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I haven't been there recently, so it could be different than what I remember. But I seem to remember pretty much the same thing every winter.

The hatchery discharge is fairly slow, and rich with nitrates from the hatchery. As a result, algae tends to grow well and cover everything. It tends to die back in the winter. Not sure if it truly dies or just goes "dormant", but it turns brown. The same generally happens to algae in the stream itself, though there's less of it in the stream than in that channel.