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## **Fishing Notebook: (Excerpt) Fish kill assessed**

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The Fish Commission began last week to try to estimate the full extent of damage from the recent train derailment and chemical spill on Sinnemahoning Portage Creek in McKean and Cameron counties.

Trout, bass and other aquatic life on every rung in the food chain were killed for 35 miles downstream of where thousands of gallons of lye spilled near the town of Gardeau.

Biologists electro-fished the water last week to collect and evaluate fish, although the commission's environmental services director John Arway said it is difficult to put a dollar amount on lost recreational value or on wild trout, which are, in a sense, irreplaceable.

Arway said stream recovery could take a decade or more.

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