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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 Water of Brookville reservoir. I would like to see more regulation to protect the renowned brown trout fishery as stated in the 2009 Indiana Fishing Guide. The year round trout fishery that has been created there is unique and deserves more protection. This fishery is getting more pressure as the word has gotten out. I fear the added pressure will have detrimental effects on something so many people have worked very hard to establish. What I would like to see is a more conservation minded approach to managing this fishery. I would like to propose a catch and release artificial baits and fly section only. There are fishers that use the Tail Water for the pursuit of other fishes than trout. Each spring put and take Rainbows are stocked as well. I understand the desire to have a place for everyone and I think it could be accomplished at the Tail Water without too much trouble. The bait fishers seem to concentrate more in two places on this stream. The tail race and the confluence of the west fork seem to be the most popular for these fishers. I propose that these two areas be left as is or any method fishing with the current regulations. Stock the Rainbows there for the put and take faction. The stream from the bridge for 101 to the bridge for 52 could be made catch and release artificial baits and fly only to help preserve and grow the renowned brown trout fishery that has been established there. I think that this can satisfy all the users of this fishery and still preserve and grow this unique year round trout fishery into something bigger and better than it 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 walley 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,
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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
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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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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2009 10:34 AM
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Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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Suggestions

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.

Michaels, Debbie

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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

From: Killy [killyej@muohio.edu]
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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

From: Simpson [barbsimp@comcast.net]
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Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

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Respectfully,

Barbara Simpson
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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 "artificials 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.

Michaels, Debbie

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Suggestions
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
Indianapolis, IN

Michaels, Debbie

From: Jones [ajones@360officeoutfitters.com]
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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

Michaels, Debbie

From: Mackey [bobmackey6@gmail.com]
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First Name
Robert

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Mackey

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State of Residence
OH

Suggestions

Would like to see a catch and release program at the Brookvelletailwaters for trout fishing starting at the 101 bridge and ending atthe 52 bridge. A single hook, artificial bait or fly should be used. Ibelieve this will enhance the life of the pretty fragile trout thatare stocked each year. This particular fishing should be for the sportof it and not for "how many trout we can catch and eat". Most of us in"The Buckeye United Flyfishers" club travel a pretty good distance toflyfish for trout so it's nice to have a few fish left in the river tokeep us coming back. You all have done a great job to keep thisfishery in very good condition.

No matter what happens we all appreciate coming to Indiana andfishing your waters...especially the Brookville tailwaters fortrot.

Sincerely
Bob Mackey
Buckeye United Flyfishers member

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Vigo

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Suggestions

I am suggesting regulation changes for Brookvill, from the dam to the confluence of the East Fork White River. There should be a regulation prohibiting treble hook on all the stream. Also, I would like to see a catch and release portion with single barbless hooks and NO LIVE BAIT!!!! I am suggesting this portion could be from 101 bridge to 52 bridge. I would also suggest a hook size limit of no larger than size 8 hook on all of the stream. I am thankful for the opportunity the state has given us for this fishery and I would like to see it continue for my grandkids. I would also thank you for your consideration. David (trout man) Farris

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State of Residence
KY

Suggestions

Indiana has a very unique cold water fishery in the Brookville tailwater below Brookville Lake in Brookville, Indiana. I buy an out of state fishing license and trout stamp each year (I am a Kentucky resident) and probably fish this fine stream 40 - 50 times a year - all for the Brown and Rainbow trout that have the ability to live and hold over here. While the stream is only 1.8 miles long - it is a unique and rare stream for the mid-west...being capable of supporting trout year round if properly managed. There is great interest on the part of many anglers (fly fisherman and spin casters) to see this rare stretch of water managed to produce something very unique for the state of Indiana - a trophy trout water - something almost unheard of in the midwest. That can be accomplished by setting aside a portion of this small stream (between the State Highway bridges of 101 and 52) to catch and release, single hook artificial lures only. This will allow the stream to flourish under a catch and release policy - with single hooks only limiting the mortality rates. When you think about how many endless miles of warm water streams and lakes exist inside Indiana - and indeed the midwest - it is worth strong consideration to make a portion of this 1.8 miles of stream catch and release for one of your few cold water fisheries that exist within the state. This proposal would still permit bait fishing, treble hook artificials and keeping fish for the table upstream of bridge 101 and downstream of bridge 52 - both areas of which also have trout populations for those bait fisherman that wish to catch, keep and eat this fish as well. You have a very unique gem of a stream - and ecosystem in southwest Indiana - give it a little bit of help and it will flourish and pull in a lot of fisherman from both out of the state and from other areas of the state. One more suggestion...patrol this stream more often - there are many anglers keeping more than the creel limit of rainbows and keeping undersized Browns as well...the latter being stocked by the Indiana arm of Trout Unlimited. Keep up the good work - this small stretch of stream is something the Indiana NRC should be very proud of and protect!! What a gem - reminds me of the trout streams in Pennsylvania and Montana - that beautiful!! Keep up the good work.

John Finck

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First Name
Michael

Last Name
Maxam

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Butler

State of Residence
OH

Suggestions

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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.

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First Name
Shawn

Last Name
Rhoderick

County
Hendricks

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like to propose a catch and release area on the Whitewater river below the dam at Brookeville. The joint efforts of TU, IDNR, the Army Corps of Engineers, and many fishing clubs have produced a quality trout fishery in a state devoid of such resources. The current regulations protecting brown trout are working. Fish over 20 inches are caught on a regular basis. The water release patterns have enhanced the ability for rainbow trout to hold over also. Indiana fishermen must drive at least seven hours to find a river where they have a legitimate shot at catching fish of the quality found at Brookeville. This of course means that the fisherman is now fishing in another state. This same fisherman is purchasing fuel, food, and licenses in this other state. Lets keep the tailwater at Brookeville a quality fishery and keep Indiana dollars in Indiana. (Not to mention the guys from Ohio and Kentucky that are now coming to Brookeville to fish- they are spending cash in our state, helping our economy.)

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First Name
Richard

Last Name
Landis

County
Rilpy

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

As a dedicated catch & release angler, I would like to see an "artificials 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

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First Name
Gabe

Last Name
Clemens

County
Hamilton

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Re: Brookville Tailwater Regulations

I spend most of my free time researching the intricacies of foolingtrout to bite a hook with an imitation of a natural food sourceattached to it. Fastened to this hook is a nearly invisible line thatallows me to bring a fish to my hands for a few seconds of admirationbefore its safe release to the relentless current of its home stream.Literally hours, days, and months out of the year are spent planningan opportunity to be connected to another fish that I hope to fool fora short, fair spar. Time is of the essence...

Fish require time to grow in order to become the thrill of a lifetimefor individuals with time spent, money invested, and soul enlightened. This is all wasted when a fish is sacrificed from the tailwater forconsumption.

Too long have I been forced by nature to invest my time and effort inother deserving states in pursuit of my dreams. I have been born andraised in Indiana, and am proud of this land, and the progression thatthe great minds of the past, present, and future have, and willcontinue to provide. One of these successes is the luxury of theBrookville tailwater, and the recreational opportunity provided by itstrout stocking.

I wish I was able to trod the stream banks more often, with thepride, joy, and thrill I receive each time I enjoy successful fishingin this stream inspiring me to return with more frequency.

Please, consider preserving this Indiana jewel by making the sectionbetween the 101 bridge and the 52 bridge catch and release. This willallow generations of Hoosiers to come the opportunity to share,cherish, and pass on the "fish tales" that are, and hopefully continueto be, a reality in our Indiana home.

Gabe Clemens

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Michaels, Debbie

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First Name
Sidney

Last Name
Newton

County
Shelby

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

Indiana 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 fish tend to swallow, so any attempt at live release is 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 they 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 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 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. The mix is probably 85% flyfishers and 15% spinfishers.

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 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,

Sidney W. Newton

Michaels, Debbie

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First Name
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Last Name
Fairchild

County
Marion

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

re:Fishing regulations change for Brookville Tailwater area. I want the DNR to create a Catch & Release area on the Brookville Tailwater from the 101 bridge down to the 52 bridge above the confluence. This leaves plenty of space around the dam and the confluence for bait and spin fishers who keep almost everything they catch. Creating a Catch & Release area will protect the year-around fly fishing of trout in a special set aside area. This would be fair to all, but most of all it will protect the beautiful trout from being killed, injured and depleted.

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First Name
john

Last Name
cohen

County
Brookville

State of Residence
OH

Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

Indiana Natural Resources Advisory Council:

As an avid catch & release fly fisherman, I would like to makesuggestions in regard to the regulations governing the BrookvilleTailwater (the East Fork of the Whitewater River downstream of Brookville Reservoir) and to suggest some regulation changes thatwould meet the needs of all of the fishermen and women who enjoy itswaters. The regulation changes I am suggesting would add a measure ofprotection for the trout fishery that has blossomed there in the lastseveral years due to the efforts of the IDNR and interested citizensfrom 3 states (IN, OH, KY).

The trout fishery that has developed on the 1.8 miles of tailwater tothe confluence with the West Fork is truly a rare gem in a state (andregion) where trout generally cannot survive, let alone thrive. It hasbecome an attraction for fisherman in the tri-state area. Even thoughthe water quality and temperature ranges are sometimes challenging tothe trout, Brookville has developed into a holdover fishery wheretrout fishing can be enjoyed year round. However, the quality of thefishing and the ability of the trout to thrive could be greatlyimproved with some limitations placed on fishing tactics that do notpromote the release of fish that have been hooked. Namely fishing withlive bait or scented additives on lures, both of which fish tend toswallow, so any attempt at live release is fatal. Additionally, barbedtreble hooks cause excessive damage to any fish hooked with them andmake live release extremely unlikely.

I am not unsympathetic to the rights of others to fish the way theywant to fish and to keep some fish to eat, however, the trout inBrookville Tailwater needs some special protection to be able tosurvive and thrive in its somewhat challenging environment.

Please preserve this fishery as a natural resource which has become a destination of fisherman from hours away and consider strengthening the regulations to promote catch and release.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Cohen

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First Name
Delbert

Last Name
Striegel

County
Floyd

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Brookville Tailwater (BTW)

As a fly fishing angler I request that the BTW be a artificial only(one hook), catch and release section be enforced from Hwy 101 bridgedownstream to Hwy 52 bridge. This would preserve the year round troutfishery while leaving the dam area and confluence to people wishing toharvest their catch.

Regards,
Del Striegel, TU Louisville Chapter and Derby City Fly Fishers,Louisville KY

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First Name
Robert

Last Name
McKinniss

County
Clinton

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

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First Name
Dan

Last Name
Hockett

County
Marion

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Indiana Natural Resources Advisory Council:

I am writing you today to enthusiastically recommend a regulation change for the Brookville Reservoir Tailwater. I have been an avid tailwater fisherman at Brookville for many years now, and I have witnessed the evolution of a great trout fishery there. I was very excited to see the 18" 1 fish limit for brown trout put into effect several years ago, and I am proud to say that I have personally benefitted from the rule change! However, I am concerned that without more special regulations, fishing opportunities on the river will not continue to improve.

It is with this concern that I wholeheartedly support a 1" catch and release, artificial only, single barbless hook per lure area on the river from the Hwy 101 bridge to the Hwy 52 bridge.

Mortality is too high on small brown trout that inhale the bait that some fishermen use. Also, disfigured and mangled trout that have been caught with large barbed hooks have become an all-too-common occurrence. In addition to curbing these problems, holdover classes of both brown and rainbow trout would greatly increase, offering many more trophy fish opportunities for anglers.

Although part of the river would be conserved for catch and release fishermen, the other sections of the river would be open to all forms of fishing. I believe this multifaceted approach to regulating the trout fishing at Brookville is the best solution for all parties. Thank you for considering my suggestions, and thank you for your tireless support of the Brookville Tailwater trout fishery.

Sincerely,
Dan Hockett

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First Name
Alan

Last Name
Jung

County
Hancock

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

Indiana Natural Resource Advisory Council:

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Catch & Release sportsmen wanting to enjoy a sustainable fishery and its 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.

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Respectfully,

Alan Jung

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First Name
Patti

Last Name
Beasley

County
Marion

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Dear Director of Fisheries,

March 19, 2009

I am writing to discuss some ideas regarding rule changes due to substantial change in users of the Brookville Tailwater Fishery.

As president of Reel Women-Reel Men fly fishing club, producer of Indiana On The Fly, active participant in the fishing community and promoter of families enjoying the outdoors, I feel strongly that the Board re-evaluate the current regulations.

We the fishing community request consideration for a rule change to better protect the trout currently stocked by the IN DNR.

The tailwater is 1.8 miles long and with recent discovery of holdover 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 sudden depletion.

Fish that are not harvested soon after stocking are subjected to guthooking by bait fishermen and spin casters using multiple hooks and increase the mortality rate considerably.

We ask that you please consider the following regulation changes that would enhance the fishing experience for sport fishing.

First rule change would protect the brown trout completely with no harvesting of fish anytime and the rainbow trout harvest would be limited to two fish a day with a slot limit.

To provide further protection the suggestion is to partition the stream in two sections.

The stream from the 101 bridge to the 52 bridge could be made catch and release artificial lures only and the rest

would remain the same. This would continue to provide the walleye/catfish fishing just below the dam with good accessibility remaining.

The park area would then be considered Catch & Release only using barbless, single hook, artificial lures only.

Such a plan would benefit and suit every type of angler currently using this fishery and continue to bring anglers from all over to the city of Brookville. Restaurants, stores and other businesses would continue to benefit from the tourism not to mention the sales of fishing licenses and trout stamps would increase as well.

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

I hope you will consider this request and hear the voices of the majority users of the Brookville tailwater. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Respectfully,
Patti Beasley
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First Name
John

Last Name
Daniel

County
Clermont

State of Residence
OH

Suggestions

I often drive from my home in Cincinnati to fly fish the Brookville Tailwater (the East Fork of the Whitewater River downstream from the Brookville Reservoir). Trout fisheries like it are very rare for this region. To preserve this fishery, I humbly request that the regulations be altered to create an "Artificials Only, Catch & Release" section of the Tailwater from the 101 bridge down to the 52 bridge. This would preserve this extraordinary year-round trout fishery while allowing individuals wanting to harvest fish the opportunity to do so in the area near the dam and from the 52 bridge to the confluence with the West Fork. This is a very fair request in a state where anglers who harvest fish have thousands of miles of river and lake front to enjoy, while catch & release anglers like me have a very small and fragile fishery to enjoy.

Thanks for your consideration.

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Michaels, Debbie

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First Name
Louis

Last Name
Uecker

County
warren

State of Residence
OH

Suggestions

Indiana Natural Resource Advisory Council:

As an avid catch and release angler and local trout fishing guide I would like to see a section of the brookville tailwater with special artificial lures only regulations. As an angler who fishes for much more than just trout and with much more than just a fly rod I feel that it is unfair to close the entire stream to bait anglers. There is a great put and take fishery for rainbow trout every year in the tailwater and I would not like to see that change. However, with the brown trout being an incredibly popular target with fly fishermen I would like to see the section between the 101 bridge and the 52 bridge managed for artificials only. I feel that anglers have every right to keep fish for the table, I would like to see this done in an effort to lessen the post release mortality among sub legal brown trout. It is simply too easy to hook one of these fish in such a manner that even if they were properly handled the damage to the gills is too much and the fish perishes.

I hope that you take my opinion into consideration, this fishery is a great attraction to the area and is quickly gaining a reputation as the best fly fishing stream for several hundred miles. I feel that this simple change in regulations would greatly improve the holdover survival among the brown trout in the stream, as well as increase the maximum size of the fish.

Thank you for allowing the anglers to provide input into the management of the fisheries.
Louis Uecker

Michaels, Debbie

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First Name
Merle

Last Name
Olmsted

County
Boone

State of Residence
KY

Suggestions

I am a frequent angler of the Brookville Tailwater and understand it is being considered for a change in the fishing regulations. As the Brookville Tailwater is one of the only waters in this area and state that is a year round trout fishery, Besides being a nice area with easy access, it also provides a source of additional income to the City of Brookville and the State of Indiana by drawing flyfishermen from Ohio and Kentucky.

I would like to see it stay a "catch and release" artificial lures only stream, particularly from the Highway "101" to the "52" bridge. There are ample other streams for "bait" fishermen to use and it does not seem prudent to allow killing of the Brookville fishery.

Merle Olmsted
11013 Paddock Drive
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First Name
Eric

Last Name
Hollins

County
Butler

State of Residence
OH

Suggestions

Indiana Natural Resource Advisory Council:

The Brookville Tailwater (BTW) fishery is a unique resource to the angling communities of Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. With the recent establishment of year round flow and temperature management, the BTW is becoming even more widely recognized as a quality destination for trophy size brown and rainbow trout. If the past successes in development of this cold water fishery are to be sustained while its reputation and fishing pressure continues to grow, new measures will be required to protect the fishery. As has been demonstrated numerous times in other fisheries, a catch and release policy is a cost effective way of protecting the resource while making it available to a larger population of anglers.

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 protect and enhance the year-round trout fishery while leaving the dam area and the confluence to citizens wishing to harvest fish. To further protect the resource, only artificial lures with a single hook should be permitted. Treble hooks, bait and scented additives should be specifically prohibited. This would enhance the fishery for the hundreds of catch & release anglers that now frequent the BTW year round and for the hundreds of new anglers who will undoubtedly come to the BTW as knowledge of this quality resource continues to spread.

I would like to add that the quality of the fishery is enhanced by the lovely public park that borders the middle stretch of the BTW. This section receives the highest fishing pressure on a day to day basis and would benefit the most from implementation of the proposed Catch & Release rule. This park setting would also be the ideal location for installation of a disabled accessible fly fishing platform. Such a feature would be as unique to this region as the very existence of the cold water fishery we now enjoy.

Finally, I must mention one other reason that the BTW is so important to me. This safe and easily accessible stream is the ideal training ground for my young grandchildren. They are becoming quite proficient with cane poles and spinning gear and are ready to move up to fly rods and stream fishing. If we didn't have the BTW, we would still

have clean warm water streams for smallmouth and panfish. But I think they deserve both.

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First Name
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Suggestions
NRC,

I write to you today as a concerned trout fisherman of theBrookeville tailraces below the dam. I am very worried about thepossibility of a loosening of the trout regulations on this specialand unique diamond in our beautiful state. I beg you to at least uphold current laws or write stronger language to protect the browns andrainbows of Brookville. In this years fishing guide the state ofindiana bragged about all the improvments you have made thru the DNRbuy loosening regulations on Bait fisherman you are throwing some ofthat away let them eat other more plentiful fish like catfish,crappie, bass and white bass. Meat hunting is not something that willbenefit Brookville. We finally have a couple decent trout streams inIndiana and they will suffer if you ease up now!! If you must leave waters down stream of 105 catch and release onlywith artificials let the lousy bait fisherman the water near thedam Sincrlly Jesse Branham

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Suggestions

I am writing to discuss some ideas regarding rule changes due to substantial change in users of the Brookville Tailwater Fishery. As an active participant in the fishing community and promoter of families enjoying the outdoors, I feel strongly that the Board re-evaluate the current regulations. We the fishing community request consideration for a rule change to better protect the 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 result in rapid depletion. Fish that are not harvested soon after stocking are subjected to guthooking by bait fishermen and spin casters using multiple hooks, bait, scent and increase the mortality rate considerably. We ask that you please consider the following regulation changes that would enhance the fishing experience for sport fishing.

First rule change would protect the brown trout completely with no harvesting of fish anytime and the rainbow trout harvest would be limited to two fish a day with a slot limit.

To provide further protection the suggestion is to partition the stream in two sections. The stream from the 101 bridge to the 52 bridge could be made catch and release artificial lures only and the rest would remain the same. This would continue to provide the walleye/catfish fishing just below the dam with good accessibility remaining.

The park area would then be considered Catch & Release only using barbless, single hook, artificial lures only.

Such a plan would benefit and suit every type of angler currently using this fishery. Please keep in mind similar

changes have effectively been instated in the Northern part of the state.

I hope you will consider this request and hear the voices of the majority users of the Brookville tailwater

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Suggestions
Catch and release should be adopted on the Brookville stream between bridge 101 and 52 below Brookville Dam.

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Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - request for fishing regulation changes

Indiana Natural Resources Advisory Council:

As a regular guest angler (Ohio resident who works in Indiana) I am writing with concern for regulations governing the Brookville Tailwater (the East Fork of the Whitewater River downstream of Brookville Reservoir. The changes I am suggesting would help protect 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 here is the lone option for trout anglers in the IN-OH-KY area. Although 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. In particular, fishing with live bait or lures with treble hooks tends to make any attempt at live release fatal to the fish. Many of us who fish this tailwater have seen the results - dead fish drifting downstream, floating in eddies, or lodged on the bottom.

I am not unsympathetic to the rights of others to fish they way they want to fish and to keep a few fish to eat. However, the trout in Brookville Tailwater need special protection to be able to survive and thrive in this challenging environment, especially as the number of anglers has increased.

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

Those who want an enjoyable day on the water and a few fish for the table.

AND

Catch & Release anglers wanting to enjoy a sustainable fishery and fish over and over again, which can only be attained through the adoption of very 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 echo others in suggesting the following regulation changes, which include dividing the tailwater into "catch & release" sections and "fish harvest" sections, as follows:

1) From the tailrace 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 (and some large ones, I can attest) that also migrate into that area.

2) From the 52 bridge 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 greatly enhance the fishery for the hundreds of catch & release anglers that frequent the tailwater year-round. I 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. The mix is probably 85% flyfishers and 15% spinfishers.

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 fish that are more sensitive to water quality, water temperature and predation than the naturally reproducing warmwater fish with which they 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 is otherwise nonexistent.

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

Respectfully,

Matt Uecker

Michaels, Debbie

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Suggestions

I am a dedicated catch and release fisherman and am concerned about the Brookville tailwater area. I believe the river and the anglers who use it would be best served by making the portion of the river in the park catch and release only. It has proven to be a productive and sustainable trout fishery and is the only such water in central Indiana. I would hope there could be some rule changes that would protect either browns or rainbows or both and eliminate the severe harvesting of these fish that is now occurring. I am not educated enough in regards to fish management to suggest appropriate measures such as slot limits or other methods but there must be a way to protect this wonderful developing fishery and serve the needs of all anglers. Thank you.
Cordially, Duane Riddle

Michaels, Debbie

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Suggestions

I write to support the imposition of catch and release fishing at the Brookville trout fishery. The water between Hwys. 52 and 101 would be appropriate.

I also support the requirement that single hooks be used on that water, whether by fly fishers or by spin fishers.

I also support the prohibition on that water of natural baits (not artificials, that is) as well as scented lures and flies.

Incidentally, I expressed these opinions elsewhere on the DNR Website, but do so again because I fear I sent it to the wrong department; I clicked "Contact" instead of "Suggestions."

Paul Arnold

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Suggestions
Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

This is a wonderful fishery. I am on the board of the Buckeye UnitedFly Fishers in Cincinnati. I and many of our members regularly fish at the Tailwaters of Brookville Lake. Please consider making a section "catch and release". And please also consider not allowing live or dead bait, scent as well as treble hooks since this method of fishing almost guarantees fish mortality. You have a great opportunity to greatly enhance this valuable water for its all residence.

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Suggestions

As a dedicated catch & release angler, I would like to see an "artificials only, catch & release section" created on the Brookvile Tailwater to protect the trout from being killed and to preserve the trout fishery for anglers who practice catch & release.

This would mirror what has already been done on the Little Elkhart River in Northern Indiana which has proven a successful project.

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Suggestions
Please restrict the Brookville release water from bridge 101 to bridgeat hw 52 to catch and release artificjals only.
Thank you BillFitzgerald

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Suggestions
Regarding regulation changes to the
Brookville Reservoir tailwaters

I believe it is within EVERYONE'S best interest to create anartificial bait only, catch and release zone between the 2 bridges onour Brookville tailwaters. A great amount of information can begleaned from this change, if the citizen's can work with the DNR onthis issue. The opportunity for more holdover trout in Indiana mayprove viable, and we can surely spare a few waterway zones for thistype of research.

Respectfully,

Stephen Hawkins

Michaels, Debbie

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Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

Indiana Natural Resources Advisory Council:

As an avid catch & release fisherman, I am writing in regard to theregulations governing the Brookville Tailwater (the East Fork of theWhitewater River downstream of Brookville Reservoir) and to suggestsome regulation changes that would meet the needs of all of thefishermen and women who enjoy its waters. The regulation changes I amsuggesting would add a measure of protection for the trout fisherythat has blossomed there in the last several years due to the effortsof the IDNR and interested citizens from 3 states (IN, OH, KY).

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

I am not unsympathetic to the rights of others to fish they way theywant and to keep some fish to eat, however,

the trout in Brookville Tailwater need 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.

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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,

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Suggestions

NOT to have a catch and release only or artificals only or fly fishingonly section on the Brookville tailwater. The reasoning for this isthe current regulations are providing the required results for sizeand number of trout desired. No mattter what technique I fish with atBrookville I always have been successful. Indiana Trout Unlimitedcreel report as of 3/2009 shows good numbers of trout and really goodsize structure with catches from 10 inches to 23 inches. Additionally,rule changes would be too restrictive for fishing for other speciesthat inhabit the tailwater. Brookville tailwater supports a VERY goodsmall river walleye fishery for non boat anglers and a substantialsmallmouth population and really good numbers of channel catfish thatwould be impossible to target under artificial only regulations. Thesespecies are in fishable populations throughout the entire tailwater.Current regulations basically make the Brown trout catch and releaseready. The less restrictive regulations on the Rainbows is niceespecially when you want to introduce a young boy to trout fishing.Letting a young boy drift a worm on a spinning outfit and catch hisfirst trout is quite a treat. Especially, with the easy and convenientaccess of the public park. Being restricted to the area just below thedam would not be fair. For kids, stumbling around in the rocks belowthe dam trying to fish is dangerous.

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Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

The Brookville Tailwater is a wonderful year-round trout fishery an I have enjoyed bringing the family over to fish several times a year. As a twice weekly visitor to the Brookville Tailwater and supporter of local businesses, I see great potential for the trout fishery there, but the fisheries' survival is challenged by the current fishing regulations and some of the proposed regulations.

Although I disagree with the making of year round "Artificials Only, Catch & Release" section of the river from the 101 bridge down to the 52 bridge, due to the fact that I believe it creates an elitist playground that will benefit a minority of anglers while alienating families and those less fortunate, I do believe that a Limited "Artificials Only, Catch & Release" season should be imposed during the summer (July - September) and winter (January - Opening day) months to benefit the brown trout by protecting them during these temperature sensitive periods. I am avid fly fisher and spend many days on these waters and have seen many fish die due to excessive play in the heated months or over exposure to the air during cold months. I think this proposal would allow both camps (Fly/Bait) ample access to trout without fully alienating both groups. I would like to see a 22" minimum on all brown trout and would not like to see the daily bag limit increased for this species. I applaud the State of Indiana for the fishery that they have created and hope to be able to continue to enjoy this year round fishery for years to come.

Michaels, Debbie

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Suggestions
Re: Brookville Tailwater

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This fishery is an important and special resource for Indiana anglers who enjoy pursuing trout on the fly. The success of catch and release regulations in promoting healthy trout fisheries is well-established in states like Michigan and Wisconsin.

Michaels, Debbie

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Suggestions
Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

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Respectfully,

Michaels, Debbie

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Suggestions

I am writing in regards to the Brookville Tailwater. As a resident of Hamilton, Ohio just across the state line I spend quite a bit of time at the tailwaters fishing. I am so please to have an opportunity to spend time and I am grateful for the IDNR, the Corp of Engineers, and the people that care for and volunteer to support this area. This has a great potential as a trout fishery.

I would like to see 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 trout fishery while leaving the dam area and the confluence to citizens wishing to harvest fish. I feel that this is a fair request and can help to protect the investment the IDNR has made by limiting the amount of fish harvested each season.

I personally am not opposed to the harvesting of fish as a rule but I do believe some regulations here will help to improve and protect this area. Last season on several occasions I saw large stingers of trout being taken out of the tailwaters.

Thank you for listening and thank you for a great fishing area.

Michaels, Debbie

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Suggestions

Re: Brookville Tail Water catch and reslease fishing regs.

Having lived and worked as a guide in Colorado for many years. I have seen first hand the benefits of catch and release, artificial fly and lure only with single hook preserve and protect and improve overall quality of fisheries. As an example I worked on the South Platte, Arkansas, Blue River, Colorado and Williams Fork, these were mostly Gold Medal, Blue Ribbon and C&R fisheries. They maintained large population of fish and fish of great size and in good health. Trout Unlimited would have the data available in local chapter such as Gore Range chapter.

BTW being a put and take fishery does offer barriers but having a special section from the Park pools down to the 52 bridge would offer some refuge to the heavily pressured fishery. I have noticed throughout the season declining numbers of fish. Even during the in-place catch and release season. Poaching is also an issue to be dealt with. With your limited resources I know your officers cannot be everywhere, I have suggested to fellow anglers to have the Poaching hot line in their phone and to report any one who may be taking illegal fish. I have suggested a non-confrontational approach rather than approaching the angler report license plates in order to establish a data base for officers on patrol to follow and then check the anglers belonging to those plates. It is as much our responsibility if not more to be vigilant on our loved waters to protect them. I being a shop owner do not get to the river nearly enough but love it. One example would be a 24 inch brown I took last August, several days later my buddy who photographed the fish for me saw that fish going out on a stringer. Though a legal fish it is sad to think that no other angler will receive the joy that fish gave me, perhaps a youngster or novice fisherman. The fish was taken on live bait below 252 when it was removed. I caught the fish on a small size 20 bead head caddis with a barbless hook and he was released in good health, Not patting myself on the back just pointing out that with regulations in place there will be more of these fish for anglers to enjoy.

Thank you for reading long note, I really feel the value would farout way the negative impact that may arrise initially for the put andtake fisherman.

Please feel free to contact me at any time Regards

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Suggestions

I would like to see the brookville tailwaters be catch and releaseonly. I also think it would be a good idea to make it artificial luresonly.Let the bait fisherman fish at the dam area.

Michaels, Debbie

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Suggestions

Please restrict all fishing in the 2 mile tail water of Brookville to be catch and release only. The trout fishery there is becoming a viable economic impact on the community, with as many as 100 anglers a weekend driving as much as 100 miles to fly fish for the trout. It is a shame to see the numbers disappear so quickly as the bait and spinner fisherman harvest 5 trout a piece. Brookville and the stream would be well served to make the area catch and release only. The impact to multi species fisherman in that area would be minimal as there are numerous places nearby to catch Walleye, Bass and Catfish, but this little stretch of Cold Water is the only viable place to sustain trout within 200 miles. Thanks you for your consideration.

Michaels, Debbie

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Suggestions
Re: Brookville Tailwater

As a citizen angler and devoted supporter of the rights of "all" anglers, I am in favor of creating a "Artificial Only, Catch and Release" section on the tailwater. This would not be at the exclusion of others who fish here but would greatly enhance the survival of what has become a surprising home for trout in our state.

Michaels, Debbie

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First Name
Nick

Last Name
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Suggestions
Central Indiana Trout Unlimited (CITU), with the unanimous support of our Board of Directors, support rule changes protective of the browntrout fishery at the Brookville Tailwater. Increased angling pressure for this small but precious river now require your consideration. You have undoubtedly seen numerous proposals for your consideration. CITU encourages you to carefully evaluate these proposals and accept the fact that protective rule changes are needed. We look forward to further discussions on this matter.

Nick Schroeder
President CITU

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First Name
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Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

Indiana Natural Resource Advisory Council:

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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 for your consideration in this matter.

Josua Baker

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Suggestions
Re: Brookville Tailwater

I would very much like to see the stretch between the 101 bridge and the 52 bridge turned into no-kill water. Alternatively, at least to the 252 bridge. Artificial only and single hook.

Still provides recreational value but protects the brown trout and perhaps limited rainbow reproduction.

If too unpalatable, then a fallback would be to make the stretch "blue ribbon" water with restricted limits and minimum length of 18 inches or greater.

In the South, where Summer temperatures limit survival, they used delayed harvest where the stretch of water is no kill for most of the year with maybe May and June being the harvest period and the rest of the time catch and release. This seems to work well by leaving a holdover population but not too many fish to be sustained.

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Suggestions
Strongly support catch and release fishery in Brookville

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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. I feel it also takes the needs of all fishermen and fishing methods into consideration.

Respectfully,
Kent Sanders

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Suggestions

I would like to include my vote to tighten the regulations around trout fishing in the Brookville Tailwater. I feel the tailwater should be limited to "Artificials Only, Catch & Release" from the dam down to the 52 bridge. This would provide the trout a better chance of survival, and preserve the fishery for more anglers to enjoy.

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Suggestions

Please allow me to introduce myself as a Pennsylvania born Hoosier as of my move to Indianapolis in 1980. This is significant only in the fact that for the last 29 years I have continued to make my annual pilgrimage to Pennsylvania to fly fish for trout (which includes the \$60.00+ annual non-resident license). I am neither wealthy or getting any younger.

For the last several years I have been pleased to be a member of Trout Unlimited and have been very grateful to fly fish the Brookville Tailwater. Pennsylvania has multiple "catch and release" and "artificial lures only" streams. Within a reasonable driving distance from Indianapoliswe have the Brookville Tailwater.

This small stretch of water is an absolute gem that is rapidly becoming overwhelmed by the density of fisherman, of both the catch and release and take out variety. Despite the current regulations limiting brown trout harvest to a single fish over 18," many brown trout are killed every year by illegal harvesting or death from being "gut hooked" as a result of live bait fishing.

The only possible way that this fishery will be able to be sustained is if fish are able to be safely released. Numerous studies have verified that live bait fishing seriously diminishes the possibility of a fish being released safely.

I have utilized live bait in the past and am totally sympathetic to fisherman who choose to eat their catch. The relative point is, however, that there are many areas within driving distance of Brookville area that sustain a renewable resource of fish suitable for live bait fishing and take out.

A reasonable compromise would seem to be to designate the Brookville Tailwater as an "artificial lure" "catch &

release" area from the 101bridge to the 52 bridge. This would permit take out fishing below the dam and at the West & East Fork Confluence.

Please consider this progressive step to acknowledge and perpetuate the uniqueness that is the Brookville Tailwater.

Feel free to contact me at any time to further discuss this issue and thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Sam Kegerreis
Professor of Physical Therapy
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Suggestions

In regards to the Brookville Tailwater trout fishing. I support the 101 bridge to 52 bridge catch and release only and artificial lure single hook idea suggested by Indiana fly fishing guides. Thank you for the current trout waters. I would truly enjoy seeing the area improve.

Michael Brandon Bales

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Suggestions
subject : Brookville Tailwater

I am a dedicated catch & release angler and enjoy the Brookville tailwaters on virtually a year round basis.

I would like to recommend a "catch and release only" section of the river be designated on the Brookville Tailwater to protect trout from being killed and to preserve the trout fishery for anglers who practice catch & release.

I feel that IDNR dedicates too many resources to preserve this treasure only to see it depleted each year.

My specific suggestion is that an "Artificials Only, Catch & Release" section of the river from the 101 bridge down to the 52 bridge. 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 which respects the rights and choices of all fishermen while contributing to the preservation and sustainability of resources in which the state regularly invests so much.

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Suggestions
Re: Brookville, Indiana Tailwater....requesting fishing regulationchanges.

Indiana Natural Resource Advisory Council:

I am an avid trout fly fisherman and learn the sport on the Brookville Tailwater section below the dam to the Whitewater River. I have had an Indiana fishing license every year for the past (10) years because of the trout fishery that has developed in the Brookville Tailwater. Each year I see the planted trout population being wasted and abused by uncaring people taking as many trout from the river as they catch. As a dedicated catch & release fisherman, I would like to see an "artificial only, catch & release section" regulation of the Brookville Tailwater from the 101 bridge down stream to the 52 bridge to protect valuable trout from being unnecessarily killed and to preserve the trout fishery for those who practice catch & release. I have seen the success of such a regulation in the fly only - catch & release portion of the Pere Marquette River from M-37 to Gleason's Landing near Baldwin, Michigan. I have personally witnessed the success of such a practice / regulation. Thank you...Jim Howell

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Suggestions
Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

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 fish tend to swallow, so any attempt at live release is 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 a 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 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 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. I 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. The mix is probably 85% flyfishers and 15% spinfishers.

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 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,
Michael Tolley

Michaels, Debbie

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Suggestions

I would like to suggest making the tailwaters of Brookville Lake artificial lure only. While fishing there I have witnessed poaching, both people exceeding the number of fish taken, or taking fish under the legal limit. By making it artificial lure fishing only, it would cut down on the number of people killing fish due to being hooked in the gills, or swallowing the hooks while bait fishing.

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Suggestions
Indiana Natural Resource Advisory Council:

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First Name
Paul

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Feldman

County
Hamilton

State of Residence
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Suggestions

I have been a trout fisherman for nearly 50 years and have practiced catch and release for more than 25 years. I often fish Brookville tailwaters and would strongly urge catch and release regulations below 101 bridge. Although I can't imagine why anyone would want to actually eat a hatchery trout (UGH!), they are wonderful to catch, and the surge in popularity of this fishery cannot be sustained in the future with the current regulations. As anyone in the fish management business knows, both fish quality and popularity of the fishery always improve with the incorporation of no kill regulations, in spite of initial resistance from some anglers who wish to keep and eat fish. Implicit with catch and release regulations is the use of single hook artificial so as to limit fish mortality.

Thank You,

Paul Feldman

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First Name
Alan

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Garbers

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Morgan

State of Residence
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Suggestions
Brookville Tailwaters - requesting fishing regulation changes

I would like to see an "artificials 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 request the section of the river from the 101 bridge down to the 52 bridge that be changed to create an "Artificials Only, Catch & Release". This would preserve the year-round trout fishery while leaving the dam area to folks wishing to harvest fish.

Thanks,
Alan

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Suggestions

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First Name
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Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes and better enforcement of regulations

Indiana Natural Resource Advisory Council:

Last year I moved to Indiana from Utah, where I was an avid trout fisherman.

I recently learned about the trout fishery in the Brookville Tailwater and took a day trip to fish there. I was really excited about the opportunity to catch trout so close to my home (2 hours drive). I am thankful for the efforts of so many groups and individuals to develop this fishery.

I did manage to catch two small trout, but I was disappointed that the fish population was so low. I talked to one angler that fishes there regularly (2-3 times per week) and he said that he thought that the fishery could be greatly improved if there was a catch-and-release only regulation and if the regulations were better enforced. He has never seen a wildlife officer at the Brookville Tailwater, yet he has seen many individuals poaching trout.

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

I respectfully request that the regulations be changed to create an "Artificial Only, Catch & Release" section of the river from the 101 bridge down to the 52 bridge. 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.

I also respectfully request that more resources be dedicated to enforcing the regulations, which I believe could have a large positive influence on the fishery.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tyler Pendleton
Columbus, Indiana

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Michaels, Debbie

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Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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Fishing
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First Name
Jay

Last Name
Dowd

County
delaware

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I fish some at Brookville for trout. I believe that as the only trout area in most of Indiana, we should conserve the work done to get a sustainable trout fishery, and limit the tailwater fishing to catch and release only. I see trout caught on corn, and fish are deephooked, and I believe that most caught in that manner die as a result.

I would favor an artificial only section, and as I can go to most any other stream or reservoir to catch other species, trout should have a preference in that particular stream. Thank you for your consideration.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Fishing
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First Name
William

Last Name
Current

County
Marion

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

Indiana Natural Resource Advisory Council:

The Brookville Tailwater is treasure for the state of Indiana... a year-round trout fishery where trout don't exist without the efforts of the IDNR and concerned citizens. I frequently fish the Brookville Tailwater (catch and release using a single barbless hook) 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 "Artificial Only, Catch & Release" section of the river from the 101 bridge down to the 52 bridge. I also ask that there be a regulation for single, barbless hooks to reduce the injury and death caused by barbed hooks. 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.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Fishing
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First Name
David

Last Name
Crick

County
Allen

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Please Make the Brookville tail waters a catch and release, andbarbless fly only Zone.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Fishing
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First Name
Jack

Last Name
Altekruse

County
Hamilton

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater

As an avid catch and release fisherman, I would like to see the ONLY trout fishery in central Indiana protected by having an artificial only catch and release section designated. The area suggested would be from the 101 bridge to the 52 bridge. This would afford some area of other methods of fishing. However, there are an unlimited number of opportunities for anglers to fish and take other popular species in Indiana. It would seem reasonable and fair to enact the regulations to protect this valuable resource by requiring methods that will reduce the needless loss of trout.

Respectfully, JL Altekruse

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Fishing
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First Name
Douglas

Last Name
Philipot

County
Hamilton

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I feel that it is important to make a section of the tailwater troutstream in Brookville, Indiana, catch-and-release only with artificial lures or flies. A trout stream is very rare in Indiana that can hold trout throughout a year. One has to travel to northern Iowa, to Missouri, to Kentucky, or to Tennessee for natural trout streams that truthfully may not be as good as the one here in Indiana. The Brookville Tailwater is getting more and more popular, and if more people are fishing it with more harvesting of the fish, the tailwater will lose something special for Hoosier fishermen and women. I am not against harvesting of the trout, but greater regulations would give a fair balance to those that want to take home the fish and to those that want to release them for another day. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Fishing
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First Name
mike

Last Name
wright

County
marion

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

To enhance the fishing environment and experience we should make the Brookville tailwater a catch and release and artificials only area.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Fishing
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First Name
Bill

Last Name
Edwards

County
Hamilton

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Please make the Brookville tailwaters as "catch and release" only. There's not that much good trout fishing in Indiana!

Thanks

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Michaels, Debbie

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Fishing
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First Name
Michael

Last Name
Beachy

County
Elkhart

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

This suggestion concerns the Brookville Tailwaters. I am the president of the Little Elkhart Chapter of Trout Unlimited in northern Indiana and know the value of catch and release trout fishing first hand. Catch and release artificial lure regulations has greatly enhanced our trout fishery on the Little Elkhart River. The result is a year round trout fishery utilized by more trout anglers over a longer period of time than prior to the enactment of these regulations with greater fishermen satisfaction. All this and the resource (trout) still remains.

Brookville Tailwaters is a fragile trout fishery that also needs similar protection. I understand that Brookville is different in that it is a multi fish species fishery however the opportunity is there for trout protection. It would be to the advantage of the DNR to explore Catch and Release no bait regulations on this waterway. Trout fishing is not native to this area and this offers a variety of fishing unique to this specific spot and that should take precedence over other fish species available to fishermen elsewhere in close proximity.

The creeling of trout from this limited micro fishery depletes the resource, limits fishing opportunities and reduces fishermen satisfaction. This in turn leads to less fishermen traveling to the area to take advantage of this truly unique fishery.

The economic impact of Catch and Release/No Bait regulations should be considered. With a truly great trout fishery that could be constructed at Brookville Tailwaters the economics could be capitalized on by the local community resulting in increased license/trout stamp sales and boosting the local economy with travelers wanting to experience trout fish in an area not known as trout country.

This is truly a special fishery that needs special consideration by the DNR to protect and develop. Doing nothing or considering removal of what little protection these trout have now would destroy a unique opportunity and deplete

the resouce. This would be a lossto everyone in the state of Indiana.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Fishing
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First Name
George

Last Name
Gaylord

County
Warrick

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like to see the Brookville Tailwater section below the dam become artificials only, catch & release. This is the only spot in Southern Indiana to fly fish for trout and is a wonderful recreation opportunity that I travel hours to get to and enjoy a day.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Fishing
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First Name
James

Last Name
Keough

County
Montgomery

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

Indiana Natural Resource Advisory Council:

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Michaels, Debbie

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First Name
James

Last Name
Keough

County
Montgomery

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like to request that the regulations for trout at the RaccoonLake tailwaters be changed. With a 7 inch size limit that leaves virtually no trout to be caught the rest of the year. After they are stocked they are pretty much caught up and kept right a way. Increasing the size limit to 18 inches would keep more trout in the tailwaters all year. I am a avid catch and release angler and would love it if this change could be made. Thank you for reading my request.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Fishing
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First Name
Josh

Last Name
Lillard

County
Boone

State of Residence
KY

Suggestions

I would like to see a catch and release section on the Brookeville Tailwaters for Trout. This fishery is an excellent resource to the state of Indiana and it needs to be protected. I know that anglers from Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana visit this location several times throughout the year and that means more \$\$ for Indiana. Please review the current regulations and help protect a resource that is amazing for the southern part of the state.

Sincerely,

Josh Lillard
NKFF

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Michaels, Debbie

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First Name
Brandon

Last Name
Finn

County
Monroe

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

As an avid fishermen of Indiana for almost 14 years I'm writing a suggestion to support the proposal for creating a CNR (catch and release) section on the Brookville tail waters. I have been flyfishing for about 5 years now and have been to a large number of rivers, streams, and tail waters across the country. In my home town of Goshen, IN the trout fitters of northern Indiana had passed a catch and release section for the stocked trout on the Little Elkhart River in Middlebury, IN. I think that Brookville should adopt a system similar to theirs. A catch and release system that would expand from the 101 bridge to the 52 bridge would be ideal. This way many flyfishers in Indiana that travel to Brookville will actually enjoy their time spent to get there with the amount of fish they may or may not catch. Personally I had traveled 2 1/2 hours to get to Brookville tailwaters from Bloomington, IN yesterday (3/27/2009). It was quite a drive to get there and I was amazed at how nice the area was developed. However, I did not catch or even see a fish in the water. I don't know if this is because all of the fish that had been stocked from last year have all died or if local bait fishers have been catching and keeping trout in the area. There is a very slim amount of streams and rivers to fish in Indiana for trout and it'd be very sad to see Brookville die out because of bait fishers keeping the trout.

thank you,
Brandon Finn

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Michaels, Debbie

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First Name
Raymond

Last Name
Morris

County
Bartholomew

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

As a member of the Board of Central Indiana Trout Unlimited my suggestion is that regulations be established that protect and benefit Brown Trout in the Brookville Lake tailwater. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Army Corp of Engineers and Central Indiana Trout Unlimited have worked cooperatively and productively over several years to create a year round sustainable trout fishery in this unique stream for brown trout in southern Indiana. At this time, it appears that increased regulations may be necessary due to the increasing popularity of this stream. It is my suggestion that artificial baits, single hook, catch and release regulations be considered from state road bridge 101 to state road bridge 52. I thank the Indiana Natural Resources Commission for the opportunity to provide input. Thank you.

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Fishing
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First Name
Tim

Last Name
Guilfoile

County
Kenton

State of Residence
KY

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.

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Michaels, Debbie

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First Name
David

Last Name
DeVita

County
Kenton

State of Residence
KY

Suggestions
Re: Brookville Tailwater

I would very much like to see a portion of the Brookville tailwater reserved for catch and release fishing. I have visited Brookville many times to fish the tailwater, always releasing the fish I've caught. I have also contributed my own money and voting in favor of the Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers donating Club funds toward stocking the tailwater with trout.

The Brookville tailwater, short as it is, provides a rare fishing experience in this part of the country. Indiana has done a great thing in offering this resource. In order to maintain the quality of a fragile fishery, the area between the 101 bridge and the 52 bridge should be designated a catch and release area with the waters above 101 and below 52 being subject to the existing limits.

Raising the limit allowed to be kept would undoubtedly reduce the quality of the fishery and result in a declining number of fly fishermen visiting the Brookville area and supporting the fishery.

Sincerely,

David DeVita
Lakeside Park, Kentucky

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Michaels, Debbie

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Fishing
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First Name
Jason

Last Name
Boyd

County
Dearborn

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

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 fish tend to swallow, so any attempt at live release is 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 its 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 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 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 fly fishers with some spinfishers mixed in. The mix is probably 85% fly fishers and 15% spinfishers.

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 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,
Jason M. Boyd

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Arnold [mike_arnold@insightbb.com]
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First Name
Michael J

Last Name
Arnold

County
USA

State of Residence
KY

Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

Indiana Natural Resource Advisory Council:

The Brookville Tailwater is a wonderful resource being a year-round trout fishery in an area 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 I believe trout survival is challenged by the current fishing regulations.

I respectfully request that the regulations be changed to create an "Artificial Only, Catch & Release" section of the river from the IN-101 bridge down to the US-52 bridge or, if the C&R is not feasible, a reduced kill limit (especially for brown trout). 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 few small areas to enjoy our past-time.

Thank you for considering my request when you develop or change regulations.

Sincerely,

Mike Arnold
5531 Strike The Gold Dr
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Michaels, Debbie

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Fishing
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First Name
John

Last Name
Guthrie

County
usa

State of Residence
KY

Suggestions
As a dedicated catch & release angler, I would like to see an "artificials only, catch & release section" created on the Brookvile Tailwater to protect the trout from being killed and to preserve the trout fishery for anglers who practice catch & release.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Fishing
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First Name
glenn

Last Name
hinken

County
boone

State of Residence
KY

Suggestions
create a catch & release area on the Brookville Tailwater from the 101bridge down the the 52 bridge above the confluence.

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Michaels, Debbie

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First Name
Harry

Last Name
Leidy III

County
Boone

State of Residence
KY

Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

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Although I live in Northern Ky, I really enjoy coming to the Brookville tailwater to fly fish. I feel lucky that this fishery is available and I would hate to see the trout population be wiped out by those who don't practice catch and release. Please establish rules to provide a substantial protected section of the stream so that the trout fishing can be enjoyed by those of us who actually do use catch and release methods.

Thanks very much for taking my suggestion.
Harry Leidy
1566 Meadow Hill Court

Florence, KY 41042

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Michaels, Debbie

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First Name
Jack

Last Name
Randall

County
Kenton

State of Residence
KY

Suggestions

Indiana Natural Resource Advisory Council:

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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.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Rust [trflyfish@fuse.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 6:52 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

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First Name
Tom

Last Name
Rust

County
Campbell

State of Residence
KY

Suggestions

Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

Indiana Natural Resource Advisory Council:

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I am a resident of Kentucky; however I buy a non-resident trout license because the fishing for trout is so good at Brookville Tailwater. If the trout fishery declines due to angler overharvest or live bait induced fish mortality, I'll not be back for future fishing trips. Please adopt these changes! Respectfully, Tom Rust, Cold Spring, KY 41076

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Ken Levinberg [kleinberg@gmail.com]
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To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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First Name
Ken

Last Name
Ken Levinberg

County
Hamilton

State of Residence
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Suggestions
Please consider making Brookville a catch and release area.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Ken Levinberg [kleinberg@gmail.com]
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Fishing
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First Name
Ken

Last Name
Ken Levinberg

County
Hamilton

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

As a dedicated catch & release angler, I would like to see an "artificials 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.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Puckett [cpuckett7@insightbb.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 9:18 PM
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First Name
Chris

Last Name
Puckett

County
Boone

State of Residence
KY

Suggestions
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Thank you,
Chris Puckett

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Smith [ksmith777@verizon.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 9:32 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

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Fishing
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First Name
Kim

Last Name
Smith

County
Washington

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I am writing in reference to the suggested catch and release area at the Brookville tailwaters between the 101 bridge and the 52 bridge. I support this as this fishery offers quality fishing and a chance for anglers to catch trophy size trout. There are many of us that travel about 3-4 hours to fish the tailwaters. Our club has a trip planned for later this summer. If you have a great fishing area with trophy fish that is catch and release you will bring more fishermen and that also means more money is spent in that area on food motels gas and camping etc. There will still be plenty of water with fish for the bait fishermen to have access to. Thank you for letting me put in my 2 cents worth.

Sincerely,

Kim Smith
Salem, Indiana

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Pohland [rpohland@att.net]
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Fishing
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First Name
Raymond

Last Name
Pohland

County
Hancock

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
RE: Brookville Tailwater - suggestion for change in fishing regulations

I am an avid fly angler who frequents the Brookville Tailwater year-round. I would like to see a "catch and release" area created to protect this fishery. Through the efforts of the IDNR and concerned citizens, the Brookville Tailwater has developed into a wonderful place to fish in central Indiana. However, the survival of the trout fishery is threatened by the current fishing regulations. I think that a designated "catch and release" area is a fair request in order to protect the Brookville Tailwater's fragile trout environment.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Settle [zionsvillein@ameritech.net]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 8:53 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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Fishing
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First Name
Todd

Last Name
Settle

County
Boone

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Please make the White River from State Route 13 to State Route 37 catch and release for smallmouth bass.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Blau [Chris.Blau@occ.treas.gov]
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To: NRCFWRulesProject
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Fishing
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First Name
Chris

Last Name
Blau

County
Kenton

State of Residence
KY

Suggestions
Indiana Natural Resource Advisory Council:

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Michaels, Debbie

From: summe [afssadmin@ai.org]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 10:09 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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First Name
kurt

Last Name
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County
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State of Residence
KY

Suggestions

re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes Indiana Natural Resource Advisory Council:
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Allowing fishing for an 18 inch trout for food is not an efficient or economical use of resources. A single trout properly caught and released can provide enjoyment time and again for a fisherman to allow re-use of a paid-for resource. Great enjoyment can be had catching 12 inch fish and releasing them unharmed. It also generates continued licensing fees. That is important in these budget times. Gut caught or treble hook caught 12 inch fish simply do not survive well. A single caught 18 inch trout does not provide much of a meal. And it is a one time shot. For maximum economic benefit of this resource, catch and release is great path to take.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Ellis [rellis@fuse.net]
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Fishing
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First Name
Ron

Last Name
Ellis

County
Kenton

State of Residence
KY

Suggestions

As a dedicated catch and release fly-fisherman, I would like to see Indiana create an "artificial only, catch and release section" on the Brookville Tailwater to protect the trout from being killed and to preserve the trout fishery for anglers who practice catch and release.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this suggestion for your review and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ron Ellis

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Fogle [joseph_fogle@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 10:59 AM
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Fishing
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First Name
Joseph

Last Name
Fogle

County
Putnam

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Hi!

As a trout fisherman in a state mostly devoid of trout opportunities I support a rule change to establish an "Artificials Only, Catch & Release" section of the Brookville Tail Water between the Highway 101 bridge down to the Highway 52 bridge.

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 lakefront to enjoy, while we catch & release trout fishermen only have a small and fragile fishery to enjoy.

I also believe that this will eventually increase tourism and enhance economic development for the Brookville area.

Thanks
Joseph Fogle
Greencastle

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Rasler [rasler@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 1:49 PM
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Fishing
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First Name
Brandon

Last Name
Rasler

County
Elkhart

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

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 fish tend to swallow, so any attempt at live release is 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 a 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.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Kilmer [ron.kilmer@ge.com]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 12:09 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

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Fishing
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First Name
Ron

Last Name
Kilmer

County
USA

State of Residence
KY

Suggestions
Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

Indiana Natural Resource Advisory Council:

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I respectfully request that the regulations be changed to create an "Artificials Only, (Please ban the use of the BERKLY POWER BAITS and ARTIFICIAL SALMON EGGS), Catch & Release" section of the river from the 101 bridge down to the 52 bridge. 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.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Fishing
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First Name
David

Last Name
Pleus

County
Sullivan

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

The Brookville Tailwater is a wonderful resource. A year-round troutfishery in a State (and region) where trout do not exist without the efforts of the Indiana DNR and concerned citizens. I am an occasional visitor to the Brookville Tailwater and see great potential for a sustainable trout fishery there, ala some of the Missouri tailwaters, but the trout's survival is challenged by the current fishing regulations. Specifically, too much emphasis on catch and keep as opposed to catch and release.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Fishing
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First Name
Ryan

Last Name
Fruchey

County
Allen

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Indiana Natural Resources Advisory Council:

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Michaels, Debbie

From: oakley [afssadmin@ai.org]
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Fishing
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First Name
steven

Last Name
oakley

County
hamilton

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Please look at this situation at brookville tail water as a serious condition. We continue to support the river by stocking it and enjoying it now and the future of our children. If we dont regulate it now our river system of trout will be lost. Thank You

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Michaels, Debbie

From: New [dustinnew@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 6:26 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
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Fishing
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First Name
Dustin

Last Name
New

County
St. Joseph

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

The Brookville Tailwater is a wonderful year-round trout fishery in a State (and region) where trout do not exist without the efforts of the IDNR and concerned citizens. I am a regular visitor to the Brookville Tailwater and the surrounding communities purely because of the trout fishing available. I see great potential for the trout fishery there, but the trout's survival is challenged by the current fishing regulations.

My suggestion is to change the current regulations to create an "Artificial Only, Catch & Release" section of the river from the 101 bridge down to the 52 bridge. 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. Ultimately it is this small catch and release area that would encourage me and others like me to visit the area more often. And by visiting the area we would spend our dollars within the local community. The potential preservation of those few fish within this relatively small area would bring many dollars in value to the state and this community.

Please consider this request and the potential value it could provide.

Sincerely,

Dustin New

Michaels, Debbie

From: Koch [ra_koch@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 8:35 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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Fishing
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First Name
Richard

Last Name
Koch

County
St. Joseph

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Russell [rehaber68@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 10:57 PM
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First Name
Jeffrey

Last Name
Russell

County
Jefferson

State of Residence
KY

Suggestions

To Those of the INRC,

I am a trout fisher. I use a flyrod to catch and release all fish. I am not opposed to catch and keep bait fishing. I suggest that those who fish as I do, merit some consideration in the matter of the Brookville tailwater fishing area in Indiana, the area between 101 and 52. Please, leave this area to us. There are untold miles of catch and keep waters available to the bait fishers. The trout fishing areas are few and far between. Let us have our special place to enjoy nature, as the caretenders we are of nature and all its beautiful resources. The fly fishing club I am attached to stands for conservation and we do not tolerate littering. Thank you for any help and consideration for us you can give us.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey B. Russell

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Wilson [judimer@att.net]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 11:06 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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Fishing
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First Name
Meredith

Last Name
Wilson

County
Marion

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

With regard to the issue of fishing restrictions on the BrookvilleTailwater, I would suggest that a catch and release, artificial lures and flies only restriction be placed on the portion of these waters from Road 101 below the dam raceway down to Road 52 so that the trout fishery can be protected. There are so few places in Indiana where I can experience fly fishing for trout without having to go to another state that I sincerely hope at least this area can be protected. The famous fly fisherman, Lee Wulff, said in effect that a trout is too valuable for a fisherman to be able to catch only once. I think catch and release makes good conservation sense. Thank you for your consideration.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Gustin [afssadmin@ai.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 5:03 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

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Fishing
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First Name
Leonard

Last Name
Gustin

County
Lagrange

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

being involved with the c&r section of the little elkhart river andseeing its success,i strongl urge the support of the brookevilletailwater catch and release proposal. thanks Leonard Gustin V.P.little elkhart chapter trout unlimited

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Fleetwood [mfleetwood@amerisure.com]
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To: NRCFWRulesProject
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Fishing
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First Name
Michael

Last Name
Fleetwood

County
Boone

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I support a catch & release area for the Brookville Tailwater between US Hwy 52 to US 101. This should be a catch and release area only using artificial lures with single hooks. No live bait or scented additives should be used in this area. The areas between US 101 to the tailrace and the area between US 52 and the confluence of the West Fork would still be available for those who wish to use bait or multiple hooks. The area that I support being set aside is just a bit under 2 miles and would be a gem for the DNR in the State of Indiana.

I would also suggest that the area set-aside for this purpose would use barbless hooks only. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Kellison [rkellison@cinci.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 11:27 AM
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Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

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Fishing
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First Name
Robert

Last Name
Kellison

County
Hamilton

State of Residence
OH

Suggestions

I am writing to encourage the creation of a catch and release section for the Brookville Tailwater from the 101 Bridge to the 52 Bridge. The Brookville Tailwater is a unique and valuable resource for the catch and release fisherman and one enhanced by the hard work of Trout Unlimited and the contributions of trout by such fly fishing clubs as Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers and BUFF. I was a transplant from the West with its rich resource of trout waters, so when I found this unique trout resource I was really thankful. Allowing bait fishing would only deplete the trout population and minimize the value of the tailwater for may catch and release fisherman in the region. When I go I usually spend money for meals, gas, and other incidentals, thereby contributing to the local economy. I am sure the other fisherman from the region do the same. You have a "gem" in this trout resource and urge you to set up a catch and release section of the tailwater.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Standish [troy_standish@comcast.net]
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To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

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First Name
Troy

Last Name
Standish

County
Hamilton

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

About 2 years ago I moved from the upstate NY area to Indiana. As a lifelong trout fisherman I all but expected to have to abandon this hobby. I was pleasantly surprised that there was in fact a trout fishery in the state of Indiana that was not too far from my residence.

Having been surrounded by trout streams I have been able to personally observe the impact of regulations on a stream can affect the quality of the fishery. The Brookville tailwater could certainly benefit from stricter regulations including a catch and release area.

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.

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.

Respectfully,
Troy Standish

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Thurston [joet@thurstonengineering.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 3:55 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

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Fishing
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First Name
Joe

Last Name
Thurston

County
Hamilton

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

This suggestion is to restrict fishing methods at the Brookville Laketailwater in Franklin county to only non-scented, single hook, artificial lures and artificial flies. At Brookville the combined efforts of the Fish and Wildlife Division and several angling groups have produced a trophy brown trout fishery that is unique to this area of Indiana. The current daily bag limit and minimum size limit provide some protection, but we still experience significant mortality from the unsuccessful releasing of brown trout that are gut hooked in bait fishing activities. Trout are more likely to be lip hooked and successfully released when caught with single hook, artificial lures and artificial flies.

Thank you for considering this suggestion.

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From: Hollenbaugh [jwhollen@indiana.edu]
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Fishing
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First Name
Jason

Last Name
Hollenbaugh

County
Whitley

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I believe that catch and release, single hook artificials only regulations should be placed on the tailwaters behind brookvillereservior on both rainbow and brown trout. As a concerned angler, I believe it is important to protect one of the few trout fisheries we have in the state of Indiana. Over the past few years, angling pressure on the tailwaters has increased significantly, and to be able to maintain a healthy trout population we need to enforce these proposed regulations.

Thank you,
Jason Hollenbaugh

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Harris [afssadmin@ai.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2009 1:02 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

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Zack

Last Name
Harris

County
Allen

State of Residence
IN

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Fishing
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First Name
Edward

Last Name
Harden

County
Kenton

State of Residence
KY

Suggestions
Gentlemen:

In regards to the Brookville Lake Trailwater, I would like to suggest that you enhance the fishing by making it catch and release. I might also suggest that it would be good if it was artificle bait only, and single hooks only. Thank you for any help in regards to the Brookville Trailwater.

Regards,
Edward Harden

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2009 1:31 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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Fishing
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First Name
thomas

Last Name
willingham

Email
twillingham@willinghamassociates.com

County
hamilton

State of Residence
OH

Suggestions
I have no problem with harvesting a few trout per year. Raise the size limit on the Rainbow (or even slot them) and lower the creel limit.

What's next - limiting the time of day, fishing line, resident or not???

I totally disagree with catch and release only.

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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: FISHING

SUB-TOPIC: TROUT & SALMON/OTHER

Kane, Jennifer

From: ZAGRODNIK [SLZAGRODNIK@WIDEOPENWEST.COM]
Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2009 12:42 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Trout and Salmon

First Name
STEVEN L

Last Name
ZAGRODNIK

County
COOK

State of Residence
IL

Suggestions

I ask that Indiana increase their stocking of Salmon and trout for Lake Michigan. I spend money every year on Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan fishing and salmon stamp licenses. I fish in out of state Lake Michigan waters only a few number of days each season. Each time I fish with my family we buy lunch, dinner, and gas in the out of state locations. I would like to thank you for doing a fine job with the limited funding resources available to you because of state mandated expenditure/allotments.

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Kane, Jennifer

From: springman [jls310@verizon.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2009 1:18 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Trout and Salmon

First Name
jay

Last Name
springman

County
rush

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Higher penalties and more enforcement for poaching trout.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: warning [joshw77@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 3:55 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Trout and Salmon

First Name
josh

Last Name
warning

County
will

City

State of Residence
IL

Suggestions
Lower bag limits to a total of 3 fish per person per day.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: MACE [57MACE@COMCAST.NET]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 3:50 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Trout and Salmon

First Name
JERRY

Last Name
MACE

County
IN

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Move the opening time of Inland Trout Season to 12:00 AM on the last Saturday in April...like it used to be.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Advisory Council Rules Suggestion Review: Fishing-Trout & Salmon/Brookville Tailwaters, 09-087D

FROM: Sandra Jensen

RE: Transfer of Documents

DATE: June 8, 2009

These suggestions were transferred from *Trout Fishing @ Brookville Tailwater (09-056D)*, which was administratively closed on June 8, 2009.

Jensen, Sandra

From: Jensen, Sandra
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2009 1:47 PM
To: 'dtrout@woh.rr.com'; 'jstephan8@mac.com'; 'wayne.usui@insightbb.com'; 'reelteacher@gmail.com'; 'tom.zabor@gmail.com'; 'kfox608@yahoo.com'; 'paul.f.arnold@gmail.com'; 'elkin@us.ibm.com'; 'tkdenbo@yahoo.com'; 'corradohome@yahoo.com'
Cc: Petercheff, Linnea; Kane, Jennifer
Subject: Trout Fishing at Brookville Tailwater (Administrative Cause 09-056D)

All,

I want to thank you for your interest in the promotion of fishing opportunities in Indiana. I am writing to confirm receipt of your correspondence seeking amendments to the rules relating to trout fishing at the Brookville Tailwaters.

In accordance with the Natural Resources Commission's (NRC's) Non-Rule Policy Document, Information Bulletin #7, I discussed your correspondence with the DNR Director with respect to determining how the merits of your petitions would be considered. The director has decided to incorporate these petitions into the Natural Resources Commission's Comprehensive Fish and Wildlife Rules Enhancement Project for purposes of reviewing the merits of your requested rule amendments. Suggested substantive amendments may be made directly at <http://www.in.gov/nrc/index.htm> until April 1, 2009.

Through this action, the Natural Resources Advisory Council, or its designee/committee, has been assigned by the Director to review the merits of these petitions. Following the close of the opportunity to submit suggested substantive amendments, the suggestions, along with this petition and one other petition that is being handled in this same way, will be sorted and turned over to the Advisory Council for further action.

I am not certain of what exact process will be employed by the Advisory Council to review these petitions and suggestions, but that information will be communicated in the near future.

If you have questions or concerns you may contact me directly at 317-232-4229 or sjensen@nrc.in.gov.

Sandra L. Jensen
Administrative Law Judge
Natural Resources Commission
Indiana Government Center North, Room N501
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
(317) 232-4229

3/25/2009

Kane, Jennifer

From: Michael Elkin [elkin@us.ibm.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2009 5:37 PM
To: nrrules
Subject: RE: NRC comment form (Brookville Tail water)

In accordance with the request and comments:

Mike Elkin, Indianapolis, IN, Marion County

Mike

W. Michael Elkin
Account Manager - GB East Region
IBM Business Continuity and Resiliency Services

317-723-4094 TL: 699-9941
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"nrrules" <nrrules@nrc.IN.gov>

05/19/2009 04:12 PM

To Michael Elkin/Indianapolis/IBM@IBMUS
cc
Subject RE: NRC comment form (Brookville Tail water)

Mr. Elkin:

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Thank you.

6/5/2009

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2009 9:31 AM
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Subject: NRC comment form

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Email: elkin@us.ibm.com
Comments

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Kane, Jennifer

From: Dave Trout [dtrout@woh.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2009 6:25 PM
To: Kane, Jennifer
Subject: NRC comment form

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Name: Dave Trout
Email: dtrout@woh.rr.com
Comments

Please protect your excellent tailwaters below Brookville by keeping it catch and release and allow only artificial lures.

Kane, Jennifer

From: David Trout [dtrout@woh.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2009 1:26 PM
To: nrcrules
Subject: Re: NRC comment form (Brookville Trout)

. Dear Ms. Kane,

I am a resident of Ohio.

Dave Trout

On May 19, 2009, at 4:20 PM, nrcrules wrote:

> Mr. Trout:
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Kane, Jennifer

From: reelteacher@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2009 7:05 PM
To: nrrules
Subject: Re: NRC comment form (Brookville Trout)

I live in Lebanon, IN.
Thank you. Have a great day.
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

-----Original Message-----

From: "nrrules" <nrrules@nrc.IN.gov>

Date: Tue, 19 May 2009 16:16:52
To: Dustin Tabert<reelteacher@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: NRC comment form (Brookville Trout)

Mr. Tabert:

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To: Kane, Jennifer
Subject: NRC comment form

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Email: reelteacher@gmail.com

Comments

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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 fish tend to swallow, so any attempt at live release is 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

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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.

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Dustin Tabert

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From: Wayne M Usui [wayne.usui@louisville.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2009 10:05 AM
To: nrcrules
Subject: RE: NRC comment form (Brookville Trout)

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Charlestown, IN 47111
(Clark County, IN)

Wayne Usui, Professor
Department of Sociology
118 Lutz Hall
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Louisville, KY 40292
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>>> nrcrules <nrcrules@nrc.IN.gov> 5/19/2009 4:19 PM >>>

Mr. Usui:

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From: Wayne Usui [mailto:wayne.usui@insightbb.com]
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2009 2:43 PM
To: Kane, Jennifer
Subject: NRC comment form

Name: Wayne Usui

Email: wayne.usui@insightbb.com

Comments

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Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2009 4:17 PM
To: nrrules
Subject: Re: NRC comment form (Brookville Trout)

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To: Kane, Jennifer
Subject: NRC comment form

Name: Tom Zabor
Email: tom.zabor@gmail.com
Comments

Re Brookville Fishery:
As a trout fisherman, I'd ask for consideration of Catch and Release ONLY
between bridges 101 and 52

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Tom Zabor

Kane, Jennifer

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Comments

Re Brookville Fishery:

As a trout fisherman, I'd ask for consideration of Catch and Release ONLY between bridges 101 and 52

Kane, Jennifer

From: Michael Elkin [elkin@us.ibm.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2009 5:37 PM
To: nrrules
Subject: RE: NRC comment form (Brookville Tail water)

In accordance with the request and comments:

Mike Elkin, Indianapolis, IN, Marion County

Mike

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To: Michael Elkin/Indianapolis/IBM@IBMUS

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05/19/2009 04:12 PM

Subject RE: NRC comment form (Brookville Tail water)

Mr. Elkin:

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2009 9:31 AM
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From: Jeff Bryan [jeffbryan8@mac.com]
Sent: Friday, June 05, 2009 3:54 PM
To: nrrules
Subject: Re: Brookville Catch and Release

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On Jun 5, 2009, at 3:50 PM, nrrules <nrrules@nrc.IN.gov> wrote:

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: flyfishindiana@mac.com [mailto:flyfishindiana@mac.com]
> Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2009 11:25 PM
> To: nrrules
> Subject: Brookville Catch and Release

> re: Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

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From: j.scifres@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Friday, June 05, 2009 4:04 PM
To: nrrules
Subject: RE: NRC comment form (Telecheck)

Hello Ms. Kane,

Here is the information requested:

John Scifres
Indianapolis, IN

Please check the spelling of my last name. Thanks.

John Scifres

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Email: paul.f.arnold@gmail.com
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From: Samuel [afssadmin@ai.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2009 2:40 PM
To: Kane, Jennifer
Subject: NRC comment form

Name: Samuel

Email: Kyker

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From: Larry C Giffin [giffin@stedman-machine.com]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 10:21 AM
To: Kane, Jennifer
Subject: NRC comment form

Name: Larry C Giffin
Email: giffin@stedman-machine.com

Comments

It is my understanding that the INRAC is putting together recommendations for updating In Fish and Game Laws. I am a flyfisherman and belong to a fly fishing club that is dedicated to protecting our environment, including our waters and fisheries. I am writing in support of requesting fishing regulations at the Brookville Tailwater. I would support a catch and release area using artificials only to preserve the fishery for anglers who practice catch and release. Consideration should be given for this area to begin on the Brookville Tailwater area from the 101 bridge down to the 52 bridge. Thanks for your consideration and thanks for your time and effort in the work you are doing. Larry C Giffin

Kane, Jennifer

From: Tom Bader [tlb1@insightbb.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 1:33 PM
To: Kane, Jennifer
Subject: NRC comment form

Name: Tom Bader

Email: tlb1@insightbb.com

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From: Allan Fish [afiish@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 7:13 PM
To: Kane, Jennifer
Subject: NRC comment form

Name: Allan Fish

Email: afiish@sbcglobal.net

Comments

RE: CATCH & RELEASE AREA ON THE WHITEWATER RIVER IN THE BROOKVILLE TAILWATERS.

I would like to add my support to an existing petition to establish a catch & release area in the Brookville tailwaters from the IN101 bridge to the US52 bridge. I would also like to suggest that there be a one-hook barbless requirement, since the fish mortality will be greatly reduced.

This still leaves a much larger area for "catch and keep" fishermen than the area for Catch and Release.

In other states where I have fished, the Catch and Release areas have always sustained more fish and bigger fish. I think this would be a great enhancement to this area and would most likely produce a positive effect on the local economy by attracting more fishermen (and fisherwomen) from outside the area who would enjoy fishing in a C&R area.

Respectfully,
Allan Fish
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Greenwood, IN 46142
(317) 881-4228

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From: howard [HCK777@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 6:48 PM
To: Kane, Jennifer
Subject: NRC comment form

Name: howard

Email: HCK777@aol.com

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From: Roger Corrado [corradohome@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2009 6:48 AM
To: nrrules
Subject: RE: Brookville Tailwaters Rules Change

I live in Cincinnati, Ohio. Is there anything else I can do to influence this?
President Buckeye United Fly Fishers Club
Roger Corrado

--- On Mon, 6/8/09, nrrules <nrrules@nrc.IN.gov> wrote:

From: nrrules <nrrules@nrc.IN.gov>
Subject: RE: Brookville Tailwaters Rules Change
To: corradohome@yahoo.com
Date: Monday, June 8, 2009, 12:35 PM

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From: Roger Corrado [mailto:corradohome@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2009 8:45 AM
To: nrcrules
Subject: Brookville Tailwaters Rules Change

I understand that in Sept 2009 you will be considering new regulations that will affect the Brookville Tailwaters Trout Fishing areas. This email expresses my opinions on instituting new rules and designating this a Catch and Release stream.

Brookville Tailwater - requesting fishing regulation changes

Indiana 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 fish tend to swallow, so any attempt at live release is fatal. Additionally, barbed treble hooks cause excessive damage to any fish hooked with them and make live release extremely questionable.

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I am not unsympathetic to the rights of others to fish they 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 its 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 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 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. I 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. The mix is probably 85% flyfishers and 15% spinfishers.

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 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 gut hooked 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 lakefront to fish, we catch & release trout fishers have only a small, fragile fishery to enjoy.

Respectfully,

Roger S. Corrado

MAR 27 2009
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To: Indiana Government Center North
100 North Senate Avenue, Room N501
Indianapolis, IN 46204

From: Felix G. Villarreal
311 S. College Avenue Box 108
Oxford OH 45056
513 461 3151

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MAR 25 2009
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
DIVISION OF HEARINGS

Regarding Brookville Tailwater Regulation Changes

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

March 25, 2009

I am a catch and release fly fisherman living in Oxford, Ohio. I was introduced to the Brookville Tailwaters by Professor Jim Killy and Professor Dennis Tobin. They are professors at Miami University at Oxford. They are also avid catch and release fly fishermen. I consider it a blessing that I can fly fish for trout. It is a mere seventeen miles from my front door to Brookville. I have been fishing the waters for approximately three years.

My interest is to protect the trout. As a graduate student at Miami I was fortunate enough to fish Brookville regularly. Unfortunately, I have also witnessed irresponsible handling of trout by bait fishermen primarily and by lure fishermen (use of lures with treble hooks) to a lesser extent. I cannot quantify how many instances or how many dead trout I have seen. I have watched bait fishermen "yank" on the line when the hook was in the fish's gullet to rip the hook out then throw the fish back in, drag the fish onto the shore (sometimes stepping on the fish) to dislodge the hook and then throw the fish back in, and use all forms of mishandling a trout. Inevitably, if I fish downstream of a bait fisherman it is only a matter of time before dead trout start floating downstream in front of me. I also find dead trout that have sunk to the bottom whenever I arrive at a hole that has been fished by a bait fisherman. Keep in mind that those are fish that I actually see. Who knows how many are actually killed. I have also seen bait fishermen with a five gallon bucket by their side throwing anything they catch into it. ***I have never seen a bait fisherman measure a trout they caught.*** That brings up the issue of the fish that are actually being kept. An 18" brown trout is a tremendous fish size- wise. I have seen bait fishermen walking away with up to three browns that were definitely not 18". It is routine for bait fishermen to keep undersize browns when they believe they are not being watched. I have actually posted myself in

a position where the bait fisherman did not think I was watching just to see if the complaints of my fly fishing colleagues were valid. I have also watched lure fishermen rip treble hooks out of a trout's mouth (or worse yet, the mid-section or dorsal area of the trout) with pliers and then throw the trout back in. Killing the fish is one issue; stream etiquette is a completely different matter. I have been at the run by the park when a couple of gentlemen were throwing out heavily weighted bait lines across the water so that you literally had to get out of the water and walk on land to get past. I can respect the fact that they arrived first but the possibility for conflict is created. That has happened in other runs as well. However, I have also been the first to arrive at a hole only to have a bait fisherman then tie up the hole or crowd me out with their bait line. I have spoken to bait fisherman civilly and my findings is that they are by and large local residents. I also believe that they have a sense of entitlement regarding how they handle fish. I won't even go into the littering aspect of my observations. I do know it's not fly fishermen leaving worm containers, coke and beer cans on the shore.

I will let you decide which of my issues you feel are important. From my perspective I realize that the situation is out control. I have contacted the authorities in the past when I saw an individual shooting channel catfish with a bow and arrow. That is the limit of my involvement in terms of getting the authorities involved. As I see it, the problem is not fly fishermen. The problem is everybody who fishes with other means than fly fishing with the exception of lure fishermen using a single hook lure. It is killing the trout. However, no one is breaking the law per se but in fact they are killing trout. With the current regulations, increasing number of fishermen and limited presence of law enforcement officials the situation is going to worsen. Aside from that, the potential for confrontations is going to increase.

Please consider maintaining the same regulations from the 101 bridge upstream to the dam. The same holds true for the stretch of water from the 52 bridge downstream to the confluence of the West Fork. However I am asking you to consider to assigning a catch and release designation for the stretch of water in between. Please also consider restricting the catch and release area to single hook artificial. This means no bait and no scented means/materials.

Please take the proactive approach to protect the trout. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Felix G. Villarreal". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Respectfully," salutation.

Felix G. Villarreal

Kane, Jennifer

From: Tyler Denbo [tkdenbo@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2009 9:36 PM
To: nrrules
Subject: RE: NRC comment form (Brookville Tailwaters-- Trout Fisher)

Ms. Kane,

I live in Indianapolis, IN. I have fished the BTW for many years and it is a great fishery that I hope will be protected and think a catch and release area between 101 bridge and 52 bridge would be a great improvement. There is still places on the river that fish could be harvested. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Tyler

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Sincerely,

Tyler

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Concerning the proposed new regulations for Trout fishing in the tailwaters at Brookville reservoir.

I would suggest that all artificial baits, and flies need to be barbless, as this would reduce damage to the fish and make hook extraction easier. This would also help in the event the fish breaks the line, the lure or fly would self extract, causing no future harm to the fish.