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Another way to think about the harvest aspect is this, using stocked trout as the example. When we did creel surveys on stocked trout streams, including opening day, the occasional anglers who kept their limits (either 8 trout or 5 trout depending upon the regs at the time) did not do much damage to the trout populations, as they were relatively rare individuals. When you looked at the data and summed the catches (harvest numbers), it was the anglers who kept 1 or 2 fish who depleted the population simply because of the sheer number of anglers who harvested those lower numbers. This somewhat goes to the concept that SurfCowboy is presenting above. The fact is that with stripers the creel limits are already low, so a new approach will require more creative thought.