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Re: What Constitues A Catch

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Ignoring the "competition" question, I consider a fish caught only when I remove the hook. I think of it as whether I would have been able to harvest him if I wanted to. I mean, if you returned to your cabin home in 1750 and your wife and kids were waiting for a nice fish dinner, and they greeted you at the door with the question "How many did you catch?" and you told them 6 and then put 2 on the table, I don't think it would go over too well. If I'm keeping count, I may also keep in mind how many I hooked and played for "awhile" but got off, but I don't consider these "caught". I rarely keep track of the number of fish that strike that I don't hook, unless it's of interest to another fisherman, like as a means of communicating how many fish or hungry fish are in a particular area.

As far as the competition part goes, I often keep track up to a point, maybe 6 or 8, where it then becomes more of an estimate because it isn't important enough to focus that hard on it. I don't know why I keep count at all, it certainly isn't to impress others. Like Padraic said, if asked by a stranger how I did I usually just say something like "pretty good" or "got a few" or "not so good" but if my fishing partner wife asks I'll give a number or estimate because she wants to know. And visa versa, but it's not a competition thing. I do definitely keep track of one number though, and that's "zero" - for some reason I can relax and enjoy the experience a lot more once I get off the schnide. Is that a form of competition?