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I really don't have much of an opinion on this.

I love brookie fishing. But it's not the fish themselves as much as the places I associate with them. Small, remote, infertile headwater streams. Catching a 12" brookie out of a heavily pressured limestoneer gives me no more, and no less pleasure than catching a 12" brown out of such a place.

I guess there's a bit of a novelty factor, brookies in an environment usually dominated by browns, but there's a novelty factor with rainbows too.

And if you can't show that it's a heritage strain, then while brookies don't have nearly the range they once did, they're far from "endangered." I'd have trouble justifying killing off the bows. But ultimately, I'll stay out of the fray and let those closer to the stream make the decision.