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If you just look at the private waters/club aspect, there is no difference between Beaver and other hunting/fishing clubs. But that part's not what gets to me, nor is the outrageous fee he charges to be a member. I begrudgingly accept that part of it. It's not my cup of tea, but I will even defend his right to do it if pressed, as I do believe in private property rights and the right to use it in a business venture.

What gets to me, and I can't defend, are:

1. Posting navigable waterways, obviously. He lost the LJR in court, but there are others. Penns, for example. I fully believe Penns to be navigable. It has a long, well documented history of commerce, and has been declared navigable by the PA state legislature. The same as the LJR. I also believe Mr. Beaver knows this and posts parts of it anyway. IMO knowingly posting of public property should be met with hefty fines. Afterall, what would happen if I threw no trespassing signs up on my favorite area in the state forest? He should be sued to no end by fly/tackle shops and guide services for lost revenue.

2. Stocking excellent wild trout streams, then feeding them in the stream and throwing all that nutrient load in, and turning around and marketing them as wild or "streambred".

3. Passing his operation off as a conservation effort as a ploy for membership and public relations. First, I consider the term conservation to mean preservation of public natural resources, as it has classicly been defined in this country, following the movement of the Sierra Club and the creation of national parks, national forests, etc. Second, see #2.

4. The situation in Erie where he's using public fish, paid for by the public, for his private enterprise, and then having the nerve to call the public the "free lunch crowd".