



Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission

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Ms. Lisa Hollingsworth-Segedy
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Dear Ms. Hollingsworth-Segedy,

This letter acknowledges that I have reviewed your proposed dam removal project on an unnamed tributary (UNT) to Frankstown Branch, Blair County, Pennsylvania. The UNT to Frankstown Branch supports a good allopatric wild brook trout population and removal of the dam will restore population connectivity and enhance instream habitat. The probability for project success is high. The project meets several objectives outlined in Pennsylvania's Brook Trout Conservation Strategies, including improving brook trout habitat and enhancing brook trout populations. Because the dam removal project will provide the opportunity to open the stream to public angling, recreational angling opportunities will be improved in this area once the dam is removed and habitat restored.

In closing, the PFBC supports the project's objectives to restore connectivity and improve habitat in the UNT to Frankstown Branch to benefit the wild brook trout population inhabiting this stream as well as provide for improved recreational angling opportunities.

Sincerely,

Jason E. Detar
Area Fisheries Manager
PA EBTJV Representative