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I agree with Jack: high road stance...low road writing. Also, Mongrel is largely incorrect when referring to stocked trout. The exceptions are tiger, palamino, and possibly cuttbows. Genetic mutants may be a more correct term rather than mongrels. While, I don't have a fondness for stocked trout, the fact is I fish for them fairly often, since there isn't very many places I can fish for wild trout close to home. The main point is that stocked trout are okay for marginal trout or true warm water fisheries, just don't stock them to the detriment of wild fish. Also, don't spend such a disproportionate amount of a limited budget to raise and stock trout. Spend more to protect, preserve, and enhance wild trout.

I am one that doesn't believe the PFBC is the evil empire. It's just a government bureaucracy struggling for its survival, and it's survival depending on license sales. The author mentioned giving the PFBC money from the general fund to help wild trout. IMO, a better and more equitable way to fund the PFBC would be to add a small sales tax (1%) on all fishing and boating equipment, similar to the Pittman-Robertson act for hunting. I would be happy to spend a dollar for every \$100 of fishing equipment I purchase, if it were spent to enhance wild trout or lease/purchase public fishing areas.