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Another thing you can look at, for rough guess-timation, is the length of streams, as shown on the USGS topo maps, which are available online at AcmeMapper and other sites.

Look up some of the brookie streams you fished, including some where you had good fishing, and some that you thought were too small.

Then look how far down from the top you were when fishing, and you'll start to get some idea of what stream length produces a stream that is just way too small, or a size you consider worth fishing.

So much depends on the quality of the physical habitat, i.e. pools and cover. Even very small streams can produce nice brookies, if they have very good pools.

But generally my "cutoff" between trickles and streams worth fishing is somewhere around 1.5 miles to 2 miles long.