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Re: end of smallmouth on the susquehanna

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Paralep,

Your theories make sense - as it stands right now, nothing should be ruled out for further study or investigation.

Regarding the warm temps, the PFBC does consider this as a possible reason for low bass survival. The bass crash in the lower Susky pre-dates the fracking boom.

What folks need to remember is that we're talking about the lower Susky where bass are in such bad shape. Warm weather, urban sprawl, lawn chemicals, endocrine pollution, aging sewage treatment plants etc.....all of these are problematic throughout the state and are common in other big river systems. Bass are doing fine in the North and West Branch as well as the Delaware and Allegheny watersheds for the most part. If the problem is "pollution" as everyone likes to contend (and I don't rule this out).....why are the macros not affected? The river is loaded with mayflies. Turn over a rock in Harrisburg and it's swarming with mayflies, caddis, crayfish, hellgys etc. However, bass either can't successfully spawn or the YOY don't survive the summer in sufficient numbers to bring the population back.

What is different in the lower Susky that isn't happening in the lower reaches of the other big Mid Atlantic rivers?