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Re: Tulpehocken, Berks County, 06/12/2010

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Quote:

NedZeppelin wrote:

With all of the issues about water depth and temperatures, what about the obvious solution of increasing the water flow from the dam?

(Now, I say that knowing there is an answer for this, but it drives me a little nuts every year. . . )

At this point, that would amount to pumping more 73 degree water. Also, the dam was made for a few reasons, none of which were to create a fishery. It's a nice perk, but as you can see from the above, it was just a bonus. I don't really expect the corps to marginalize the effect of other, originally intended uses.

The cold water reserves in blue marsh just aren't enough to maintain a cold fishery year 'round... but I could be wrong. I don't think there's an issue with heavy releases exhausting the cold water supply earlier in the year, but I'd be curious to hear from the tailwater guys about that. I know they open 'er up now and then, but it's usually due to issues like flood control and salinity of the delaware bay (another intended use of the dam).

The lake would have to be made deeper, and I don't see that happening.