



Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

“Dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of all sport fish species in Lake Erie through education and association”

March 25th, 2008

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
Attn: Mr. Douglas J. Austen; Exec. Dir.
P.O. Box 6700
Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000

Re: Lake Erie-Brown Trout Stocking Program

Dear Mr. Austen,

Thank you for your January 24th letter which responded to our Brown trout stocking request. We appreciate your response and recent efforts to analyze the request to enhance the Brown Trout program in Lake Erie.

I have seen the results of your recent meeting which addressed our request. The PFBC has excited “many” anglers. I have enclosed a copy of a recent article as well as the results of recent web discussion on a very popular discussion board. The discussion board is a very good indicator of the interest that has been shown by Pennsylvania Anglers in regard to the Brown Trout. This topic has received over 3,000 views on a recent post and over 130 replies. This topic has been tabled three times since January on this particular discussion board and it has received nearly 7,000 views. This topic has generated by far the most interest and excitement in comparison to any on that popular site. This interest is “not” just from Erie County anglers. Anglers from across the State have expressed their desire and support for this. I cannot put into words the buzz that is out there in the angling community regarding the possibility of a bona-fide Lake Erie Brown trout program.

You should have received a support letter from the Pennsylvania Steelhead Association. They, as well as the Wesleyville Conservation Club and Pittsburgh Downriggers Club are in support as well.

This month, we expect to meet with Mr. Sam Concilla and the two local co-ops hatcheries to discuss their efforts toward this program. We expect a representative of the PA Steelhead Association and Pittsburgh Downriggers to be present as well.

Mr. Austen, we are grateful for the efforts placed forth by Mr. Concilla and the PFBC to date. We hope they continue and the end result is that another great sport fish is available and will compliment the excellent Steelhead Fishery in Lake Erie.

Sincerely,

Pete Alex,
President,
E.P.S.F.A.

Cc: Mr. Sam Concilla; PFBC
Mr. David Miko; PFBC Fisheries Manager

