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Re: Brook Trout Management Study in Western Maryland

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Maurice wrote:

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wildtrout2 wrote:

Chaz, it seems to me that the only "goal" with the WBTEP is to have a CR program (brookies only) on said streams. I believe this should apply to all native brookie streams on the Class A list.

This could not be farther from the truth...

The goal of the WBTEP was simply to shut the traps of the folks at PATrout who have been blabbering for years that harvest and cropping of wild brook trout is the reason for the brook trout being so small in these small freestone systems.

What the WBTEP did accomplish is increase pressure on these streams by popularizing them.

Natives only get so big, so don't expect to see many big ones anywhere, regardless of the regs. I fish a few of the streams on the WBTEP list fairly often (have for several years), and I have only seen other fisherman ONE time on ONE of these streams! So much for popularizing? These streams are usually tougher to access than most, this keeps most fishers away.