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I'm worried about the same thing. We had had such good, stable flows during the spring and when this storm hit, I cringed. Thankfully, the Juniata watershed didn't get hit too hard. The lower Juniata has not had an above average YOY since 1999. Even 2007, which was off the charts on many rivers, only reached the mean YOY line on the lower Juniata and I've been hoping for a good spawn.

Although river temps were cold this spring, I did see some bass on redds here in the SC in mid April, which is early. I think if things stay stable over the next couple weeks that bass YOY should be okay as things have been pretty good for the spawn and immediate post spawn period. But I'd be surprised if this year produces high YOY numbers in PA. If we get another deluge in the next couple weeks it could be a lost year.

Here's hoping for gentle rain over the next month.