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Re: Cold Water Sanctuary

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franklin wrote:

This has been a popular topic almost every summer around this time. While it's below my ethics to target such fish we have to consider two things before we change any current regulations.

First, are there practical regulations that could be instituted and enforced?

Second, but more important, is there really a measurable impact to the fishery from the targeting of those fish? Natural predators already take advantage of the situation and likely impact the fishery much more than humans. If the fishery has no current regulations against such targeting and the fishery remains relatively healthy what overall impact would be gained? Other than **satisfying our ethical concerns** ?

That's what it amounts to, really. But that's enough for me, personally. Put the "sport" back in sport fishing.

At the very least, you may make some aware that it really isn't sporting to target fish in the survival mode while in a thermal refuge. The same can be said for targeting spawning fish on their beds.

Lead by example, some may follow.