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Re: A Lancaster County Brookie Stream

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Sal wrote: "It would be nice to hear what Mike K has to say on the subject. I might just give him a ring."

Great Sal. I know you will, but please share any info you get if you contact Mike.

Troutbert wrote: "I don't think killing chubs will make the slightest difference in the trout population. If the conditions are right for brook trout, they'll do fine. If not, they won't."

Troutbert, I agree with what you wrote, my only question is that given angler harvest of wild trout, even if it averages only 5 mature trout per week in a stream, during the course of an entire harvest season that lasts for over five months through the spring and summer, that's a lot of fish for a small or medium sized stream. Mature breeding trout are harvested, while all juvenile and adult creek chubs are released and left to breed, year after year after year. Would that not put throw off the natural balance in the fish population of a wild trout stream? Is it not possible that the stream is now at it's carrying capacity for fish, but with a population is now made up of mostly creek chubs? What do you think? Not possible or probable in some streams?