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Re: Codorus & Conewago Creeks, York County, 7/10/13

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It is likely in this particular stream that the availability of big fish physical habitat exceeds the ability of the stream to support large fish due to the limited availability of forage fish. This appears to be true throughout the wild trout stretch except in its lower mile. In such situations large fish may roam substantially in order to find enough forage and occupy different holes at different times, leaving a few to many holes vacant with angler perception then being that poachers or substantial harvest of larger fish have been at work. Regulations that stockpile smaller fish and voluntary catch and release fishing probably contribute to this problem, but anglers might not be happy with the size of the reduction in the abundance of smaller to mid-size wild trout that could be necessary to improve larger fish abundance. And I am not certain that it would work in this case. The limited ability of the special reg area to produce larger fish was the reason why we originally instituted selective harvest (12") regs on this stream.