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The reason there aren't coldwater releases is a result of the discharge tower configuration. When the Corps goes into flood control mode and drops the lake after a flood event or during a whitewater release, the large bottom release gates are cranked wide open. When that happens the coldwater goes bye-bye. ONce the coldwater is gone, we don't get it back until Fall when inflow water temps drop.

We can't do away with WW release so we have to figure out how to save the coldwater. A new tower with selective withdrawal and a little bit more water in the lake is needed.

The Corps is finally (ughh) wrapping up the Study that has been ongoing. It shows some real potential. Support by anglers and the local community will be needed and of course money to make it a reality. The Study shows the number of projected miles that will be supported with coldwater all summer long would be more than anything in the Eastern US. If you interested in the Lehigh you will want to check out the report for yourself.

The "fishing releases" will be interesting to see how it all plays out. I don't like the language in the 2013 Plan, but devil will be in the details. THE good thing is that there are now dates where water levels should be good for fishing when typically flows are high in the spring season. How the water will be managed is a different story.

The bugs are starting to hatch. Fish have been spotted up and hungry. This weekend looks very promising. I'm jonesing to get out on the river.... LR