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Regarding the Raystown Branch, the temperature and volumes of the releases could be tailored to provide good trout fishing from the dam to the mouth, without having much effect on the smallmouth fishery on the Juniata.

They can adjust things so that the temperatures at the mouth is about 70-74F degrees on a warm summer day. Which is about what you find at lower end of the Little Juniata on a warm summer day.

That would keep the trout thriving from the dam to the mouth. And have little, if any, negative effect on the Juniata smallmouth fishery. It might even help the lower end of the Juniata smallmouth fishery.

I think part of the problem with the smallmouth fishery in the Susquehanna and Juniata and other rivers is excessive temperatures. Most tributaries and headwaters streams that feed the rivers have temperatures that are elevated far above normal, because of loss of riparian shade, and warming from impoundments, sewage plants, etc. I've taken water temps up to 90F in the Susquehanna. Overly warm temps lead to lower oxygen levels, and perhaps more bacterial infections of fish.

So a little nudge towards slightly cooler temps in the Juniata could be more of a "correction" than an "impact."