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I love muskies! I would certainly count them among the success stories of fish introduced throughout PA - although (like smallmouth bass) they have always been found in the Ohio drainage in the western part of the state. Whether they impact populations of smaller gamefish like bass and trout will probably always be debated. I don't think any studies have proven conclusively that they do. And, frankly, I'd rather fish a water with slightly fewer bass/trout knowing I've got a shot at muskies. Muskies can be caught fly fishing although it's tough. I've taken a few. There is a gentleman whose name escapes me at the moment who is writing (or has finished writing) a book about muskie fly fishing. I watched him speak at the show in Somerset back in January and he's got me determined to try fly fishing for muskies again.

It's not commonly known, but that great guru of trout fishing - Charlie Fox - was an avid muskie junkie. He often told me stories on the banks of the Letort (where I never saw him fish) of muskie fishing. He loved to cast his big home made plugs on Conodoguinet Creek. Charlie was instrumental in getting muskies stocked in the central part of the state back in the 60's. He didn't think they hurt bass and trout populations at all.