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Warm temps, substantial sediment, poor survival of hatchery brook trout: All good reasons not to use brook trout.

As for pre-study expectations in general (as in "this is what is probably going to happen," "this is not going to work," or something similar), a biologist can certainly have these thoughts or expectations from experience and from the scientific literature. In fact, they often come from reviewing the scientific literature. Nevertheless, as a professional, a biologist will still objectively design and run a study as if those expectations did not exist.

As an example, I was pretty certain that I knew how the wild brook trout enhancement regs, which were applied to select streams outside of SE Pa, would affect wild brook trout population abundance and size structure in the "treatment" streams based on personal observations of angler usage and later by the results of the statewide wild trout stream angler use and harvest study. Had one of those streams been in SE Pa. my thoughts certainly would not have affected the way that I would have conducted the study. In fact, scientifically speaking, finding out that I am wrong is as interesting as learning that I am right, and sometimes even more interesting.