Subject: : Warm Water & Salt Water Fly-Fishing
Topic: : Snakeheads
Re: Snakeheads
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> Fredrick wrote:
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> > pcray1231 wrote:
> > I personally agree with the consensus and would kill all I caught. But, just to play devil's advocate. What about brown trout? They invaded. They screwed up the ecosystem and outcompeted native species. And now we embrace them.
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> > What Fredrick is saying is they are here to stay in the streams they are in. He didn't advocate planting them in snakehead free waters. He was just saying why act like you're gonna eradicate them when it just ain't happening. Might as well embrace them in the places they already exist.
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> > It is comparable to didymo, but Fredrick didn't say he wasn't worried about expanding their range. The concern for both is in transporting them. But where they're at, there's not much that can be done. So if you picked up a clump of didymo, it wouldn't hurt a dang thing to "release it" in the water it came from.
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> Well put Pcray I to was playing devils advocate with my post . Bottom line is im going to do what the law requires of me as a angler. But people need to realize they are here to stay and besides of all the hype from the media **they are no more exotic than a Brown trout. So why not embrace it .**

Snakeheads can become invasive species and cause ecological damage because they are top-level predators, meaning they have no natural enemies outside of their native environment. Not only can they breathe atmospheric air, but they can also survive on land for up to four days, provided they are wet, and are known to migrate up to 1/4 mile on wet land to other bodies of water by wriggling with their body and fins. National Geographic has referred to snakeheads as "Fishzilla" and the National Geographic Channel reports that the "northern snakehead reaches sexual maturity by age 2 or 3. Each spawning-age female can release up to 15,000 eggs at once. Snakeheads can mate as often as five times a year. This means in just two years, a single female can release up to 150,000 eggs."

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