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Re: Big Spring Rainbows being killed

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Personally, I love Brookies. But there are alot of great brookie streams. How many streams in Pa produce wild bows?

Overall, a couple of dozen known wild bow streams statewide, and several thousand brookie streams.

That said, this is a decent sized classic limestoner. Brookies in this particular environment are rarer than bows in the same environment. IMO, the "uniqueness" argument favors brookies, not bows. Brookies in BS and brookies in "Headwater Freestone Run" just are not at all comparable. We may enjoy one type of experience over another, and that's up to us, but they AREN'T the same experience. Size, behavior, approach to fishing, etc. are all very different.

I'd think it would be cool to find they are heritage strain or mostly heritage strain. Also, the scientist in me finds that question interesting. But our knowledge of brook trout strains is poor enough that it's hard to justify management decisions on it. We don't discriminate between "strains" of a species, just a species.

That said, I don't really fish BS much, and defer to those who are more familiar, and affected than I am. If it's a case where the brookie population is about as strong as it can get, then to me there's no reason to exclude the bows.