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*This happens every year and there's no excuse for it!!* The reservoir basically runs out of cold water! Obviously This bottom release dam is not being managed with the trout fishery as a top priority.

Right now, the priority:

- 1) Flood control (rightly so)
- 2) Rafting
- 3) Cold water fishery

Why does rafting take priority over the fishery. Money of course. So the USACE boosts flows every summer weekend... but do rafters really need 900 to 1000 cfs to enjoy their sport?

USACE should be able to split the difference -- optimizing the flows to extend the reservoir "cold water empty" date til the end of September -- instead of around Labor Day -- while still releasing enough water for an enjoyable rafting experience.

I remember 7 or 8 years ago, we had a warm fall. I actually saw a group of fish at the mouth of Ramcat!! There's got to be a better way.