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Jack, If you read the Trout Management Plan it specifically says that it is the policy of PFBC to not stock wild trout streams, generally it isn't done on streams being added, because many are small, but in some cases, specifically Babb Creek, PFBC doesn't stock it, but it is allowed to be stocked by yahoos of 2 Co-op nurseries. And it has caused a severe decline in the population of wild trout. I believe at the point when I first fish Babb Creek it was Class A with no stocked fish. that is no longer the case.

Also I know of a couple of places that we're stocked that are now stocked and the Class A populations have also declined, Specifically Willow Creek in Berks County and 1 other creek that I won't mention. The wild brookies in Willow Creek are simply gone, they disappeared within a year of stocking another section upstream of the Class A section. The second stream was stocked for a few years and probably was impacted by a mining event of some sort so that's why I'm not naming it, but the wild fish are completely gone from sections that held them before the stocking. It's not a perfect system and for the most part it works, but wild streams are put at risk by a number of reasons when they are stocked. Most of it is increased exposure to harvest. In the case of Willow Creek I'm not sure, but the only fish left in it are sub-legal fish.

edit: For those who want the specifics of Wild Trout Management it begins on page 25 of this document.

http://fishandboat.com/pafish/trout/trout_plan/troutplan2010.pdf