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I have to disagree with the stocking of muskies. What helps the rivers and lakes the most would be a high number of panfish, rockbass, crappie, and 8" to 15" bass.

Big bass, >15" are no fun to catch anyway..... especially with a fly rod. They fight just like a carp or a big catfish.

What made the Susquehanna a fly fishing paradise was all the smallmouth 8" to 13" that would smack poppers almost every cast, and the millions of bluegills and rockbass. They are gone now, probably eaten by the big predators and the cormorants..... probably the pollution also, but I would rather see sick small fish than sick big fish.

The "big bass" regulations have screwed up the fly fishing IMHO! Big bass regs means that you can keep 4 bass over 15". I wish people would kill more big bass to make room for the smaller fish. I don't keep any bass, but I'll have to start killing my share.

If muskies take over the river, I would hang up my flyrod and drift down the river with a fish spear!! This would be fun. Fill up the boat with carp and muskies. Good fertilizer for the garden. Maybe I could return the river to what it used to be.