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The PA Game Commission photography contest, once again, is full of dull, uninteresting photos, both aesthetically and photographically (underexposed, overexposed). Having a photography contest and then apparently calling upon biologists and game wardens to judge the photos renders the entire thing useless. As a serious collector of photography, one aggravation of mine is the low standard that's been set for art in the outdoor community. It's not everywhere, and the fly fishing community tends to have an appreciation for imagery (the hunting community, as far as I can tell, has none). Low and Clear, which is being discussed currently on paflyfish is an example of the opposite, but it's an exception rather than the standard. There is also an east coast/west coast distinction. The west is producing the best outdoor film and photography, by a long shot. Let's raise the bar!