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Re: A tale of two streams...

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Alright.....feeble fable, maybe.

Some random thoughts:

I constantly read that creel limits and harvest have no or little effect on wild fish (trout) populations. I believe this is true in the long term, like a season or seasons.

But in these two streams, from an anglers perspective, fishing both streams on June 1st many of the fish (and mostly larger ones) are cropped out of Catch'em in the 8 previous weeks of harvest while many/most still remain in Releas'em. Pick a number: 5 stringers, 55 stringers, 155 stringers of fish were taken out. Which stream would fish better on June 1st? Or in the early fall?

True, that in the course of a year, the natural mortality rate will tend equal out the total biomass, while the age structure of the fish is up for debate on both streams (as Mo pointed out).

Is a fish "wasted" if it dies of natural causes like disease, a predator, flood, drought rather than being harvested and eaten?

(From another active thread on here) Does cropping out wild fish help or hurt a stream and/or increase the average size of the fish? I am not near smart enough to know if harvesting fish from any stream is hurting or helping the wild fish population.....so I turn them all back.

In PA, we are lucky to have many hundreds of quality wild trout streams to fish. Make as little impact as possible. Return the fish... share with others.

Wild trout streams are self-sustaining if we take care of the stream and release the fish we catch.