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Re: Snakeheads

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glenrockonthefly wrote:

Susquehanna/juniata Smallmouth were introduced via railroad in mid-1800's according to McClane's, native to lake Erie, and Ohio rive but not Susky (I could be wrong, but pretty confident)

Correct.

With respect to snakeheads - yes, they're probably here to stay and yes we should whack any we catch. With that said, I've followed the snakehead story in the lower Potomac for the last several years. When they first exploded there.... there was much gnashing of teeth and doomsday predictions about the imminent collapse of the LM bass fishery. I think the verdict is still out on how much impact they have had (or will have) on LM bass as bass fishing remains pretty good.

What is clear is that they have developed some fans. They hang out in shallow water, hit lures (esp topwater lures), with gusto, fight hard, and taste great. Would I wish them gone? Sure. Will they eventually become a popular game fish instead? There is some evidence that the answer is increasingly becoming "yes." People are actually booking trips to the tidal Potomac (go Fred!) to target these exotic and powerful game fish. Time will tell.