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Re: Class A stocking proposal by the PFBC

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I feel this proposal is being brought up because certain fisheries that have been classified as ATW's for many years have established wild trout populations that have sustained themselves over the years to reach Class A status due to improving water quality conditions or whatever may be the reason. I think the biggest issue here for the PFBC is the amount angling pressure these streams have historically received. Reclassifying as Class A and terminating the stocking program on a given stream could lead to a decrease in license sales which is something the PFBC has been trying to find ways to battle for years. Revenue generation is on the front burner more now than ever. Don't get me wrong, I am totally opposed to this proposed change to the Class A regulation. I feel if it is determined to be Class A it should not be stocked according to the current regulations. I don't think you can have it both ways on this one. Maybe the money and resources in stocked fish could be used to establish a brand new ATW in the area of the newly classified Class A stream to create a new put and take fishery to actually increase angling opportunities. Just a thought.