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I know this won't go over well with many, and I am not advocating this as policy, but just offering food for thought. Streams with wild populations have ideal or at least superior habitat, including water chemistry and temperature, forage and cover. When trout are stocked in such streams, they tend to thrive and begin feeding on naturals. These stocked trout can be very fun to catch for a large segment of the citizenry. The streams are also delightful outdoor experiences.

Such supplemental stockings can take a barely Class A stream and artificially double or triple the biomass for a period of time, sometimes all year long. Most trout anglers could not tell, nor care less whether the trout was born in the stream.

Streams that cannot support wilds are generally not very attractive. Thus, the stocked trout enthusiast is relegated to ugly waters. The PFBC tries to accomodate them somewhat.