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Re: Little J No More

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Maybe it's because I'm new to the sport, but I can't agree with the "cull the herd" logic when it is applied to trout. Culling the herd makes sense with whitetails because we have largely eliminated their natural predators in this area, and because they thrive with the changes we've made to the natural world. I live near the Pennypack, and the bowhunters in the area provide a valuable service by thinning out that population.

Trout are a different matter. They still have natural predators (particularly when they're small), and changes to streams don't seem to help their numbers.

I love eating fish, and some day I may keep one. But until I hear a serious argument that we have an overpopulation of wild trout, I won't pretend I'm doing it for a nobler reason than my desire to eat good, fresh fish.