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Re: LET'S GO NATIVE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Quote:

Chaz wrote:

Your forgot to mention that brookies were the top predator in over 90 5 of PA waters. I'm not sure if Susquehanna Salmon were Walleyes, since they aren't native to the drainage, it may have been shad that were called Sus. Salmon or it could have been brookies, in season, many locales call trout salmon if they were known to migrate.

Thanks Chaz! I think I actually got the walleye reference on this board, but I'm not sure from whom. I had originally thought that the salmon of which they spoke were Atlantics, but can find no other reference to this, and their range apparently wasn't this far south. I have an older copy of a history book of the town I live in that says they used to fish in the Swatara creek for eels, shad, and salmon, which kinda rules out shad, but leaves brookies as a possibility. There's also a show that WVIA made a year or so ago about the Susquehanna and it's drainage that made a reference to salmon, then showed a very old black and white picture of either a brownie or an atlantic, but in hindsight I'm sure this was either a stocked brown from back in the day or else just a stock photo with bad research. I've also heard reference to "river trout" which were a large strain of brookie that lived in larger waterways, and I'm guessing that to a colonial the difference between a 5 pound brookie and a salmon was nil. I love to catch big browns, don't get me wrong, but monster spawning brookies? I'd say I'd like to have been born 300 years ago, but dang, that cholera's gotta suck! 😊

Boyer