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Re: Sea Run Brook Trout Coalition - New Quarterly Newsletter

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Fantastic stuff!

A century ago the brook trout of our large freestone streams made up and downstream movements with the seasons, just like salters. In "The Vanishing Trout" (published nearly a century ago) Charles Lose describes these movements and what the brook trout fishing was like in those times. Charles Wetzel, in "100 Pennsylvania Trout Streams and How to Fish Them," describes similar movements a hundred years ago in Kettle Creek. This was how brookies of Pennsylvania reached a foot more in length and occasionally even 20 inches in "The Good Old Days."

Now we treat these our freestones as Put-and Take waters because it is believed that they can no longer hold native brook trout. Apparently the folks in Massachusetts don't buy into this argument and are trying to restore their brook trout fishery. It begs the question: When is PA going to wake up to the potential of its wild brook trout fishery?