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## DNR investigates Plum Creek fish kill in Delaware County

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GREELEY—After receiving a fish kill report late Monday, the DNR investigated a Delaware County fish kill running from south of Greeley to Earlville on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The DNR found many species of dead fish along nearly 20 miles of Plum Creek, including game fish such as smallmouth bass and rock bass.

“The investigation is ongoing,” said Brian Jergenson, chief investigator. “We think the fish kill happened earlier, probably during a rainstorm on July 13.”

The DNR will continue to look for the source of the fish kill and will consider appropriate enforcement action.

“It’s difficult to pin down a specific source several days after a pollutant washes into a stream,” said Jergenson. “We encourage anyone seeing dead fish or pollutants in a stream to call the DNR’s 24-hour spill line at 515-725-8694 immediately. The sooner we can get to the site, the sooner we can get the pollution stopped.”

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