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Chaz wrote:

If a stream is Class A it is automatically bumped to HQCWF per DEP rules. The Class Designation of PFBC is separate from the DEP, but they are tied together by antidegradation rules.

This is not a slam dunk Chaz...unless it is submitted. The F&BC as any other agency or municipality or private citizen can submit the request to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB), A faction of the DEP for an upgrade or downgrade in status. The evidence must be compelling. It just so happens that if a stream demonstrates a population of naturally reproducing trout and is submitted it can bump a stream from WWF (Warm Water Fishes) or TSF (Trout Stocked Fishes) to CWF (Cold Water Fishes). Also, and should it be submitted, If the Biomass is of a great enough density it could go to High Quality- Cold Water Fishes (HQ-CWF). But it has to be submitted first otherwise how would the EQB be able to rule on it? Afterall, they are not dialed into the survey equipment.

It has in the past been realized that certain stream sections surveyed and recognized to have wild trout or even Class A pops were not upgraded because they were not submitted.

I worked on a lower susquehanna Rivers Conservation Plan and wild reviewing these streams and doing windshield surveys of their level of forested terrain and erosion spots noticed at least three that were recommended to be upgraded...Although I believe no one ever followed through with it. So they are still WWF's.