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Re: Steelhead 2013-2014 Thread
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> I'll make the same comment as last year....
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> The numbers of fish have fluctuated over the years. I do NOT think that is a bad thing. When there are less fish, folks actually have to learn to fish for them (that's a good thing). The pressure has been high at times, but as all of us know, a little walking goes a LONG way.
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> Regardless of the numbers of fish being down, I have caught no less fish (and that is by no means because I catch only a few). At the end of the day, you can make excuses, or you can get better at catching them. There are more then plenty of fish to be caught each year. This year will be no different.
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> We need more rain, but over the next few weeks, things will start moving. The only downside to the PA tribs is that the fish need good rain events to get into the creeks. There are already fish meandering around in the lower parts of the Ohio and larger NY tribs. The upper parts of those large river are way too warm for any significant migration upstream at this point, but the forecasted nighttime temps are coming down.
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> Hang in there folks...it's coming...

Very well said, could not agree more. Every year, it gets very annoying hearing people whine about how there are no fish, and how they won't bite, and the grumpy old timers talking about how much better the fishing was "30 years ago," blaming everyone else for ruining it.

That said, Erie does have some problems, such as pollution, lampreys, overfishing, poachers, and others, that affect the numbers. But, there are millions of steelhead stocked each year in PA and other states, and plenty more from natural breeding. It is still one of the greatest fisheries (haha FishErieS, just realized that) in the world, and I will always be thankful to be able to fish it.

Every time I go up there, there ARE steelhead around. It just seems that people often want to blame their lack of skills on low numbers. Or they won't want to work for the fish, or walk at all. I would much rather spend time walking and driving awhile to find a small, isolated pod of fish to myself that haven't been hammered to death, rather than stand choked at Manchester hole watching as the steelhead there that have been cast to countless times, avoid my flies like the plague.