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Re: Pohopoco Carbon County 06-24-2010

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Quote:

jayL wrote:

All of that may be true, but I think the point being made is that a stocked fishery can never be "world class". I certainly believe that.

I though the point he was making was mostly that the Lehigh has no potential to have thriving wild trout fishery. I tend to agree with you that for a river to be world class it has to have a thriving wild trout population. However, there are rivers throughout the country that I've heard the term "world-class" associated used to describe the fishing and not all of them are exclusively wild trout fisheries.

I just don't understand some of the lack of support or greater interest from area anglers to help with the goal of further improving what is definitely a very good and viable trout fishery already. I only started fishing it a few years ago and at first had a tough time finding trout, however once I did I found out how productive it could be. During this time I was beginning to make some runs up to the Upper D system. The Upper D is beautiful country but I grew tired of driving 2.5 hours each way to seemingly always fish in 40mph winds while trying to get accurate casts and drag-free drifts to very spooky and selective trout. In 30 minutes or less I can be on the Lehigh anywhere from Palmerton to White Haven and have my own adventure with the real possibility of catching a half-dozen to a dozen trout with a good chance at several fish over 16, 17 inches.

I get a little overexcited about the Lehigh but its because I've seen its potential both on the water and thru the findings of the coldwater study and Dr. Bachmann's opinion based on his tailwater trout fishery expertise.

Without a doubt my 3 favorite PA trout streams to fish are Big Fishing Creek(Lamar), Brodhead Creek, and the Lehigh River.