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Where wild rainbow populations exist in PA, it has been because of private stockings of rainbow trout that are closer to wild strain fish.

I believe that there is some truth in this, but I also think that something else must be going on. There have been wild rainbows in the upper D for a long time, but my understanding is that rainbows have not displaced brook trout in smaller catskill streams, certainly not to the extent that they have in the south. Warmer temperatures must give rainbows a competitive edge over brookies, but it is certainly difficult to know for sure how and why these things happen.

From the standpoint of protecting brook trout in PA, it would be nice if cautionary principles were followed. I don't think rainbows will displace the browns, however. Rainbow trout are basically food to browns.