

Subject: : Warm Water & Salt Water Fly-Fishing

Topic: : Delaware River - Smallmouth Bass YOY, 2012

Re: Delaware River - Smallmouth Bass YOY, 2012

Author: : afishinado

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Fishidiot wrote:

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Love2fish wrote:

been concerned about the smallies here seeing as our catching fell thru the toilet the last few years.

Yeah, Afishinado, myself, and others haven't had great summer fly rodding for bass the last couple years or so.

My personal feeling is that this is unrelated to populations (except in the lower Susky where there really is fewer fish). I look at rivers with good population data, like the upper Potomac, and despite having clearly good fish populations, they don't fish as well for me as they used to. *Please keep in mind I'm talking about summer fly fishing, mainly with poppers.* The spring and fall fishing with streamers is gangbusters and I'm getting more big fish than ever. However, the summer bite that used to be so good on poppers every evening really seems to me to have changed. Maybe it's just me.

The fish are there.

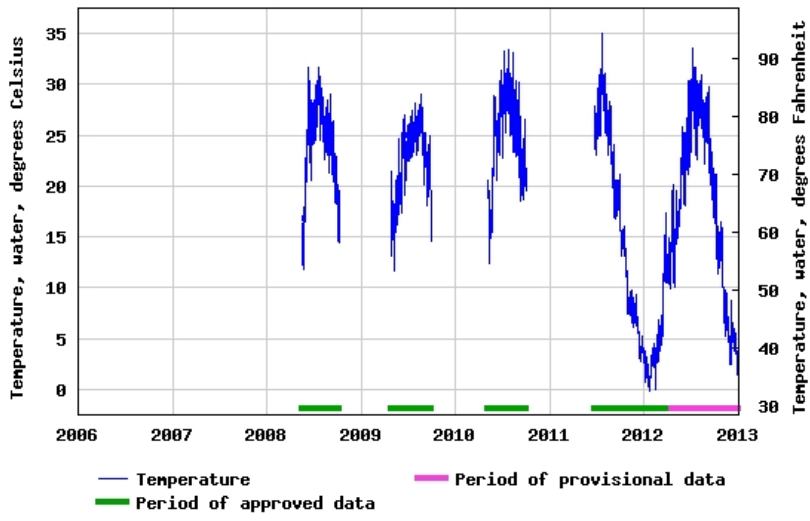
Yup. Here's a stab at why. Below are the temps and Dissolved Oxygen readings for the Susky at Harrisburg.

Read the peaks for Temps and the valleys for DO (inverse relationship). The high temps and low DO in the summer could be the reason for the funk in fishing.

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DO.JPG (91.77 KB)

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