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I think the short answer to your question can be found in Social Contract theory and how we have chosen to apply it in our form of government In this sense, we the people own the wild trout of Pennsylvania, which we consent to be managed by an agency we established and empowered to do so, the PAF&BC. When harm is done to the wild trout of this state, we have empowered the Commission to act on our behalf through fines, etc. to remedy or redress these insults.

So, if it is necessary that we establish who “owns” these fish, I think this is the operative answer. We do. You and I.

Admittedly though, it is a bit murky…

I found this interesting:

>I believe that blame for both destruction of natural resources and the destruction of liberty can be laid squarely on the centralization of power in the hands of a few regardless of their good intentions.>

When you speak of the “centralization of power”, do you draw a distinction between the “power” of government and the power of centralized or amalgamated economic interests, such as an entire industry like coal or real estate development? This would be the only way I could agree with what you say in the quote I pulled and pasted above. My belief is that one of the roles of government is to act as a counter to the potential tyranny of centralized private interests.