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Re: Cabelas coming to Erie!

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My bet is that the entire big box outdoor store phenomenon will be over in another decade to maybe 15 years at most and you'll see the companies like Cabela's and LLBean contract (and BassPro to a lesser extent), close down most of their retail locations and retreat back to concentrating on their core businesses. That's just a sense I get based on the highly volatile history and nature of big box retail, regardless of the product mix. Its a nasty, Darwinian place, the kill floor of American business.

If anything, Erie is probably going to be a tougher place for Cabela's to hang on than the majority of their other retail locations. Its a fickle demographic (Erie has a long history as a test market location for new products) and disposable income levels in the area are modest, at best.

I'll be surprised if the Erie location stays afloat for 10 years.

We'll see though. I've been wrong before. Once in 1978, another time in 1996 and almost again in 2009...