

A photograph of a brown trout with red spots lying on moss next to a Georgia Wildlife Resources Division hat. The trout is positioned horizontally on the left side of the frame, facing right. It has a brown body with numerous red spots and a red stripe along its side. The hat is a light-colored baseball cap with the text "GEORGIA WILDLIFE RESOURCES DIVISION" visible on the side. The background consists of moss and green plants.

A Decade of Wild Trout Management in Georgia

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The Decade's 3 Chapters

1) Recession

2) Recovery

3) Resurrection

Recession (2008-12)

“Houston, we have a problem...”



Recession

- **40% staff loss**
- **Loss of trout biologist**
- **Duties added to one surviving biologist - Rabern**
- **2 north GA regions combined**



Recovery

- **Back the Brookie**



Back the Brookie

- 2007-2016
- GA Trout Triad: DNR, USFS, TU
- Droughtproofing
- 500 stream structures



Before



After



Recovery

- TU tag

\$10-20K/month!



Resurrection

- **Annual stream sampling**
- **Brookie genetics samples**
- **Lanier/Hooch biologist added**
- **2017 license increase =
2018 trout biologist !**
- **LWD = CHOP AND DROP!**







Large



Woody





Safe specks?

Debris!



Restoration?

- **GA Brook Trout :**
 - >90 streams & 150 miles**
- **Goals and Efficiency?**
 - **Genetics**
 - **NEPA**
- **Maintain and enhance**
 - **Fish pops thru habitat**
- **Realism:** *“distilled water on a mountainside*

Restoration

- **GA Trout Triad: DNR, USFS, TU**
- **Write the chapter together, cooperatively**
- **Future looks bright**
 - **Citizen science opps?**
- **Work Zach hard!**



Our Common Goal



Thank You TU!



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