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Re: little lehigh Dec 9th 2012

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Quote:

PhilC wrote:

I thought it had "the highest population of wild trout in PA"...what a joke. Maybe Rod took all the fish with him

The joke's on you. The lower regs water WAS once that good. He made that statement based on surveys back in the day, but it's been going downhill ever since.

[http://www.fishandboat.com/images/fis ... m/2003/5\\_08-11lehigh.htm](http://www.fishandboat.com/images/fis...m/2003/5_08-11lehigh.htm)

You're not seeing the huge numbers of hatchery escapees after high water events, but there's still a lot of wild fish there. The hatchery made great strides in cutting down the number of escapees, and those are the fish that are easily seen.

Hurricane Ivan dumped something like 6000 escapees into the creek in 2004. It was a fish fest for quite a while after that.

Yeah, the stream took lots of abuse with the silt from upstream construction, and the sewage problem. Things are improving though, with the exception of high runoff. That won't change, and the LL probably won't recover to what it once was. Progress....