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I am interested to see what the results are of the next section to be surveyed--indian creek and below I think. I too was surprised by the amount of smallmouth in the upper stretches. I would have expected to see their numbers relatively low and increase as you got below the falls. I do hope they continue to stock fingerlings below the falls down to connellsville. My only con against stocking fingerlings down that way is the predation that occurs. Lots of big smallies and walleye that love trout fingerlings im sure. Might be better to float stock 7"+ fish to get them off the average smallmouth/walleye's menu.

Can someone explain to me why trout are unable to successfully spawn in the yough? I realize most of the large boulder/rocky habitat isnt suitable for making redds, but still, I know of many areas that are sandy/pea gravel that would be suitable. Just curious what the limiting factor is, because I know its not water quality/temp.

I fish the yough CW fishery for smallmouth and trout 50:50, so I really like the trend that river is on right now. I dont want to see the trout program lose steam and diminish because of the low numbers from the survey.