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I dispute that the populations are diminishing. They certainly were devastated in the past, their range today isn't near what it once was. Mostly this was due to poor logging practices and coal mining. However, in the last 10-20 years, things are generally improving, not getting worse. The streams where they always existed are by and large stable, with few exceptions (still natural spikes and lulls). But now acid rain is getting better, still a problem but not as bad as it once was. And also, brookies are reclaiming some of the AMD streams where reclamation work has been done.

To be sure, there are still issues, and this doesn't mean every location is improving. I just think those last 2 positives are outweighing the negatives at the time being, when looking at the big picture.