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Re: ‘Resource first' for real now at PF&BC
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Dear Board,

At the risk of alienating myself from some of you I would like for you to please keep in mind that resource first means resource first and not trout first.

I agree with the sentiment that stocking over wild trout is bad though I have never seen a truly convincing argument that proves that point. I'll rightfully concede that the F&BC should leave God and Nature to their own devices on class A streams if just one or two of you will admit that there are other fish worth pursuing with the fly rod that warrant our concern.

There still is a broader constituency to serve here and despite the proclaimation of the new commisioner's that is ringing in your ears that doesn't mean that warm water fish and the plebians who stoop to fish for them should be shortchanged in the process.

I'll speak only for myself here and say that I will get truly indignant about wild trout streams when I get the feeling that what was once perhaps the best "wild" smallmouth stream in the country is receiving it's just due.

I don't give a ratazz that smallmouth aren't native to the Susquehanna, I'll bet that when we get down to brass tacks there aren't two people who have ever posted on this message board that are truly native Pennsylvanian's.

I don't want to see something get the short end of the stick in our collective zeal to fill every ditch with 8, 10, and even sometimes when the Planets align properly and God give's his good graces, 12 inch brook trout.

Regards,
Tim Murphy