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I was never able to understand why anyone would "bash" any fish that was caught, wild or stocked. Stockies tend to save the day at times and have prevented a skunk for me on many occasions. However, as Phish stated, living in central PA does have its perks. This weekend for example, I couldn't buy a stocked fish. I fished 2 creeks, both within 20 mins of Harrisburg. Both are supposed to be primarily stocked fisheries. Easily over 20 fish with only 1 fish being a "stocker" brookie out of Yellow Breeches. 19 out of 20 being wild PA browns? I'll take that any day. However none of these were very large. Biggest being 14.5", which on a hungry day, just may have tried to eat the stocker brookie. Maybe this has to do with the wild trout "knowing what to eat"? Maybe the stockers have mostly all been harvested? There are days when I do get tired of catching 8" wild browns (as pretty as they are), and I'm standing there thinking "Can i get stocker, WTF?". Those stockers put up a nice fight on a 4 weight on 7x tippet! I personally enjoy just going out and catching fish. I learned how to fly fish catching stockies, and will never look down on ANYONE attempting to fool these fish. More often than not, they are MORE selective than wild trout (in my opinion). Whether your a purist who only fishes dries for wild fish, or a beginner tossing buggers for fresh stockers, I'll tip my hat to you. Now on the other hand, harvesting wild fish, when the state stocks streams for a put and take fishery.... That's another topic for another time. My opinion is that if its born in the stream, keep it there dammit!!!!