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Quote:

The cold water pool is managed horribly though

Krayfish - the Corps is very limited in how they can manage the coldwater pool.

The majority of the water being released has to come off the bottom. There is a small gate that can discharge about 300 cfs above the big bottom flood gates. But that doesn't really help in regulating water temps for an extended period of time.

So when there are big releases of water for flood control and whitewater rafting, the bottom flood gates are opened and guess where all the coldwater goes?? Down into the Delaware. Once the coldwater is gone, its gone for the summer until inflow water temperatures drop in the Fall.

The FEW reservoir is antiquated and needs to be upgraded to meet todays recreational demands. As VC said, this really needs to be spearheaded by the PFBC. But the PFBC won't do anything unless anglers "ask" their local commissioners or AFMs (like Mike K, et al). Dave Arnold is the AFM for the FEW Reservoir.

This also goes for other large reservoirs, like Raystown, Beltzville, etc.