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Re: Competitive Fly-fishing

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I would hope that fly fishing competition would not become like bass tournaments. It is one thing to attack a big lake where only a small percentage of the fish population will be "bothered," quite another to attack a stream where quite a large percentage of it could be be pressured. But in saying that, already you have to hedge and say, "It depends on the stream and how many completitors and "beats."

Then there is a significant cultural difference. What is seen as competition "over there" in Europe seems ok to me at the moment, given what little I know about it. But I wonder if their approach and values would be lost in translation in the U.S.

When your values and style of fishing produce means/ends reversals, which is what the U.S. bass tournaments strike me as doing, you have gone too far. That does not seem to have happened yet in the fly fishing competitions, but easily could.

Voted # 1. More of a gut feeling than anything else.