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Re: The PFBC is Puzzling...Question About Stocking Wild Streams

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Quote:

fishfuzz wrote:

I read the PFBC's proposal to eliminate in-season stockings on some popular streams/stream sections.

If stocking is so detrimental to wild trout, why are there so many wild trout in these streams/stream sections? They have been stocked for years. If the harvest of wild trout is so high during the early part of the trout season, why are there still so many wild trout in these streams/stream sections?

Who does this proposal benefit? It does not sound like a win/win for the anglers or the agency. **It seems the PFBC has the right balance right now. They get license buyers to fish for stocked trout and they get license buyers to fish for wild trout in the same stream.**

**Am I missing something?**

Yes. The PFBC revenues are down and costs are up, therefore the agency must cut both numbers of fish stocked as well as the frequency of stocking. Okay, where should we cut? Well these streams (Class A's) already have a fishable population of trout without stocking, and those streams have no trout at all. Game over for anglers if we don't stock them, so we'll cut down the stocking of the Class A's and maintain or increase stocking in the streams with no wild trout.

The side benefit of this plan for some (and the main benefit for others) is that wild trout populations may even increase. This would make fishing even better in the Class A's and better in the non wild trout waters since stocking numbers are at least maintained if not increased.

Am I missing something?

Okay fishfuzz, the FBC needs to cut 300K trout from the stocking program, statewide and cut frequency of stocking by 25% because of higher transportation costs and personnel cuts. You're the Lehigh Valley Guy and your share of cuts for your region is 50k trout. Where would you make your cuts?