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afish,

Thanks. Although calling themselves "north branch" it looks like they're interested in the entire river. I frequent the mainstem where the bass fishery has greater problems. It mentions that there will be another summit on the issue this year with the PFBC. I am, however, disappointed that they don't more aggressively argue for C&R regs even though they are clearly dedicated to encouraging C&R and educating fishermen about how long it takes for a smallie to reach 15-20 inches.

This year I have switched from the Susky to fishing the Potomac as they're the same drive time from my home. The contrast couldn't be greater. The Potomac fishes like the Susky did a decade ago. There was a very strong year class in 2005 and last year's was the strongest ever recorded. Smallies are everywhere in this river. Interestingly, in 2003/04 when we had so much flooding, the Potomac had an average year class while the Susky spawn failed. Maryland, to her credit, is much more willing to implement special regs IMHO than the PFBC and has a large section of the Potomac where only C&R fishing is permitted for smallies.