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Re: Opening day angler counts

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Mike, that's true, and I understand some of the issues. Merely stating that if less people show up to fish a spot at 8 a.m. on opening morning, that's not a bad thing, so long as they're still fishing somewhere.

Summed up, my goal wouldn't be to put the most fish where the most people fish. The goal is get people to fish elsewhere, spread em out. If you got a lot of streams in a small area, that's a GOOD thing. If you have X number of fish for that area, spread em out evenly. Don't try to concentrate them to put more people over them.

It's better for a father and a son to fish more lightly stocked places alone than it is to fish heavily stocked places in a crowd.

For instance, you mentioned residency. Generally, I think it's a BAD thing, not a good thing. There's limits, obviously, it doesn't do anybody any good if they go into a posted stretch, or go 50 miles to where nobody would even dream of fishing for them. But I would much rather they spread out evenly over a few miles rather than stay within 50 yards of where they were dumped. I see too often the bridge pools are stacked with fish, and fishermen, while miles of good water farther from the roads go unused. That's a waste, IMO, even if those people stacked there can catch a higher % of them. Especially for the kids, it teaches them the wrong lessons about what outdoors sports are all about.

The goal isn't to have the the highest % of stocked fish get caught. It's to provide the most miles of "fishable" water, with fishable being defined as having some reasonable chance of success.