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## **DEC ANNOUNCES PUBLIC MEETING SERIES ON TROUT STREAM MANAGEMENT IN NEW YORK STATE**

### **MEETINGS TO BEGIN IN BALLSTON SPA ON SEPTEMBER 13**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that public meetings will be held in each DEC region this fall to provide an overview of the state's approach to trout stream management. The meetings will also elicit feedback from trout stream anglers regarding their preferences and expectations for the management of these waters.

**Commissioner Basil Seggos** said, "Informed conversation between stakeholders and DEC staff is essential to ensure that our trout stream management strategies are not only biologically sound, but up-to-date and consistent with the desires of today's recreational anglers."

The meetings will feature a 30-minute presentation describing how DEC currently manages trout streams and will include key findings of a statewide study completed in 2015. The presentation will be followed by a 90-minute discussion period aimed at identifying the measures of trout stream angling quality most important to this segment of New York's the angling public.

The first meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 13 at the 4H training center at 556 Middleline Road in Ballston Spa. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and presentation begins at 7:00 p.m.

The dates, times and locations of the additional meetings in each region will be publicized by the regional offices and posted on DEC's website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/111015.html> as the schedule is finalized.

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