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Re: So they're not closing...
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I think the 'trout snob' door swings both ways on this issue. I don't believe in stocking streams that can and do support wild trout. When it comes to 'lesser' streams you can promote warm water species all you want but the fact of the matter is that many of these streams are only open to fishing because of trout stockings.

Does the stocking of trout suppress the population of warm water species? I don't know I'm asking. When it comes to smallmouth bass why aren't they there in numbers now? They are a native species here in Western PA.

What about the steelhead program? In my few times heading up to Erie it seems that access is fairly limited and in fact some are making money or having their own private 'fishing oasis' off of something funded by anglers. To add to that some of the fish end up in other states. Is this a wasteful venture?

You can't argue the fact that the stocking of trout keeps streams open to anglers. More so than the steelhead program I believe. But I could be wrong.

I was surprised the decision was reversed and it will be interesting to see how it all pans out. You shouldn't spend money you don't have but you also shouldn't put over three million into a facility and then shut it down shortly after. Perhaps a little more foresight is in order.