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Quote:

afishinado wrote:

I read about this several times. Here is what I came up from the Minnesota DNR about muskies:

"Efforts to stock muskies to control stunted panfish populations generally have failed. Muskies seem as ill-suited to the task as do northern pike. When muskies were introduced to one Wisconsin lake, the number of largemouth bass dropped. The number of yellow perch increased while their size decreased. Muskie actually appeared to contribute to the problem they were thought to correct. In another Wisconsin experiment, muskies were stocked in a lake filled with runty bluegill. Though the muskie fattened up quickly, the bluegill population showed no effect."

I'm sure the PFBC has this info from the studies in Wisconsin.

But not always the case...most will tell you that LM Bass is the best at controlling stunting of sunnies. Unless of course your water's dominant predator isn't largemouth bass. The musky has no problem gorging on the bass. But if no bass the sunny population will decline. There was a lake in Idaho where they once stocked brookies. As brookies will do they were able to spawn in the gravelly bottom of the lake shallows and quickly overpopulated to where this huge lake held thousands of brookies in the 4-6 inch range. So what do you put in there to control the population. Well, what loves to eat brookies more than anything. Atlantic salmon. Within 2 years they some monster atlantics in the lake and the brookie population had declined significantly. Now I don;t know what they have done since, because the salmon supposedly had no suitable spawning habitat, which was probably a good thing. So if you have a nice population of bass and a stunted pop. of sunnies, musky or pike might nto be the way to go.

While I'm sure the Minnesota observations are valid, I'm not so sure that this would be the case every time.