

Potomac River Declared Endangered Fishery

The Mid-Atlantic Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers Conservation Group requested and received approval by their national headquarters that the *Potomac River* be designated as an *Endangered Fishery*. Pollution from industry and agriculture, sewage from waste treatment and introduction of non-native species have together created an unhealthy environment for the *fisheries of the Potomac River*. Fish kills, sightings of fish with lesions and a condition called intersex have all increased in recent years.

Recognizing that many of our nations fisheries are in danger of decline, the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) annually identifies our most endangered fisheries and advocates for their protection. Since 1999 the FFF's Endangered Fisheries Initiative (EFI) has listed a spectrum of fisheries including rivers, streams, gulfs and lakes. We believe that by highlighting these waters and telling their stories we can raise awareness of their plights and enlist others to help us make a difference.

Read the fact sheet. Learn more about the threats to the fisheries and how you can help the Potomac!