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Re: Little J No More

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troutbert wrote:

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?

That's a good question, and I don't really have a suggestion. It's true that the trophy regs were a problem. For a while, you could catch all the 11 or 12 inchers you wanted, but you hardly saw anything bigger. From a conservation point of view, the basic issue is too much pressure and there is probably no other way but CR to resolve that.

I don't really have an agenda for the river, CR is probably the best solution, but it has changed it for me. I should point out, too, that I didn't suggest 'culling' for the good of the fish population. My point is just a vague, poorly articulated sense that something important is lost when the blood is completely removed from the sport.

I used to fish some private water on Spruce a few years ago. There were some honking fish in it and it was fun ... for a while. But it was kind of weird, too. Many of the fish had been caught and released so many times they didn't even act like real fish anymore. I remember slipping and falling in a small pool and then not 5 minutes later hooking a 22 inch rainbow barely a rod length away from me. A truly wild fish would have been in the next county so it was hard to be too proud about it.

As someone pointed out, I'm just leaving room for the rest of you guys :) And it's been good, too, to get onto some new water and really learn it.