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VIA EMAIL to [EPD.Comments@dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:EPD.Comments@dnr.state.ga.us)  
RE: Water Quality Standards Triennial Review

Elizabeth Booth  
Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 1152  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Ms. Booth:

Please accept these comments from **Group Name** regarding Georgia Environmental Protection Division's (EPD) 2019 Triennial Review.

**Group Mission** On behalf of our members and river users, we submit these comments on proposed revisions to state water quality rules and regulations.

**Group name request that EPD redesignate the following segments of river** from 'fishing' to 'recreational'. We will continue to collect the data EPD's needs for this process to include / We have attached the following information for use in evaluating reclassification:

- Name of the waterbody.
- Waterbody length.
- Location of the reach, shown on a map.
- Any 305(b)/303(d) impairment(s) &/or TMDL(s)
- Current users of the waterbody, including but not limited to dischargers, intakes, businesses, or industries.
- Current activities that occur in or on the waterbody, broken down by season. Provide supporting data including boat ramps, beaches, outfitters, parks within the waterbody and watershed, and any "water trails"
- Investments, both completed and pending, for improved use of the waterbody such as boat ramps, parks, trails, or drinking water systems. Include the amount of the investment, as well as who funded the project(s) and for what purpose.

We have also attached the following letters of support:

- Letters of support and/or opposition from dischargers, domestic and industrial, intakes, and business located on the reach.
- Letters of support and/or opposition from municipalities, County Board of Commissioners, other affected governmental bodies, and other interested stakeholders who live in the watershed of the reach.

**In addition, boating and kayaking are currently categorized as secondary recreation and receive the same protection as fishing, which assumes that people do not come into contact with the water.** This does not take into consideration that people often get out of their boats to swim and play and also end up in the water involuntarily when their boat turns over. This leads to direct contact with the water that is only considered under primary Recreation.

We believe this discrepancy needs to be examined. Thank you for your attention to these recommendations. If you have any questions, please contact **insert contact information**.

Sincerely,