

## ACTION ALERT

Pennsylvania's protections for wild trout waters and endangered or threatened species are under serious attack by mining, extraction and development interests, among others, with strong financial backing.

In House Bill 1576 and Senate Bill 1047, some of our legislative members propose to give themselves the right to eliminate our protections of cold water trout fisheries and endangered or threatened species. In addition, the legislation proposes to allow the Legislature to automatically decertify all existing wild trout waters and delist all existing endangered species.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Pennsylvania Game Commission oppose this proposed legislation.

This proposed legislation would replace current science-based decisions with political decisions. It would result in the Federal Government withholding millions of dollars of Federal funds currently provided to the Commonwealth.

Please, take the time to familiarize yourself with these issues and write to your State Representatives and Senators to let them know of your opposition to this legislation.

You can access House Bill 1576, in PDF format, [here](#). Senate Bill 1047, in PDF format, can be found [here](#).

A sample letter, in Word format, opposing these bills from Joe Gruskiewicz, President of the Stanley Cooper, Sr. Chapter of Trout Unlimited can be found [here](#). This letter was hand-delivered to our area Representatives and Senators by Joe. A letter written by SCTU Legislative Committee Chair, Ralph Kates, to our area legislators, also in Word format, can be found [here](#). You are welcome to use any part, combination or all of either of these letters; and, you are encouraged to use your own words.

It is important that you take prompt action. The Legislature will return to business on March 10, 2014, and it may consider this legislation at any time.

**Please Act Now!**