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Mike

To back up what SBecker has said....he is pretty much right on the money. This is what I think this little stream needs to be a very productive wild trout fishery...

1) Maintaining consistent release temperatures during the months of June/July & August. Currently the Corps uses the Ch 93 Temp criteria. At those temps, the are only "protective" and do not enhance or benefit wild trout populations through out the entire lenth of the Po. In addition, maintaining cooler temps during those months will provide a significant thermal refuge downstream in the Lehigh River.

2) Discuss better flows and releases with the Corps. If possible, try to increase minimum releases (currently 50 cfs). Water Quality is a purpose of this project and could be used to do this. In addition, reduction of large flood releases would be beneficial to streamside vegitation and stream banks.

3) Perform in-stream habitat improvement projects in areas with poor habitat.

4) Designate C&R ALO regulations to protect this wild trout fishery and the Lehigh's wild & stocked trout that migrate to the stream for thermal protection

5) Parryville dam - I now SBecker says the dam can't be removed. I think and know removing the dam would be the most beneficial. A larger collective group (PFBC included) and a better engineered solution should be provided to the owner that will still allow for maintaining the source of water. This will take more effecient and better negotiations with the owner.

6) At present, the PFBC needs to be Policing the lower thermal refuge area below the Parryville dam. Until the dam can be removed or it is proven the fish ladder is an affective device and provides fish movements, the area below the Parryville dam should be CLOSED to fishing during the months of July & August.