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Re: Susquehanna smallie improvement - go fishing!

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Afish,

I don't mind the anecdotal angler evidence as long as it comes from skilled anglers who are reliable and trustworthy sources and who don't stretch the size or the numbers. Ideally, they also need to be observant, persistent, and understand quite well that bad days are part of fishing. For most of these guys bad days are relatively unusual. All the better when their info is supported by fish population survey data. Anecdotal info is just one piece of information worth considering, keeping its limitations in mind, however. In this case, the data matched the angler reports, which meant I had reliable info a couple of months before the electrofishing occurred. For many fisheries (water bodies, species), I have a species specific or water body specific core group of avid anglers that I occasionally consult. Some keep valuable data, such as time spent fishing and catch rate info for each trip. They also know that I am going to ask odd questions, often involving, for example, how many small (defined by specific sizes) fish they caught rather than what was the largest fish that they caught.