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During the summer of 2011 we had an eruption of the same problem with the YOY SMB at isolated locations (not riverwide) in the Schuylkill R (Reading upstream to Berne) and in the Delaware R (Point Pleasant..upper Bucks Co). Water temps exceeded the max suitable for SMB YOY. High flows late into spring delayed spawning to the point that YOY hatched out and were still present in the shallows when exceptionally hot days rolled in. Had the flows not been exceptionally high in spring and had an exceptionally warm spell not arrived so soon after the spawning took place, the adults would have spawned earlier and the YOY would probably not have been forced (behaviorally) to occupy such shallow, exceedingly warm habitat. They probably would have been in deeper water or more mobile in a normal year and would have avoided the exceptionally warm shallows.