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The discussion on pheasants on the other thread got me thinking about non native gamefish and game animals introduced to the state. Some, like brown trout (and carp for better or worse) have thrived and have turned out to be valuable and prized fish. Back in the late sixties (I think) the PFBC attempted to introduce a new gamefish from Siberia called an "Amur Pike." This fish was expected to grow to great sizes and become great new gamefish. They were introduced into the western part of the state. Pymatuning Lake I think may have had them. It seems the fish failed to thrive and died off. Up until a few years ago they were still mentioned in the PFBC regulations booklet with seasons and bag limits. Has anyone on the board ever seen one of these? I have never seen a photo of one of them and would be curious to see one - esp if it was an actual fish caught in PA waters.