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I don't know if this story has legs or not, but it will not be the first time that a state agency responsible for conservation of the resource has shown disregard to the discharge restrictions in their DEP permit.

I witnessed this first hand on Big Spring from 1972 to 2001 when their permits were pulled and the hatchery was closed. Technology exists which allows for hatchery production with a substantial reduction in harmful discharges. The cost to retrofit is expensive and given the current funding circumstances surrounding the agency, it is unlikely that changes will occur.