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Re: Class A stocking proposal by the PFBC

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The "very small percentage" thing is highly exaggerated.

Around here the biggest complaint about the unstocked Class A wild trout streams is that they are TOO CROWDED.

And the idea that few people fish for or catch wild trout isn't true. On Spring Creek, it's heavily fished by flyfishers, but also by spinfishers. There are plenty of days in the cooler months of the year when there are more spinfishers on the creek than flyfishers.

And also, when they quit stocking Spring Creek and went to C&R, many of the people who used to be early season, spin fishers, switched to flyfishing and now fish it through the season. They are the same people, they are just using different tackle now.

Also, about 50% of the stream mileage that is stocked also holds wild trout. So the people fishing those streams catch wild trout, and enjoy catching them, and those wild trout are part of what brings them back out every year and induces them to buy a license.

There are loads of people who do the early season type fishing for hatchery trout, both for their enjoyment and for taking their kids out fishing, who then also go fish native brookie streams.

Probably more than half of PA trout fishermen have caught some wild trout.