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I wish this effort the best of luck. Surely more fish is a good thing on a river with little or no reproduction. It is important to understand though that the reason fingerlings are stocked over adult fish in many cases is because fingerlings have a greater propensity to get on natural forage because they fed for less time on fish meal. 3-7% survival of 100,000 fingerlings may seem small but is far greater than the survival of 10,000 7-10" trout. Even at 25% results in fewer than the fingerling survival rate. And I would bet that keeping these fish to the longer size makes them more expensive for the survival numbers.

That's why the F&BC stocks fingerlings in a put grow and take scenario. So you will likely see a good season of catch rates and then a bust the year after. Although the size is marginally larger than fingerlings and likelihood of survival better than if 12-16" trout were stocked.

I agree with Albus's recommendation for the effort to coordinate the stocking with those already in the watershed doing similar efforts. That way you are not putting fish over fish or putting fish where fish are to be put soon, "stepping on toes". It's only courteous.

But in the end this post is about a trap shoot to help stock the river so have at it, have fun and let the chips fall where they may.

Carry on.