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Re: Opinion needed sanctuary solution

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Interesting post.

First of all, Mods post their opinions on here. We (the Mods) are just yahoos like anyone else on here, and when we post our opinions about anything FFing, it should not in any way be taken as policy or as the opinion of the "site" or the site owner.

As for as your conundrum, to state what Mo stated above in a few words: if you fish it yourself you're protecting the location of your fish'in hole. If you don't fish it yourself, you're protecting a cold water refuge.

I know some similar places where fish stack up in the summer. I won't fish them and won't reveal their locations to anyone.

There's a line between good fish'in hole and a refuge. To me, a good fishin' hole is where fish naturally hold to find the best conditions, whether it be cover for concealment, ideal current speed or current break, good food source, more favorable temps, etc. When the fish hold in a certain area for survival, it turns from a good fishin' hole to a refuge.

To me, it is at the very least unsporting to fish a refuge, and at worst may severely deplete the population in the stream if it were fished hard.

Fly-fishing, to me anyway, is a sporting way to pursue our quarry without having to do harm to them. In fact, I try to give back a little to conserve or even enhance the stream so even more fish will inhabit it now and in the future.

When the angler's only goal is catching numbers of fish or big fish in any way possible, I think they miss the whole point of FFing.

BTW, I'm not implying that you are doing any of the above, I'm only making a general statement, a.k.a. on the soapbox.

Again, this is all just my opinion.