

Subject: : Fly Fishing Events and Meet-ups

Topic: : Commissioner's Meeting Today: Penns Creek and Big Spring

Re: Commissioner's Meeting Today: Penns Creek and Big Spring

Author: : troutbert

Date: : 2013/1/23 20:24:29

URL:

The Penns Creek proposal was originally to change it to C&R, artificials only, and this proposal came from the commissioners.

Their goal was to increase the number of large trout in the section. They believed that the number of large trout is being limited by the current "trophy" regs, which allows harvest of 2 fish per day, 14 inches and up.

The local fishermen objected to the change to no harvest and to ending bait fishing.

So, they decided to go with allowing harvest of 2 medium size fish, but protecting the larger trout. Again, with the goal of trying to get more big trout in the section.

Whether it will work or not, I don't know. But I think Pat is probably right, i.e. that the population won't change much, because most people are already fishing C&R there.

I don't think the landowners or local anglers are likely to object to this change.

Another reason may be that they wanted to try a slot limit. Other states have done this. It's been talked about for years here in PA. But this will be the first slot limit regs area in PA. If it works out here, they may try it elsewhere, particularly other "trophy regs" areas.