

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS
FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

October 6, 2021

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that the State of Georgia has proposed Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for several stream segments in the Ocmulgee and Oconee River Basins. The cause of impairment listed in Georgia's 303(d) list is "Bio F". Biotic communities, specifically fish communities, were monitored and found to be impaired by the Georgia Wildlife Resources Division. The pollutant listed in these TMDL documents is sediment.

Section 303(d)(1)(C) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. 1313(d)(1)(C), and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency implementing regulation, 40 C.F.R. 130.7(c)(1), require the establishment of TMDLs for waters identified in accordance with Section 303(d)(2)(A) of the CWA. Each TMDL is to be established at a level necessary to implement applicable water quality standards with seasonal variations and a margin of safety. Tables detailing the stream segments included in the TMDL are provided below.

Copies of each TMDL document are available online on the EPD TMDL webpage, under the Proposed TMDL section: <https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch/total-maximum-daily-loadings>

In addition, a copy of this notice and a copy of the TMDL may be reviewed, by appointment only, during normal business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except official State holidays or office closures) at the following location:

Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch File Room,
200 Piedmont Ave. S.W., Suite 418, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, (404) 463-1511.

A single copy of each TMDL is available by written or phone request to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). Please direct requests to Ms. Arnetta Murphy at the address or phone number given above. If additional copies are requested, a copying charge of 10 cents per page will be assessed.

Written comments are welcomed. To ensure their consideration, written comments should be received on or before 4:00 p.m., **November 6, 2021 (30 calendar days)**. Written comments should be addressed to: Mr. Jac Capp, Branch Chief, Watershed Protection Branch, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1152, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Comments may be emailed to EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "TMDL Comments" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

For technical information contact Tyler Parsons, TMDL Modeling and Development Unit Manager, tyler.parsons@dnr.ga.gov or (404) 463-1511.

After a review of comments, a final revision to the proposed TMDLs will be made, and the proposed TMDL will be submitted to the USEPA for approval.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you believe will be interested in this matter.

Ocmulgee River Basins - Stream Segments on the 2020 303(d) List as Biota Impacted - Fish Community

Stream Segment	Location	Assessment Unit ID	Segment Length (mi)	Ecoregion	Designated Use
Big Creek	Elko Creek to Burnham Creek	GAR030701040409	7	Southeastern Plains	Fishing
Cornish Creek	Headwaters to Upper Williams Lake	GAR030701030717	7	Piedmont	Fishing
East Bear Creek	Pond 0.7 miles upstream Marks Road to West Bear Creek	GAR030701030807	7	Piedmont	Fishing
Gaithers Branch	Headwaters to Bear Creek	GAR030701030806	3	Piedmont	Fishing
Little Ocmulgee River	Wilcox Creek to Alligator Creek	GAR030701050405	12	Southeastern Plains	Fishing
Prairie Creek	Headwaters to Turner Creek	GAR030701031206	5	Piedmont	Fishing
Sugar Creek	Turnpike Creek to Little Ocmulgee River	GAR030701050304	5	Southeastern Plains	Fishing
Tobesofkee Creek	Cole Creek to Todd Creek	GAR030701031415	8	Piedmont	Fishing
Turnpike Creek	Hwy 280 to Sugar Creek	GAR030701050303	24	Southeastern Plains	Fishing

Oconee River Basins - Stream Segments on the 2020 303(d) List as Biota Impacted - Fish Community

Stream Segment	Location	Assessment Unit ID	Segment Length (mi)	Ecoregion	Designated Use
Beaverdam Creek	Headwaters to Big Sandy Creek	GAR030701010910	9	Piedmont	Fishing
Bowden Creek	Unnamed tributary at I-20 to Beaverdam Creek	GAR030701011108	4	Piedmont	Fishing
Buckeye Creek	Fords Creek to Kellams Creek	GAR030701020802	5	Southeastern Plains	Fishing
Cedar Creek	Headwaters to Oconee River, Athens	GAR030701010601	4	Piedmont	Fishing
Cedar Creek	King Branch to Big Cedar Creek	GAR030701011705	14	Piedmont	Fishing
Fishing Creek	Pond at headwaters to McWhorter Creek	GAR030701010708	6	Piedmont	Fishing
Greenbriar Creek	Salem Scull Shoals Road to Lake Oconee	GAR030701010704	8	Piedmont	Fishing
Horse Branch	Headwaters to North Sugar Creek	GAR030701011314	4	Piedmont	Fishing
Kimbrow Creek	Headwaters to Hightower Creek	GAR030701011210	4	Piedmont	Fishing

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Lane Creek	Pond 0.6 miles upstream of Snows Mill Road to pond 0.9 miles downstream of Lane Creek Road	GAR030701011010	2	Piedmont	Fishing
Little Creek	Headwaters to Big Sandy Creek	GAR030701010912	5	Piedmont	Fishing
Little River	Social Circle to I-20	GAR030701011410	4	Piedmont	Fishing
Tributary to Little River (#2)	Eatonton to Little River	GAR030701011501	3	Piedmont	Fishing
Lowry Branch	Jasper County	GAR030701011604	3	Piedmont	Fishing, Drinking Water
Marburg Creek (aka Marbury Creek)	Masseys Lake to Apalachee River	GAR030701010806	7	Piedmont	Fishing
Tributary to Mulberry River	Headwaters to Mulberry River	GAR030701010211	5	Piedmont	Fishing
North Fork Wolf Creek	Headwaters to South Fork Wolf Creek	GAR030701011616	9	Piedmont	Fishing
North Sugar Creek	Unnamed tributary 0.2 miles upstream of Plainview Road to South Sugar Creek	GAR030701011313	4	Piedmont	Fishing
Stewarts Creek	Pond 0.5 miles downstream of Billy Merritt Road to Lake Oconee	GAR030701011107	6	Piedmont	Fishing
Wildcat Creek	Headwaters to tributary 0.8 miles downstream of Kirkland Rd	GAR030701010609	2	Piedmont	Fishing