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Had some Zen moments with my tenkara this morning. Here is one of them:

http://farm9.staticflickr.com/8006/7576800068_0a424443a8_b.jpg

Sorry for the crappy pic, all I had was my cell phone, I was going to throw him into the grass and run back to my truck to get my real camera, I'm sure he would have done fine while I was gone. Rest of the day was spent huffling Sakasa Kebari, now my eyes are all crossed, luckily I can type.

For all those grinding and uptight about it, what's funny, is all that enlightenment stuff has been around FF since as long as it's been a 'sport'. All the freaks running around during the River Runs Through It days, sporting a big brimmed hat looking for salvation through the 'grace and art' of throwing a fly. Nothing has changed, just a different way the same message is being presented. Fish with this and you will "find it". All the big name rod companies burned everyone out on those same messages years ago. Then they come up with fish with this and you will "reach it". They created a new era of everyone wanting to stand tall in drift boat and cast 1000 meters clear down the river, only to line and nuke every head they could.

Having Tenkara gives me more options in my arsenal in the way I fish. (which 99.99% of the time isn't from a drift boat, and not for heads popping 200 yrds away either) Some things I can't really do effectively with a Tenkara rod, some things I can't really do effectively with a fly rod. For me it just happens that the strengths and weakness divided just so, that I know which rod is getting pulled out of the truck that morning. I never want to get too complacent thinking it's as good as it's going to get with all this. Just sitting in the same hole, with the same robotic cast, nuking fish with a bead head waiting for that pink thing to twitch. (how many times have we all passed by that scene)

Maybe someday I'll find out about another way to get ur done, maybe they will discover some cave drawings showing caveman clubbing fish and selling the perfect modern graphite club based on traditional methods. Along with all the cult following blogs to go with it. You bet I'll try it, but the only way its staying is if it produces and I'm having fun while doing it. So far Tenkara is fitting into that, of course each to their own.