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Here are the NYS special regulations. Look for Delaware and Sullivan counties. Didn't remember, but parts of the lower Beaverkill and Willowemoc are open to Nov. Parts of me like the lower Beaverkill outside the No-Kill better since the fish aren't hammered all year by fly fishermen. Can fish in the E and W branches of the Delaware below the dams til 10/15 - but check the regs because they are moderately complex.

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/71546.html>

Fall fishing can be good and Sept and Oct can be prime. Some people fish the No-Kill sections all year, but there are much better ways to spend your time IMHO. In a cold winter the Catskill freestones freeze over. Never seen a time in Nov when I thought the Catskills were my best choice.

IMHO, September fishing on the freestones is all about when the water gets back to good temperatures (just like PA). Mid-Late Sept is usually good, but one never knows. If things cool down the whole month can be good. Oct fishing is about avoiding a cold blow. I have been fishing in Oct snowstorms on the Acid Factory pool when I wished I was someplace else, but have also fished to risers on Halloween. When the leaves turn avoiding leaves in the water can be a problem, but it sure is beautiful.