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Re: Wild or stocked?

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In all seriousness I don't think Mike (or any fisheries biologist) could be appreciably more accurate than many of the "amateur" posters here...assuming the same set of facts: The same picture, and assuming both know and have firsthand experience with the watershed in question. If you're just working off a picture with no watershed info, even less so.

The point to be taken from these questionable wild/stockie threads is that it's really impossible to tell for sure without killing the fish and testing and comparing its genetics to known wild fish from that watershed and known stockers from that watershed. And even then you can end up with questions if more than one entity is stocking the same species in that watershed and getting their fish from different sources. There are many credible, knowledgeable anglers in these threads that often take very different positions from the same set of information...no way to be 100% accurate. It's nothing more than a best guess scenario in nearly all of these cases. Whether or not you enjoy the debate and discussion is a separate matter I guess.