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Ken,

Stockng was much more widespread back then and the limit was 50 then 25 up to the 70's. before it went down to 12 then 8 I believe and now 5. And this in direct correlation with reduced stocking numbers.

Help me understand why when stocking was greater and limits 10 fold over today that big fish were able to escape the opening day gauntlet.

I don't disagree that stocking encourages cropping of wild pop. I see it in our watershed with wild browns being rarely caught over 12" because every year the onslaught of anglers harvest fish of any size over the 7" limit. Even if they survive a year or two over the size limit they are cheating death with each year of growth where harvest is likely due to stocking.