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Many people have long considered the term “Trophy Trout” for that water to be a misnomer. It sets unrealistic expectations and makes it sound that much more attractive to poachers. Lots of guys would like to see it called anything but ‘Trophy.’

The fish that do manage to grow larger have a lot working in their favor. I believe that most folks who don’t do well there simply don’t use the stealth required for wild trout in close quarters. They send those ‘sentries’ Maurice mentioned scurrying and alarm the better fish before they even cast. And most of the poachers I’ve seen over there don’t have the skills to do much damage. Do they luck into nice trout sometimes? I’m sure they do and it annoys the crap out of me – I’m just not convinced they have much effect. Most of the poachers I hear about (and I hear plenty) usually don’t have any fish in their possession. If they do, it’s usually only 1 or 2 and they’re not necessarily larger fish.

I’ve fished outside the TT area (in open water or with permission) where there’s no special regs, and little if any fishing (poaching or otherwise) taking place. I’ve found the numbers and size distribution in those areas to be same as the TT section. That tells me its habitat, biomass, etc. driving the size and numbers of fish – not regulations, poaching or whatever.

Anyway, say what you will about it, but the bottom line is that it’s a cold, healthy wild trout stream that we’re all lucky to have – we should enjoy it and work hard to preserve its future no matter how big the fish are.