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Tom,

The preseason stocking begins in March during the closed season on Approved Trout Waters and continues until the end of March. There are very few stocking in April. This time is reserved for "make up" days due to bad weather. Seldom are they used except for in the northern counties where snow is an issue. So the stocking schedules will not vary much. This makes the transition rather effortless.

Law enforcement will not be affected either or at least not negatively because most WCO are assigned to counties and the ones crossing over county lines in the border areas (if any) will be able to police the opening day with additional support. I would imagine that there will be more enforcement in the bordering counties of the early opening day (SE region) because the northern border counties will lend a hand.

It is a step in the right direction toward extending trout fishing opportunities. I'm not against it...but I would rather see the season start in February so we can take advantage of the early black stoneflies in more than just the FFO areas. The problem with January stockings (even with C&R regs until opening day) is that the fish do not have enough time to put on sufficient length to support the customers' wishes.

That's how I see it.

Maurice