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Re: Susquehanna spawning conditions

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Quote:

Dances_With_Brookies wrote:

The Susky was a huge disappointment last year. I can attest to the sewage problems plaguing the river as I fished in the Dauphin area several times over the course of the summer. I saw very few fish, caught even fewer, and the odor emanating from the river was flat out putrid. I did find however, that the fishing got much better in the Millersburg area and all points north. A friend of mine who is an attorney representing the borough of Dauphin, Halifax, and Millersburg told me to keep tabs on the situation as it is going to come to a head soon. The sewer plants are failing in large part because they are being taxed beyond their limits due to increases in population and shortage of \$\$\$ to make necessary upgrades. Jokingly, he said that Rendell may have to lease I-81 in order to come up with the necessary funding in order to clean up the river sufficiently to support bass populations in proportions to prior year surveys. The comment was funny at the time, but the more thought that I give it, the closer to the truth it really is. I used to intern for the CBF and this problem is nothing new and directly attributable to the demise of the Bay.

Is it really the sewage plants causing the problem? The whole water shed has tremendous agricultural activity. Lots of untreated animal waste and fertilizer run off. I see some of the same issues on feeder creeks that don't have sewage plants but have lots of dairy farms.