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Re: Competitive Fly-fishing

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Like I said before, Its not for everyone. But before you make judgements on how this if bad for the sport and the water you fish " especially if you dont know". let me give my 2 cents.

1. Prior to fishing all comp anglers thoroughly clean there gear and boots to prevent Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) such as New Zealand mud snails, the whirling disease parasite *Myxobolus cerebralis*, and *Didymo* (filamentous algae) from getting into other water sheds. How many non comp anglers do you think do that going from lets say the Upper Deleware to the Little Lehigh.

2. An comp angler is assigned a 200 yard section of water that he or she has 3hrs to carefully and methodically fish. That section of water will only see one other angler all day. That is 2 anglers on 200 yars of water all day. How do you think that compares to the little lehigh, Penns, Spring ect. Those streams can get like a zoo . So I think a 200 yard section of water that only sees 2 anglers all day is not so bad!!

3. All comp anglers use barbless hooks and no weight on the fly line. Only flies are weighted. We are not allowed to touch or handle the fish and our nets can not be abrasive. Once a fish is caught its carefully measured in a half tube by your controller and gently released back into the water. I dont know about you but this dosent seem like its ruining anything.

I can sit here all night and write about this but im not trying to convince anyone that this is " The Thing To Do", only to try to let people know that this is definately not bad or harmful to Fly Fishing and to have an open mind. I posted a video link from the 2008 America Cup. Check it out if you like.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28wgVGKVgC4>

BTW there is a PA based team made up of excellent anglers and conservationist. Team Freestone.