

water skiing (neither of which are favorites of mine) have minor impact compared to ice and wind and flooding rains. And perhaps this June when our excess water is so evident someone else besides me may see the wisdom of a control gate

There used to be smelts spawning in Bearnstow's brook. The Fish and Game Commission closed it to the taking of smelts. But why they no longer use the brook I cannot tell.

In 1945 we caught bluegills large enough for two fillets, and any kid could toss a line from the shore and have "luck". We used to bottom fish for hornpout, but I haven't seen any of these in years. (Spawning grounds gone?) I know that sportsmen are not interested in these lowly species, but we also caught two-foot small mouths many a time. The absence of diversity must mean something. What, I do not know.

Susan Slavet suggested that I was remiss in not voicing my concern. Since I may not be able to attend the meeting, I am writing this out. I don't know how much you may feel is pertinent to the association's current temper. But because of Susan I am writing "my say".

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