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Re: No Little Sandy Fall stocking

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Fishidiot wrote:

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Is it a finance issue or is there another reason?

I think it's mainly financial. I agree that, for streams that warm in summer, the cessation of fall stocking will end trout fishing on those streams in the autumn. **From the PFBC's point of view, the fish allotted for this program (the fall stocking) are not being utilized in a cost effective manner. That is to say, too few fishermen are targeting these fish and too few are being caught to justify the cost. This being the case, the PFBC feels that these fish would be better used in the spring.** While I don't support ending the fall stocking program personally - for the reasons stated, it would end trout fishing on many streams in the fall - I do see the PFBC's point of view and agree that fall trout fishing is not being pursued by anywhere near as many anglers as the spring season. Purely from a cold costs/benefits analysis.... it's an understandable decision.

Sad, IMO. Allocating more stocked trout in the spring doesn't increase any fishing opportunities, it just means a few more fish for the freezer come spring. With this action, trout fishing in PA ATWs (stocked waters) will turn into a 8-10 week season - early or mid-April thru mid June, if we're lucky. Fished stocked in the fall extend the season for many months through the fall and winter.

As it has been said many times, the PFBC gears the trout program to the first day wonders and the guys that fish a couple of times per year, since they are the marginal anglers that are most likely to not purchase a fishing if they are dissatisfied and can't catch a limit of fish. Again, the avid trout fisherman that buys a license year in and year out is left on the bank.