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Its a money thing. As FI said its not cost effective to trapse around a region with 1/4 -1/2 full tucks dumping a few hundred fish in here and there. Fall stockings were always smaller and had been reduced twice that I can remember. Now the numbers are down to a couple hundred.

We were asked whether we would rather have more int he fall to make the trip worthwhile and less in spring or to eliminate the fall. We chose the Fall stocking with less in spring.

Stocked Trout Allocations/Angler use is calculated in the spring based on opening day and the following month. It is also a matter of total biomass supply.

Angler trips to STA is about 1:1 if I recall correctly. But the goal here is harvest to fully appreciate the use of stocked trout. The FFO's likely exceed the 1:1 goal in most waters over October to Feb/March before the preseason stockings occur. But the fish are not harvested and therefore viewed as wasted. When the reality is the area is constant with modest angler use. It is an appreciated product they provide their best customers. However when crunching the numbers and looking for cuts its an obvious target.

Perhaps a Fall stamp is in order for Special reg areas. Say \$5 over 100,000 anglers who frequent the fall and winter special reg areas stocked in fall. Would put \$500,000 in the coffers to pay for the busing of trout to your local FFO and DHALO area. I'd pay it.