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Re: SE PA SMB

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SurfCowboyXX wrote:

**I don't think flatheads have the first thing to do with it. The James and New are chock full of the damn things, and both always have been. They've also always been chock full of smallies. So I don't think they are an issue.** They do, however have a much higher tolerance for awful water, so the presence of flatheads and the lack of smallies makes me think the river is just too hot and dirty. Fine in a hooker, or in a Martini, but hell on smallmouth.

No doubt true in healthy rivers, but where SMB are struggling, adding huge predator to an already dwindling population of fish put them down for the count in many parts of the River (especially the lower sections).

A healthy breeding population of SMB could more than hold their own against predators. If the habitat and water quality is good, all fish will find their niche and thrive.