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Re: 30" Browns

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Lots of great posts here. Thank you guys all for responding and for the info. Glad to see it was positive for the most part.

Many of you guys hit on a lot of the points I wanted to mention. First of all, the post about electorshocking missing a lot of the big ones is true, and that was straight from PA Fish Commish mouth. Sometimes, if they turn it up high enough to get the big fish, small fish can be killed, so they don't often do it. Watched it done twice on one of my favorite local streams.

Second, someone had said that there is many fish in the 20-25 inch range, and that is so very true on the good waters. We get quite a few of those each year, and we MEASURE those fish when they appear to be over 20, not a guesstimate. I record every one. As stated before, I am a big trout addict and devote my free time to the pursuit of them.

Now, as far as the 30's or even the 28 to 30's, they certainly exist, and in many waters, some famous some not so. But, by no means do I think there is a lot of them, which is sort of why I started the post in the first place. Thought it would be cool to hear about others experiences with these beasts.

But, they are there, and most of you are probably fishing somewhere that has one or more. Most of the major limestoners have all given up honest 30" fish.

Two things I have found to increase your odds for these bigger fish are 1.Fish NOW. Fall is when they are out of their normal summer haunts, obviously attracted to the spawn.(NOT saying catch them off redds!!!) 2.Fish streams with areas of posted water. It seems it gives fish a chance to grow up and not be taken out the minute they are nice.

For the record, I release 99.999999% of all trout I catch. But the 30 1/2" brown is on my wall, I got accurate measurement and weight.

Oh and MattBoyer, you couldn't have said it better. Congrats on your fish.