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Re: Little J No More

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Well, I've never been to the little J, and I do occasionally fish waters that are strictly C&R, but I follow his logic fairly well. We are part of the cycle and although our intentions are good as far as C&R, we do have an obligation to cull the herd, so to speak. Man has been interacting with this balancing act for thousands of years and to never do your part while interacting with it turns it into a game, like golf or poker. I like to golf. I'm sure if I had more time and money than brains I'd like poker(little jab at my poker playin' buddies). Fishing's in my blood. Everything else is a stupid game. It's our job to make sure everybody in the gene pool can swim. Once again, allow me to reiterate this. I do not generally kill trout. I do feel, however, that I am obliged to eat one meal of trout per year. Not gonna lie to ya, that meal is often either wild or holdover trout. I like the taste of stuf that's eaten a lot of bugs. Maybe it's how I was raised. My 95 year old grandmother says stocked trout taste like water. They never had stocked trout when she was younger. You could catch your weight in 8 and 9 inch natives in about an hour. Over harvest is still not an issue there. Nobody, and I mean friggin nobody fishes some of the streams there. I walked 3 miles of stream on the first day this year and saw not a single person other than my fishing buddy. It would be silly for someone to say I'm a bad person for killing 2 or 3 trout, even if they are wild. It amazes me that RRR questioned the logic behind this. Have you ever had someone who doesn't fish ask you how many trout you kept? When I tell them I release what I catch they just look at me like I have 3 heads and am killing puppies. Fishing is fishing. It's not a video game. It is a means of subsistence that we have kinda turned into a sport, but every now and then some of us prefer to do it for it's original purpose. It's an homage to the very mother that has provided for us. Definitely not trying to start something with you RRR, just saying that I see this guy's point to an extent. Oh well, I've rambled long enough. It's overcast, warm, and I have the day off, so umm, gotta go.....

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