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I never weigh steelhead. The only responsible way to weigh them would be to suspend the net from a scale, "Zero" the scale out, and then weigh the fish in the net. Too much of a hassle. I'm not a fan of Bogas or scales that you hook the fish with. It's quicker and easier on the fish to get a length and girth and estimate it.

As for fishable gage values.

1. Ryan pretty much hit it, if Walnut is 300-400cfs and dropping, you should find fishable water.
2. Walnut fishes from about 200cfs down.
3. Elk fishes pretty well once Brandy run is somewhere between 12-15cfs. But that can vary based on the season. In the Fall and Spring you have more mud from run-off so it may need to drop more just for 8" of visibility. In the Winter when the ground is frozen, it might fish fine higher than that. Frankly, looking at Uncle John's Elk Creek Cam right now...I would fish Elk right now. Some of it depends on how and what you like to fish.
4. What's happening on the east side of Erie is not always happening on the west side. The east side gets more lake effect rain and snow. Sometimes you judge what you think the Miles are doing based on the Brandy Run and Walnut gages and the Miles are a mess or they can be gin clear. Lake Effect screws up forecasting 😊