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Re: Susquehanna smallie improvement - go fishing!
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> Mike wrote:
> Electrofishing this week at Accomac, York Co (for a mile or more below Codorus Ck) and on Lake Clark (Safe Harbor Dam pool) revealed a much improved smallmouth bass population and size structure. Had I never been on the Susquehanna before and not known its history, I would have called this a good to very good bass population, only lacking a little bit in the abundance of smaller bass. However, survival of the 2013 year class appeared to have been very good, at least on Lake Clark, which was formerly the worst spot in the region. This rosier picture may only be temporary, or an anomaly, but there are enough bass present at the moment to provide attractive fishing. **I would recommend that those who long for a return to better times take advantage of the present situation. I have been informed of similar improvement upstream as well and have angling contacts who have been very, very pleased with the fishing.** The final sampling will be done at Pequea next week (Lake Aldred - Safe Harbor tail race).PS. The 2013 walleye year class is very good.

Anecdotal angler evidence!.....lol. Agree with Mike on the improved fishing (size and numbers). Some of the hardcore Susky SMB anglers that fish a lot and know the River have been doing quite well fishing some of the lower sections of the Susky this season.

It is still very disconcerting that no one has put their finger on the exact cause, or more than likely causes for the SMB population crash. But, it appears there is a glimmer of hope that good or even great SMB fishing will return in future years. One can only hope.