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Re: Class A Wild Trout, Wilderness & WBT Enhancement Streams
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Wild,

I was thinking you brought this up because of the recent findings that the PFBC had when then conducted a study on WBT streams in NE Pa. To summarize an article in PA Trout Unlimited Newsletter (2009), the PFBC released a report on the results of their Statistical Information and so far:

"Based on information compiled on wild brook trout
waters for the 2002 Trout Summit, the statewide average
for legal size wild brook trout (greater than or equal to 7
inches in length) from freestone streams was 34 trout/mile.
Prior to their placement in the Wild Brook Trout Enhancement
Program, wild brook trout populations exceeded the
statewide average of 34 legal size brook trout per mile in
Kistler Run, Wolf Swamp Run and Jeans Run. However,
by 2006, only Kistler Run (53 legal trout/mile) and Wolf
Swamp Run (48 legal trout/mile) remained above the statewide
average for legal size wild brook trout. In 2008, the
abundance of legal size brook trout fell below the statewide
average in each of the streams managed under Wild
Brook Trout Enhancement regulations. In addition, larger
wild brook trout (greater than or equal to 9 inches in length)
have not been captured during recent examinations on the
study waters. Sampling will continue through the 2010 season
to monitor the response of wild brook trout populations
to Wild Brook Trout Enhancement regulations."
To read the full article click here.

So there are the numbers, and back to the debate. The slump in numbers is due to nature or how we get involved and "nurture" it