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First, in terms of taking away C&R reg areas: I don't mind the principal of harvesting wild trout. However, if you closed off all special regs which promote catch and release, almost all the fish in those areas would be dead in a year. The reason why they are C&R is because they are in heavily fished areas, and the PFBC would like to have at least some permanant wild/holdover population in that area.

The fact is, im sure that the people who harvest on this board do it fairly infrequently, and when they do, they are responsible, and have no intentions on making a dent in the wild trout population. However, all of you seem to be fairly intellegant people. For every one of you, there are 50 other a**holes who, given the opportunity to harvest, will exploit any opportunity they have to take every fish out of the stream. Humans are very fallable when it comes to preserving their natural environment.

Don't beleive me? Look what we did to the Buffalo, look at how we almost destroyed Pennsylvania streams with pollution, look at how colonists caused the eradication of several North East U.S. predators, which is causing whitetail overpopulation spread across almost every East coast state. Look even at opening weekend, you have 15 spinner/bait fisherman hovering over a hole where stock truck tracks are still fresh. If you took away all special regs that limited the harvest of trout, I am sure many of you would be responsible about it, but MANY MANY more people would exploit the chance to harvest wild trout in plentiful, and heavily fished waters.

Second, there is the issue with C&R killing fish because people don't know how to play/handle them right. I agree that a lot of people do not know how to handle/play trout, and unfortunatly, it results in their deaths. However, even with the 5-10% mortality rate of catch and release, its still much much better than 100% of harvesting....So I say we keep the C&R areas. It may not be ideal, but you have to think of the big picture, and that is: with the increasing amount of anglers, and basic human nature, you will need to put up with some non-ideal methods to preserve fish.