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All of the rules and regulations of the PFBC are found in a Chapter of the Pennsylvania Code entitled "Recreation." Keep this in mind. The PFBC was designated not only to preserve the resource, but also provide recreation. If 90% of the trout anglers are entertained by stocked trout, then why wouldn't we use the stocking process to protect our more precious wild resources?

The demand for trout angling by all methods and in a manner that allows a reasonable harvest in PA cannot be sustained by our wild resources. If it could, we would not stock. You can cut down allowable harvest and you can cut down on abundant trout opportunities in the Spring season, but you will also cut down on -- and cut out -- a lot of recreational anglers.

There is a happy medium. I don't care to defend the PFBC on always and everywhere reaching that optimum balance, but I think they do a pretty good job.

And I cringe when I see so much arm-chair quarterbacking from people who only have their own personal preferences in mind when they advocate certain management policies.