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Re: Trout Fishing Study

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Not sure but it looks like he's mixing the wild trout study with the stocked trout study. They are different studies and because the sampling strategy were so different, they can't be readily compared. For example, the wild trout study (2004) surveyed over 200 stream sections for the entire 5 month harvest season. The stocked trout study (2005) concentrated on just 30 section on opening weekend and eight weeks after. In the mining industry that's called high-grading your sample and in most operations its grounds for dismissal. Anyway, these are the estimates from the two different studies:

Release rate

63.1% Stocked streams

92.7% Wild streams

Fish caught

6.7 million Stocked streams

343,240 Wild streams

Fish harvested

2.5 million of the 4.5 million stocked (56%)

25,000 of the estimated 600,000 legal sized wild trout (4.2%)

Although the PFBC admits some of the fish caught in the stocked study may be carry over or wild fish, all the wild and stocked trout in PA combined still don't add up to 6.7 million. A lot of fish are being caught more then once. Where Chaz comes up with 2.5 million wild trout I have no idea either.