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Re: SE PA SMB

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SurfCowboyXX wrote:

The James and New are chock full of the damn things, and both always have been.

Flatheads are native to the Mississippi drainage which includes the New River, but not the James River.

They've probably been in the James for only a few decades and are regarded as an invasive species (or a great game fish depending on whom you ask). When I lived in VA about a decade ago, there were certainly anglers I talked to who felt that the introduction of flatheads and blue cats had been detrimental to bass populations in the lower James. Whether this is true or not I have no idea.

Nevertheless, the point stands that flatheads and smallies have co-existed for centuries in the rivers of the Mississippi watershed.