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If there's been a decline in the fishery at Penn's Creek over the last 55 years, I don't think it has anything to do with angling pressure.

I truly wish that it didn't get so high and muddy after it rains, or so warm in the summer. I wish there was less plowing, and a wider riparian corridor with tree plantings along the stream and tribs in the upper reaches. But that would require a substantial investment in soil conservation- including lessening the acreage available to cultivate- and I don't expect the farmers to put up the money to do that on their own. I don't think they could afford to do that without receiving equivalent compensation.

For all that, there's a huge population of trout in Penn's. Nice size ones. I see them all the time, most often when they spit out the hook and flee, or when I blunder across them while wading in the riffles.

Plenty of hatches, too. My impression is that overall, the creek is in pretty good shape. The thermal problem in the summertime is the worst of it. Fishing pressure is a negligible problem in comparison.

fwiw, I have to wonder whether Penn's was stocked in 1958...my guess is "yes".