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Publish? I don't know. I'm just using this info to encourage anglers to give the fishing a try, especially since October has traditionally been the best month on the river and the data suggests that the fish are very reachable from shore at the moment.

YOY don't tell the whole story. Survival and growth rates of those that make it through the first year are factors that are very important. In fact, adult abundance correlates much better with yearling abundance than with YOY abundance, and, as you know from the Hbg meeting in 2009, growth rates have been up to a year faster than they once were, producing large fish that are a year younger than they once were at the same lengths.

As an aside, the small minority of trout anglers who persistently press for more C&R fisheries on already productive brown trout limestoners would do well to consider such density dependent relationships along with available habitat. Such regs on those streams may be the route to an over abundance of small to mid size fish and cut into the possibility of producing an abundance of larger fish. This may in part be the reason why larger brown trout are often found in greater abundance outside of special reg areas on the same streams. Sometimes, though, the large fish habitat is also better outside of those areas.