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Re: State Park Closings?

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Jack wrote: *"...the only interest you (Afish) take into consideration is your own recreational interest, regardless of whether those interests are adequately served with other available resources. In that, I believe you are disregarding the interests of a lot of other people."*

Not true at all Jack, my recreational interests by a large measure include warmwater fishing in the late spring through the entire summer and early fall. In recent weeks I have spent more time perusing panfish and catching an occasional bass in my kayak and wading ON A MAN-MADE LAKE IN A STATE PARK less than a 10 minute drive from my home. In addition, soon I will store my 4 and 5wt trout rods and break out my heavier bass outfits for the rest of the summer. I may occasionally trout fish during cooler weather this summer during the trike or iso hatch, but most of my recreational time will be spent warmwater fishing in lakes, rivers and streams.

The fact of the matter is that there are many warm water lakes, rivers and streams to fish here in SE PA, and very few coldwater fishing opportunities. The same could be said for where you live SW PA. And yes, Central PA is blessed with the most coldwater streams but a lot less than there used to be. I'll stand by my belief that **coldwater streams are a rare treasure in this State and should have the first priority for preservation.**

Check out the map below. From an historical perspective, few coldwater streams are remaining and we should all do as much as we can to preserve them. While I realize that some of the brookie streams have been taken over by wild brown trout, you still get the idea that coldwater streams and certainly native brookie streams have declined drastically in PA and the entire NE.

Jack wrote: *"If Pennsylvania had too few wild trout streams, then your reductio ad absurdum argument might have some force."*

Right back atcha.....You're contention that PA or specifically Central PA has too many or at least an over abundance of coldwater fishing is a reductio ad absurdum argument to me. You mentioned the hundreds of fly fishing anglers traipsing around the stream at Penns. The reason they are there is that many have drive several hours or more to Central PA just to find decent wild trout fishing. PA has an unbelievable amount of places to fish for warmwater species, and way too few coldwater streams, and that opinion comes from a bass, panfish, as well a trout afishinado.

Mo wrote: *"Beware of the mole who tries to compromise your principles and YOUR values for the good of the masses. Otherwise the masses will always win."*

Mo wrote (to Jack): *"Bottom line is you have nothing invested in wild trout except the gas to get there so it is not surprising how you feel about the resource you exploit with no return."*

Jack, I suggest you save a few dollars you spend on gas traveling around to find a wild trout stream and donate it to TU. Maybe you can help TU preserve and enhance a coldwater stream near your home and the gas savings would more than make up for your contribution. Good luck.

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