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Neither Steelhead nor Atlantics are native to the Delaware River system. Would I love to see Atlantic Salmon Restored, yes, but only in their native rivers. And that has proven to be the most expensive restoration effort undertaken and it isn't working anyway.

So I say restore the native fishes and leave it at that.

We already have several species of junk non natives in the Delaware River System we don't need more.

Get rid of the dams and you can restore the shad, they won't use the ladders there's more than 30 years of history regarding the ladders on the Lehigh. I don't know why they though it would work in the first place. I was probably the only person that favored getting rid of the dam when they made the case for the ladders.

As for TU stocking Fish, IMHO, NO TU CHAPTER regardless of the circumstances should be stocking trout in waters anywhere, TU is not a fishing Club, it is a conservation organization. PFBC raises trout let them do the stocking. TU chapters should set their sights on restoring habitat just like their charters say they will.

I don't know why a TU chapter would even want to be involved in a tournament except to raise funds. In that case I suppose someone could make the argument, but I sure ah\*!?! won't it. The only reason a TU chapter should stock any trout or request a stocking of trout is to jump start a restoration of native fish. There is no stream that holds exotic trout that won't support natives. You cannot do a restoration of a trout stream without considering restoration of native fishes.

Just MHO

Atlantic Salmon were native to Lake Ontario, their land locked cousins were native to the other lakes and rivers that were tributaries. However the evidence it not wide spread evidence. Brook Trout were native to the Great Lakes and many tributaries, but you don't anyone touting restoration of brookies to the lakes. No they'd rather make the lakes a dumping ground for extra exotic fish raised in hatcheries. I could go on about the bad decisions made by fisheries guys, but I'm already exhausted.

STOCKING FISH IS NOT CONSERVATION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!