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Re: Little J No More

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What alternative are you suggesting for the Little J? That would both allow for some harvest and maintain a good population, including the larger ones?

The problem with the trophy regs was that fish 14 inches and up were getting cropped off. That's why it was changed to C&R.

So, what is the alternative? What would work? It's not easy. Even if you pick a low number, like 2 fish per day, 8 guys taking 2 fish apiece equals 16 fish. The result would be the same as 2 guys taking 8 fish apiece, the total is 16 fish in both cases.

It's all about populations. It's best to leave the philosophy out of it. It would be nice to catch some and eat them. If that can be done and still maintain the populations, then great, I'm for it. But the populations come first. We should not accept mediocre fishing over populations that have knocked down way below the potential of the streams and rivers.

I don't think we've come up with a way that allows limited harvest but keeps it limited enough that the populations are really protected. There are too many anglers and trout are easy to catch. The populations are very vulnerable to over-harvest.

This is why C&R regs are so prevalent in places like Yellowstone Park. C&R works to maintain populations. If there is a better alternative, let's hear it.