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Re: Class A stocking proposal by the PFBC
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Quote:

> Heritage-Angler wrote:
> As much as we'd like to see these streams listed as Class A, and not be stocked, we have to be realistic about it.
> Let's use the Little Lehigh as an example. It has had the biomass to EASILY be classified as Class A for heck, forever. So why isn't it designated as such?
> In simpler terms, designating them as Class A and eliminating the stocking isn't going to happen. Period. Wishful thinking, but unrealistic.
> *However*, designating them Class A, and making an exception to allow stocking DOES have some benefits to the streams.
> 1 - They'll be eligible for the higher water quality standards protection that Class A designation affords. The Little Lehigh could REALLY use that!
> 2 - Elimination of the extended/reduced harvest season after Labor Day of a Class A designation would protect the spawning fish.
> So realistically, while allowing an exception to the Class A designation to allow stocking isn't perfect in a lot of our member's opinions, it's better than nothing, IMO.

Well said HA. This is worth pondering. While we, as wild trout devotees have a point of view - a correct one IMO:don't stock Class As - we need to keep in mind that the PFBC is trying to find a middle path in these particular cases.
I'm not sure about the closure of harvest in the extended season listed in line 2 above. Will this policy be in effect if the stream is still stocked? In other words, will the section be managed as "Class A" meaning no harvest after Labor Day.....or "Approved Trout Water" allowing harvest? Hopefully HA is correct. This is an angle to this debate that needs clarification (My apologies if this is clarified in the link as I didn't read it).