Subject: : Paflyfish General Forum
Topic: : C&R - Extended Trout Season
Re: C&R - Extended Trout Season
Author: : Chaz
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Quote:

mike_richardson wrote:
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troutbert said:

If we knew the name of the stream, we could have a better discussion about it.

Are there people pushing to end stocking in that section? On a stream section with only a few wild trout, early in the year?

The situation you described is very different than on the streams we've been discussing in this thread. The streams discussed in the OP are all Class A streams.

Young Womans Creek, discussed above, was Class A in most years. It dipped just a bit below Class A after the extreme drought of 1999, and that was when the management was changed.

Lets use this as a stream to discuss I think my post above will lay out the exact scenario Jack was referring too.

I apologize for my views in the past, as well as past arguments I have gotten into with you. My eyes have been opened on wild/native trout, and would like to learn the best ways to protect them.

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There is no one pushing for the stocking to end on this stream at all. The state also currently stocks this stream as well as a fishing club.

I will add that the fish that are stocked, are crushed by anglers within the first few weeks. The club that stocks this stream, also has a kids fishing rodeo, on another stream, and any fish left over from this get put into the other stream, and the stream that Benscreek flows into, as well as another stream called Noels Creek.

I am willing to bet that if a study was done, prior to any winter stocking of Benscreek, the amount of "hold over" trout would be relatively low, compared to the number that get put into the stream. See my points above with why I feel this way.

More info about the anglers in the area:

The days after the stream is stocked the stream is lined with anglers. I used to have a picture of this, but have deleted it. I am talking that on roughly a 2 mile stretch of road, and a stream at its widest, maybe 12', 10-20 vehicles.

Most are catch a limit and leave anglers. After the first two weeks after stocking, you may catch on or two anglers there, every other day, if that. The class a section is very under utilized IMO. A few member on here may know the area and member railking, has fished both the stocked and unstocked sections, and could comment on this as well.

I would like to learn others thoughts on this scenario, and if you feel that there should be any push to stop stocking the lower reaches now that proper septic systems have been installed, and the Little Conemaugh becoming fishable within the upcoming years.

I will give you mor

My first thought is, why are 2 or more organizations stocking the little wild trout stream? What a waste of resources! Since it is a wild trout stream it should not be stocked at all especially since it flows directly into a good sized river. But let's say for a minute that PFBC wants to keep stocking it because of high use, why then should the clubs stock it too? PFBC should limit the stocking to only PFBC.

Having said that, the headwaters are Class A, so let's take it off the ATW list altogether and see what it's capable of. After a few years do a survey and I'm betting it will be Class A headwaters to the mouth.
The larger issue is streams that small should not be stocked, because most of them are wild trout streams already and halting stocking would push them to Class A except in extreme circumstances.