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SNP,

The short answer to your question is *to provide angling opportunities to the public.*

Over thirty years ago, the PFBC adopted a program called Operation Future and part of its goal was to eliminate stocking over wild trout populations that were high enough already to provide good numbers of fish without stocking. Streams with these high levels of wild trout are categorized as "Class A" and are not stocked (usually). However, many streams that are stocked still have good populations of wild fish but do not meet this Class A threshold. Many of us feel that further abatement of stocking over these wild populations would allow many of them to increase. However, the sections that are stocked have, in many cases, been stocked for decades and removing these sections from stocking is very unpopular among local anglers and the PFBC always takes a beating when they stop stocking streams that have "always" been stocked in the past. The PFBC is damned if they do and if they don't.

Nevertheless, budget realities are going to force some hard decisions with respect to stocking in the future.