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Patrick,

Now shes a fatty! I would venture to guess that fish was caught between September and January. I see the typically black spots beginning to infuse with "red" although it appears orangish it is a typical during the spawning season. And while I do see those spots [black]getting color I really don't see any red lateral line spots. Another common stocked trait.

We see this in our watershed with BT that carry over the summer that are larger than 12".

You are not gonna see that blue eye spot on the younger stocked fingerlings until after a year or more...sometimes never. I really believe it has to do with some threshold of when their diet changed from fishmeal to natural forage. If the fish has lost all par marks and is a true adult I think it loses its "window" to develop it. The younger or smaller they are stocked the greater their chance to get it. And while present on your fish its not strong like on many truly wild BT.