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Re: the V-word

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Quote:

Stagger\_Lee wrote:

OK, newbie question but since it is discussed in this thread .. "If a stream can't handle high pressure". Besides h2o temp which would keep me off the trout anyhow; what exactly does that mean? If the h2o temp is in the low 60's how would I know if a trout stream could handle high pressure?

This is a very personal thing. Fox pretty much nailed things in his post above. I'll try to clarify it further, but keep in mind - it's only my own personal opinion.

IMO, we're talking about streams that hold wild fish. I don't worry about stocked fish that much - the PFBC can just make more. However, there are lots of streams that get stocked that also harbor wild fish, so just because a stream is on the stocking list, that doesn't mean the wild fish population should be just "written off".

Wild fish populations may or may not be able to handle lots of fishing pressure - depends on the stream, and circumstances. A small stream with only wild fish deserves extra care (usually). Harvesting fish may or may not be a good thing as well, but overharvesting is typically a bad thing.

Keep in mind, the typical PAFF member will likely exercise caution, and have respect for the resource. They're not the ones I'd worry about. It's true that people lurk here, and use this site for a roadmap of where to harvest fish. Once information about stream "X" is posted on open forum, anyone can Google that information up. Offering up free information to people you don't know, have never met, and have no idea of their intentions is a recipe for abuse of the resource.

To summarize my opinion - sharing is a good thing - but only if you "trust" the person you're sharing with. Everyone has their own interpretation of sharing, and we all have to decide for ourselves what we're willing to share. If I know the person, or have discussed their intentions, I'll share pretty much anything my own personal comfort level allows. Sharing via PM allows you to choose who you share with. Posting on open forum shares that info with anyone and everyone. The choice is yours, and yours alone.

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