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: FISHING

**SUB-TOPIC: TROUT & SALMON/BROOKVILLE TAIL
WATERS**

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Suggestions
Suggestion for Regulation Changes at BrookvilleTail Water

I would like to propose a change in the regulations at the Tail Waterof Brookville reservoir. I would like to see more regulation toprotect the renowned brown trout fishery as stated in the 2009 IndianaFishing Guide. The year round trout fishery that has been createdthere is unique and deserves more protection. This fishery is gettingmore pressure as the word has gotten out. I fear the added pressurewill have detrimental effects on something so many people have workedvery hard to establish. What I would like to see is a moreconservation minded approach to managing this fishery. I would like topropose a catch and release artificial baits and fly section only. There are fishers that use the Tail Water for the pursuit of otherfishes than trout. Each spring put and take Rainbows are stocked aswell. I understand the desire to have a place for everyone and I thinkit could be accomplished at the Tail Water without too much trouble. The bait fishers seem to concentrate more in two places on thisstream. The tail race and the confluence of the west fork seem to methe most popular for these fishers. I propose that these two areas beleft as is or any method fishing with the current regulations. Stockthe Rainbows there for the put and take faction. The steam from thebridge for 101 to the bridge for 52 could be made catch and releasartificial baits and fly only to help preserve and grow the renownedbrown trout fishery that has been established there. I think that thiscan satisfy all the users of this fishery and still preserve and growthis unique year round trout fishery into some bigger and better thanit is now.

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Suggestions
Enact a flies and artificial lures only rule for the Brookvilletailwater. ie... no live, dead or naturally derived baits.

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Suggestions

Please restrict angling at the East Fork of the Whitewater River below the Brookville Reservoir to catch and release with artificial bait only. This is a 1.8 mile length of river. Allowing anglers to use live bait is having a detrimental effect on the trout population and causing many fish to be killed from live bait angling. These fish die because an angler allows the fish to swallow the live bait and then the angler tries to extract the hook from the stomach of the fish and kills the fish. This would be eliminated if live bait was eliminated. There are thousands of other rivers, streams and lakes where anglers wishing to use live bait can fish, but this is the only 1.8 miles of trout water within the state of Indiana that is not catch and release.

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Suggestions

The Brookvile tail waters have become a great trout fisheries, thanks to Fish & Game. I strongly encourage DNR to Restrict the tail waters fishing to Artificial Lures, single hook -- (only) I personally have seen numours fish killed because of using live bait-- (deep hooked) It is time for Indiana Fish & Game to change some of its angling attitudes.

With Respect
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Suggestions

I come from Cincinnati to fish the Brookville Tailwaters on a regular basis. Indiana DNR has done an outstanding job of making this 1.8 mile stretch of water into a fantastic trout fishery. My suggestion would be to make from the 101 bridge down to the Whitewater a "Catch and Release" only for trout. This is such a small stretch of water for fly fishing enthusiasts to fish for trout without having to drive too far. If fishermen want to fish for other species, there are certainly numerous other places in the state they can fish. I wish that was the case for trout, but it is not. That is my only suggestion and thank you for making this small stretch such a wonderful place to fish for trout.

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Suggestions

I would like to suggest that fishing regulations at the brookvilletailwater be restricted to artificals only - no treble hooks, from the dam down to the confluence of the East and West forks below Highway 1, with a slot limit on trout to preserve the population of larger fish.

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Suggestions

I am an active participant in the fishing community, president of a local fly fishing club called Reel Women-Reel Men of Indianapolis, www.reelwomen-reelmen.com producer of "Indiana On The Fly" expo and promoter of families enjoying the outdoors. We the fishing community request consideration for a rule change to better protect the brown trout and rainbow trout currently stocked by the IN DNR.

The tailwater is 1.8 miles long and with recent discovery of holdover brown trout, photographed and recorded, it is necessary to provide more protection for such a rare fishing opportunity. No where else in central Indiana can we trout fish and yet we continue to allow harvesting of fish that results in depletion shortly after stocking occurs.

Fish that are not harvested soon after stocking are subjected to guthooking resulted by bait fishermen and spin casters using multiple hooks.

We ask that you please consider the following regulation changes that would enhance the fishing experience for sport fishing that we so desperately need to preserve and promote.

Catch and Release only for the tailwater section of the stream. Artificial lures only. Single, barbless hooks only.

These rule changes would offer the sport angler a place to fish yearround and bait fishermen could still practice their tactics on the West Fork of the White Water River.

Please keep in mind similar changes have effectively been instated in the Northern part of the state to protect the trout fishery.

I hope you will consider this request and allow me the opportunity to discuss this further. Please feel free to

contact me at any time.

Respectfully,
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Suggestions

I would like to suggest that the tail water at Brookville reservoir from the bridge at sr101 to the bridge at sr52 be catch and release only for brown trout and rainbow trout. also that all fishing should be done with a single hook on artificial bait (fly or non livebait)

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Suggestions

Brookville tailwater of East Fork Whitewater river needs to have stricter patrolling. Poaching is very prevalent. As a guide, I have seen people with fish on stringers during catch and release only periods. The tailwater to the 52 bridge needs to be artificial lures only, catch and release only, with stricter enforcement by DNR regarding poaching.

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Suggestions
Natural Resources Advisory Council

As an avid catch & release fisherman (both spin & fly), I am writing in regard to the regulations governing the Brookville Tailwater (the East Fork of the Whitewater River downstream of Brookville Reservoir) and to suggest some regulation changes that would meet the needs of all of the fishermen and women who enjoy its waters. The regulation changes I am suggesting would add a measure of protection for the trout fishery that has blossomed there in the last several years due to the efforts of the IDNR and interested citizens from 3 states (IN, OH, KY).

The trout fishery that has developed on the 1.8 miles of tailwater to the confluence with the West Fork is truly a rare gem in a state (and region) where trout generally cannot survive, let alone thrive. Even though the water quality and temperature ranges are sometimes challenging to the trout, Brookville has developed into a holdover fishery where trout fishing can be enjoyed year round. However, the quality of the fishing and the ability of the trout to thrive could be greatly improved with some limitations placed on fishing tactics that do not promote the release of fish that have been hooked. Namely fishing with live bait or scented additives on lures, both of which the trout tend to swallow, so any attempt at live release is usually fatal. Additionally, barbed treble hooks cause excessive damage to any fish hooked with them and make live release extremely questionable.

I am not unsympathetic to the rights of others to fish the way they want to fish and to keep some fish to eat, however, the trout in Brookville Tailwater needs some special protection to be able to survive and thrive in an somewhat challenging environment.

The parties that need to be represented in any regulation change are:

Fishermen wanting an enjoyable day on the water and a limit of fish for the table.

AND

Catch & Release sportsmen wanting to enjoy a sustainable fishery and fish over and over again, which can only be attained through the adoption of conservative limits on fish harvest and requiring the use of fishing methods that support the ability to release fish with minimal injury.

To meet the needs of both groups, I suggest the following regulation changes including dividing the tailwater into "catch & release" sections and "fish harvest" sections, as follows:

- 1) From the tailrace downstream to the 101 bridge "no change in current regulations as far as fishing methods or fish harvest limits. This would give people who wish to harvest fish access to the water just below the dam where the greatest concentration of smallmouth, walleye, catfish, white bass, and carp reside, plus a good number of trout that also migrate into that area.
- 2) From the 52 bridge downstream to the confluence with the West Fork "same as #1. No regulation changes. The confluence is also an area where fish congregate, especially if the West Fork is running high/muddy. Large schools of all types of West Fork fish stack up in the deep pools at the mouth of the confluence.
- 3) From the 101 bridge downstream to the 52 bridge "Catch & release fishing only. Single hook artificials (fly or spin). No bait or scented additives. This would enhance the fishery for the hundreds of catch & release anglers that frequent the tailwater year round. If fish the tailwater several days a month and know that the majority of the fishers I see there are catch & release flyfishers with some spinfishers mixed in.

Essentially, bait fishing, due to the scent of the bait (or additive), is too effective a fishing method to be used on the trout at Brookville, a population of stocked fish that are more sensitive to water quality, water temperature and predation than the naturally reproducing warmwater fish with which they sometimes share the 1.8 miles of water.

The current harvest regulation of "one brown trout over 18" has caused many, many brown trout under 18" to die due to being guthooked or so severely wounded during release that they simply cannot survive. While fishing, I frequently see brown trout "tumbling" down through the river, dead from someone's attempt to release them because they were undersized. This is an unconscionable waste of a beautiful fish that could be enjoyed over and over if the fishing method used to catch them had not been so damaging.

During your process of examining and enhancing the rules on fish harvest and fishing methods, you have the opportunity to help create and support a strong and sustainable trout fishery. I ask you to remember that we are only asking for protection of a portion of the 1.8 miles of "trout water" in a state and region where this capability exists so seldom.

While fishers who want to harvest fish have thousands of miles of river and lake front to fish, we catch & release trout fishers have only a small, fragile fishery to enjoy.

Respectfully,

Jeff Conrad

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Suggestions

I have enjoyed fishing for trout in the Brookville tailwaters. Since the waters available for trout in this area of the state is quite limited I think downstream from the HW 101 bridge it should be catch and release only so that more people could have the opportunity to catch these fish and possibly catch them more than once.

An alternative would be to restrict the fishing to artificial only downstream from the Highway 101 bridge. That would leave the area immediately below the dam available for walleye and catfish harvest, but protect the trout from stress and injury due to deep hooking due to the use of live bait.

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Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

In 1999-2000 I appeared before the board to gain approval to establish a brown trout fishery in the Brookville tailwater. I raised the private funds for the initial private stocking effort. The fishery has thrived and responsibility for purchasing and stocking the tailwater with brown trout was assumed by the state in 2007.

I have fished the river several times since and am always amazed at the number of out-of-state license plates I see. The fishery gets a great deal of pressure, but has survived it thus far. This is probably due to the fact that the artificial and fly fishermen tend to dwell in the area between the SR 101 and SR 52 bridges, while the bait fishermen tend to dwell near the dam where a variety of species, including brown trout, congregate.

Therefore my request to make this section - from SR 101 to SR 52 - an artificial only, catch and release area - would have minimal impact on the conduct of the fisherman who frequent the river. However, it would have a dramatic effect on the quality of the fishery and lay the foundation for continued quality fishing as the fishery continues to gain attention throughout the midwest.

Please also consider the substantial reduction of pressure upon the Northern Indiana steelhead fishery that this Brookville Tailwater fishery has enabled. Many of my peers from Central Indiana now spend almost all of their "salmonid time" with Brookville. It has turned into a beautiful and productive fishery and it is time to protect its future.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Suggestions

I am writing to suggest that all or a significant portion of the Brookville Tailwater be made catch and release, artificial lures only.

Brookville is the only "good" (not put and take) trout fishing in the region. If creel restrictions are lifted it will suffer, so I would like to see more strict regulations on creel limits. Keep the rainbow trout as put and take, but the brown trout should be put and grow only. No brown trout should be harvested from the tailwater.

If bait restrictions are imposed, it will likely do better as well as mortality rates for fish caught and released on bait are significantly higher than on artificial lures.

A single barbless hook regulation would be ideal.

Brookville is such a valuable resource for the region's fisherman, one that is rare in the region and indeed exceptional in the broader region, that it should be carefully preserved as such. Bait fisherman or those wanting to put food on the table have a number of put and take fisheries to utilize. Brookville is special. Let's keep it that way.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
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This comment is in regards to the Brookville Tailwater. I would suggest that the small section of water between the 101 and route 52 bridges be made a catch and release only stream. Taking one step further, perhaps a barbless hook only would be even better. Thanks for your consideration. -Bill Wojcieszek

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Suggestions

I would like to see the area in the Brookville tailwaters from Hwy 101to Hwy 52 be designated catch and release for trout with usingartificial lures only. As as an avid fly fishing angler I enjoy thisunique fishery and would like to see it preserved. Allowing baitfishing above and below this area with harvest up to a proposed limitwould seem to be a reasonable compromise for those who wish toharvest. I personally have not problem with harvesting fish sensiblybut feel there are plenty of area with more robust populations of fishwhere this can be done.

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Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

Indiana Natural Resource Advisory Council:

The Brookville Tailwater is a wonderful anomaly... a year-round troutfishery in a State (and region) where trout don't exist without the efforts of the IDNR and concerned citizens. I am a frequent visitor to the Brookville Tailwater and see great potential for the trout fishery there, but the trout's survival is challenged by the current fishing regulations.

I respectfully request that the regulations be changed to create an "Artificials Only, Catch & Release" section of the river from the 101 bridge down to the 52 bridge. This would preserve the year-round troutfishery while leaving the dam area and the confluence to citizens wishing to harvest fish. I feel that this is a fair request in a State where fishermen who harvest fish have thousands of miles of river and lake front to enjoy, while we catch & release trout fishermen only have a small and fragile fishery to enjoy.

Thank you.

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Suggestions

I would like to see the Brookville tailwaters be made "Catch and Release" only for ALL species.

In conjunction with this a "Barbless Hooks" only rule should be incorporated.

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Suggestions
Re: Brookville Tailwaters

Please consider the positive impact an "artificial bait only-catchand release section from the bridge at 101 to highway 52 would have onwhat could continue to be one of the best trout fishing areas in themidwest. At the same time it would allow fishing for food in otherparts of the tailwaters and thus satisfy all.

Most appreciative for the attention you give this importantmatter.

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Suggestions

As an avid catch and release angler I am requesting that the IndianaDNR create a catch & release area on the Brookville Tailwater area from the 101 bridge down to the 52 bridge above the confluence. I fish this area on a regular basis and would like to see the growth and reproduction of the browns and rainbows in the area. I would love to see my grandchildren be able to fish this area in the future and enjoy the beautiful trout. An experience they will enjoy for a long time.

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Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

I would like to see an "artificials only, catch & release section" created on the Brookvile Tailwater to preserve the trout fishery for anglers who practice catch & release. It is nice to have this unique fishing opportunity here in Indiana.

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Suggestions

I am sending you this email in hopes of you deciding to make part of the Brookville tailwater section a catch and release only area. I just returned this past Saturday (21st) from a trout fishing trip in Missouri. Missouri is truly a paradise for fly fisherman like myself looking for an opportunity to hook a trout. Brookville is at this time the only stream in southern Indiana with a fishable population of trout...and it desperately needs to have some regulations placed upon it to ensure a future for sport fisherman. One of the spots that I fished while in Missouri is a catch and release stream. The first mile or so is all catch/release. The next few miles have a slot limit of 12 to 20 inches. As I was lined up with many other fly casters I was so impressed with the fact that many of these fish will be caught more than once. In fact I caught a nice rainbow that had another fly in his mouth. We really need to have part of Brookville designated as catch/release to keep a population for us that enjoy the sport year round. While I understand that for some catching food for the table is a big deal. There are lots of other species that respond much more quickly to the pressures of daily fishing. Please give this subject your utmost attention as it is the only stream that many of us have without having to make a long trip. Your consideration on this topic is very much appreciated.

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Suggestions
dear sirs,

i am a frequent fisherman in the brookville tailwater in indiana. iam responding to an email from the fly fisherman that are trying toban the keeping of any trout. i disagree with thier stance but feelthe limits should be adjusted. i know some other bait fisherman abusethe limits, i do not and feel that the rainbow limit is to liberal.currently at 5 fish over 7 inches, thats too small and too many. 3fish in a slot from 12 to 18 makes more sense. slot protection hasworked very well in florida on snook and redfish. the brown troutlimit of 1 over 18" is already a very strong stance and few fish thatsize are seen.

a class war between the flyfisherman and bait fisherman should bestopped. we all pay for the same liscense. enforcemaent of the rulesis my answer.

thank you for your time.
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Suggestions
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While fishers who want to harvest fish have thousands of miles of river and lake front to fish, we catch & release trout fishers have only a small, fragile fishery to enjoy.

Respectfully,

Jacob Craig

Michaels, Debbie

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I suggest that the Indiana DNR create a catch & release area on the Brookville Tailwater from the 101 bridge down stream to the 52 bridge above the confluence.

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Suggestions

I believe the Trout Waters, below the Brookvile Dam all the way to the confluence, should be catch and release. There are few good places to catch Trout in this part of the country. I believe this rule would help to make a great fishery to enjoy for years to come.

Michaels, Debbie

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Suggestions

I have been fly fishing the tail waters of Brookville Dam for trout for a number of years. During that time I have never caught a trout that I haven't returned to the stream. Many others prefer to take the trout. I have no problem with that except that, in my opinion, the population has decreased progressively over the last few years. I am not sure if this is due to overfishing or perhaps some other reason.

This is a great stream and becoming far better known. It has progressively become more popular to fish. From my point of view I would suggest considering changing limits on trout to be taken- either in size or number so we can allow more trout to winter over and grow.

Thank you for all of your work to provide such a great opportunity for trout fishing in an area of the state that would otherwise be void of any trout fishing.

Michaels, Debbie

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Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

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Respectfully,

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Suggestions

In reference to the Brookville Tailwater fishing regulation changes. As a dedicated catch & release angler, I would like to see an "artificial only, catch & release section" created on the Brookville Tailwater to protect the trout from being killed and to preserve the trout fishery for anglers who practice catch & release. I would also like to see barbless hooks required, to prevent undue damage which is often fatal to the released fish.

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The Brookville tailwaters should be fly fishing only.

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Suggestions
Dear Indiana Natural Resources Advisory Council:

I am writing to join the ranks of Indiana fly-fisherman that take advantage of the year round opportunity that the Brookville tailwaters offers. I am a proponent of catch and release fishing, but I understand that not everyone feels that same way. I think there should be opportunities to catch and harvest fish, but I would like to see some limitations set in order to protect this valuable fishery.

I have heard a suggestion that would restrict fishing to artificial bait and catch and release, from the 101 bridge to the 52 bridge. This seems like a great idea. Anglers wishing to catch dinner would be able to fish the dam and surrounding area up to the 101 bridge, and again after the 52 bridge to the West Fork confluence. The area between the bridges would offer some protection to the fish and the fishery.

I appreciate the efforts of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and am proud to have this fishery relatively close to my home. I am hopeful that some modifications to current regulations will help to ensure that this resource thrives.

Sincerely,
Jeff Van Osdol
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"Sincerely"

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Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

I fly fish for trout regularly throughout the year (60+ times/year) at Brookville Tailwaters where I practice 100% catch & release. I am very much interested in seeing a section of the stream (101 bridge to 52 bridge) set aside for year-round pure catch and release using artificial lures (artificial lures only, single hooks only, and no bait or scented additives). This would preserve the year-round trout fishery while leaving the dam area and the confluence to citizens wishing to harvest fish. I feel that this is a fair request in a State where fishermen who harvest fish have thousands of miles of river and lake front to enjoy, while we catch & release trout fishermen only have a small and fragile fishery to enjoy.

Thank you for giving this recommendation serious consideration.

Michaels, Debbie

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Suggestions
As a fisherman that uses both methods to catch fish, I think greater restrictions should be put in place.

The tailwater is a gem and there are few places nearby that I can getaway from everything: my wife and kids, my mother in law...

I have seen growth in the tailwater over the years but it needs help. Those trout are delicate fish that cannot be fished too hard with conventional treble hooks or bait fishing methods, which can easily destroy their guts.

I think to preserve this wonder the suggestions that have been put forth about a catch and release section only is paramount to the future of the stream, for all parties, even those who enjoy taking the occasional trout for dinner.

Please make the Brookville Tailwater the best, most beautiful fishery that it can be. Lets keep as many trout in there as we can.

Chris Caldemeyer