

NONTIDAL — Addition of Little Pipe Creek Put-and-Take Trout Fishing Area

What is being considered?

The department wants to establish a put-and-take Trout Fishing Area on Little Pipe Creek in Carroll County, MD. The put-and-take area would begin at Shepherds Mill Rd and extend downstream to the MD Route 75 crossing in Union Bridge, MD. This area is approximately 1.75 stream miles. Trout would be stocked downstream of Shepherds Mill Rd and within Little Pipe Creek Park.

Why is this change necessary?

This regulation, combined with the management action of stocking trout, will expand fishing opportunities for anglers. The Town of Union Bridge had a population of 936 in the 2020 Census, and this put-and-take area will be within walking distance for residents of the town.

Who will this affect?

Recreational anglers.

When will this be effective?

The department expects this change to be effective in the spring of 2023. The department will follow our normal scoping and proposal procedures.

Has this change been discussed with advisory commissions?

The change was discussed at the July 2022 meetings of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission. Both commissions recommended moving forward with scoping.