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DCNR Cancels White-Water Release into Bucks County's Tohickon Creek

Harrisburg – Ongoing bridge construction again requires cancellation of a white-water release planned for mid-March from Lake Nockamixon into the Tohickon Creek in Bucks County, Bureau of State Parks Director Dave Kemmerer announced today.

Replacement work continues on the Route 32 bridge spanning the Tohickon Creek at Point Pleasant. A water release at this time could jeopardize safety of boaters and threaten damage to the construction site.

When conditions permit, Kemmerer said DCNR remains committed to providing the two-day, biannual event that has been cancelled four times in the past three years because of bridge construction, Hurricane Sandy damage and an equipment failure.

"We know this event has become increasingly popular with white-water boaters, viewers and others," Kemmerer said, "but we must safeguard the safety of participants as well as the resources of our state parks."

Scheduled annually each fall and spring, the release was set for Saturday and Sunday, March 21-22. Water was to be released from the Nockamixon State Park dam on a schedule that would provide boating water downstream each day at Ralph Stover State Park.

The releases are eagerly awaited by white-water paddling enthusiasts, and draw skilled kayakers, canoeists and occasional rafters from throughout the northeastern United States. Most launch their craft at Ralph Stover State Park, near Pipersville, Bucks County, and travel approximately four miles along the Tohickon Creek to its junction with the Delaware River at Point Pleasant.

For more information, contact Delaware Canal State Park at 610-982-5560. For more information about Pennsylvania's 120 state parks, call 1-888-PA-PARKS between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday or visit www.dcnr.state.pa.us.

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