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Many of the good sized fish currently present in the Susky in our favorite old stomping grounds around the Dauphin Narrows are likely fish from the 2005 year class.

It's worth remembering that SMB YOY classes tend to show similarities across mid Atlantic river systems based on weather patterns. Certain years, such as 2005-2008, had good year classes in the North and West Branches of the Susky as well as the Potomac due to ideal water levels. Unfortunately, those years didn't produce such high or very high YOY counts in the lower Susky around Harrisburg. 2013, by contrast, wasn't great in any of these sections or the Potomac.

Check out the year class graph for the Susky in 2005 in particular. That year was a good one across the board (and Potomac).....but for the lower Susky between Sunbury and York Haven, 2005 was the last year with a YOY that was above average (albeit only slightly). Those fish from that class are now in the range of 14-17 inches and should be present in pretty good numbers.