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Re: Back in March

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Quote:

bjb27_99 wrote:

Question: Would that include unstocked / non-ATW tribs that are within and downstream of stocking points of an ATW?

Okay.....here we go. 😊

This debate - Where can we fish during closed season? - comes up every year on this forum usually in March and has caused great debate and discussion over the years. The regulations are vague. It is absolutely clear, however, that you cannot fish at all in areas that are conventional regulations and stocked with trout (ie Approved Trout Waters). Even this rule, however, has some exceptions where you can fish on a catch and release basis. "Downstream areas" below ATWs and as well as tribs are rather undefined (some people think "downstream" means to a county border)

Here's the bottom line, if you stick to special regulation areas or Class A sections or Wilderness sections (Class A/Wilderness areas aren't stocked) and release your fish, you should be okay.