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Re: SE PA SMB

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Springer,

I agree SMB fishing in SEPA has become pretty poor.

You really answered your own question as to why:

Quote:

I know there are several places and people who do OK for SMB in SEPA, but in general the Flatheads, environment and whatever else have taken a serious toll.

The habitat has really declined, especially in the Schuylkill River, the lower Perk among other SE rivers and streams. Over development along the stream and watershed causing the loss of riparian cover and porous surfaces, plus water quality issues from overtaxed sewage treatment plants is likely the culprit. Also, I'm sure the introduction of huge predator fish like flatheads hasn't helped either.

I really doubt that C&R regulations will have an appreciable effect on the SMB population since very few fish are harvested.