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Quote:

Penns gets borderline temps. Live that long and their bound to hit a bad summer. And borderline temps harm big fish first.

I did an experiment a few summers ago, when flows were low and stream temps were high. I rigged my thermometer 8 feet below a thingamabobber and threw it out into one of the pools on Penns. Temps in the shallows were in the mid to upper 70s, depending on where you happened to try. The temperature on the bottom of the pool was 66.

Temps on the bottom of the deep pools are not the same as the surface temp, and there are many thermal refuges where fish can find shelter (spring holes and tributaries). It's important to not to fish in these conditions, because when you pull fish out of the thermal refuges it stresses them tremendously to fight a rod in the warm currents. However, if you leave them alone in the refuges they do surprisingly well. I don't think it stresses them all that much except for in the most extreme years.

Penns is far from marginal. There is a substantial populations of wild fish as far downstream as 20 miles below Coburn.