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Sure browns eat brookies. Any trout large enough to eat another trout will eat it if it gets the chance.

It's interesting that he's seeing a trend towards more browns in the brown/brookie ratio on the freestoner streams.

I've seen what appears to be the opposite on many freestone streams.

I asked a PFBC biologist what they've seen in their electrofishing info, but he wasn't sure if there was a trend or not. I doubt that anyone has really gone into the data and crunched the numbers. He did mention one freestoner in NC PA where he thought the ratio was shifting in favor of the brookies.

Probably 15 years ago I heard second hand that the biologist in the ANF said things were shifting towards brookies.

I'd be interested in what other people have seen.

One thing that makes it complicated is that most people who start fishing those streams are not very good at knowing what it takes to catch the browns. And with more experience they learn more about that, so their ratio of browns caught increases.

It's hard to distinguish what you're seeing as a result of changes in the way you are fishing vs changes in populations. But, the electrofishing data should make it pretty clear if someone spent some time analyzing it.