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Re: So they're not closing...

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Dear Marvin,

I'm not going to lie, I grew up fishing for stocked trout. Thats was all there was where I grew up in the Philly suburbs.

But that doesn't mean that we have to continue down the same path forever just because that was how it was done in the good old days.

There are many streams that are stocked with trout that would still have fish in them and be worth fishing, they just wouldn't necessarily be trout.

I started out flyfishing for bass and panfish and I flyfished for years before I ever caught a trout on the fly rod. I still enjoyed myself though.

Unfortunately, people have grown accustomed to having trout stocked for their use and convenience. I personally don't think that is the best policy to follow for a number of reasons.

Besides the economic reasons I think that given time streams with adequate water quality are perfectly capable of developing their own trout populations.

That can and does happen when upstream areas are protected and water quality improvements are made to downstream areas. Fish can and do then move in. That has happened to many streams that I am familiar with.

The key to that happening though is for people to recognize and appreciate wild self sustaining trout populations, and that can't happen when the mentality promoted by the State is that trout come from white trucks and buckets.

That is my opinion and I don't expect it to be shared by everyone. However, if maybe one or two people realize where wild trout come from and they in turn tell one or two people it will snowball. Eventually, there will be no need to stock fish just so people can haul them home to sometimes eat and sometimes throw out.

That's my dream anyway.

Regards,

Tim Murphy 😊