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Subject: : Paflyfish General Forum

Topic: : Class A stocking proposal by the PFBC

Re: Class A stocking proposal by the PFBC

Author: : PhilC

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Quote:

5x9 wrote:

I don't think it's a big deal. The Class A designation will protect the water quality. The wild trout populations are apparently already thriving in the streams despite stocking, so I would assume they'd continue to do so. Also, the presence of stocked fish may keep the angling pressure off the wild fish.

I fish many of the stocked Class A streams as they are close by...I would question what is meant by "thriving" (more on that below). There seems to be an insatiable need to eat trout around here...I don't understand how people can eat so many trout without going beyond the 1 meal/week limit due to PCB's...or maybe they throw them out due to freezer burn...

The stockies help fill the need since there is nothing preventing the harvest of legal size wild fish, which also happens quite often...

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5x9 wrote:

The wild fish occupy the prime lies and out compete the stockies who aren't as adept at feeding themselves. Nor are the stockies as adept at protecting themselves from predators.

I disagree here. The stockies that adapt will eventually figure out the prime lies, the others will already be on the grill or in the freezer. I've caught plenty of small wild fish in crappy lies due to being pushed out by stockies...a 12-13" rainbow will certainly push a 5-6" wild brown out of a riffle, especially since 'bows like the fast water...