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Fredrick wrote:

**I plan to C&R** they are here to stay just like the flatheads and rainbow and brown trout . I wouldnt mind eating one since I here they are delicious .

Irresponsible! Every thing I've seen written by State Fish Agencies says to remove all snakeheads.

The introduction of exotic species into areas beyond their natural range shifts the balance of an eco-system. Exotics can introduce parasites, diseases and genetic pollution of closely related species. At the very least, even an otherwise innocuous exotic takes up space and food that might someday be used more beneficially by other species. [http://fishandboat.com/water/fish/sna ... d/2004press\\_snakehead.htm](http://fishandboat.com/water/fish/sna...d/2004press_snakehead.htm)

The northern snakehead, a predatory fish from China, has been caught at the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge in Tinicum Township (Delaware County).

The fish already been found in the Schuylkill and Delaware Rivers, causing ecologists and biologists to worry about the balance of nature in our area.

“An invasive species is an exotic that’s aggressively spreading,” he explains. “What happens when you have non-native species, they don’t have natural controls. They’re not evolving with predator-prey relationships. They may throw the whole system out of balance. It can do some serious, serious damage.”

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