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Re: From the minnow chaser thread - An ethics lesson

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I'm not sure the OP wasn't using an element of hyperbole when mentioning 5" fish, but they will have to chime in to defend themselves. My experience has been that going up to a 10 or 12 for buggers works best on the brookie streams that I fish, but that has as much to do with the size of the stream and the size of the rod I'm fishing as it does the size of the fish. I've caught some tiny natives on bigger hooks (i.e. if I run out of smaller buggers and have to use something from my brownie box); one in particular from last winter I remember, because the bugger I was fishing was more than half as long as the fish was and I said out loud "How is that even possible?". So even going up to a size six WILL still let you catch sub-5" fish. I look at a 10 or smaller bugger more like a nymph anyway and I don't think its a fair statement to say that you shouldn't fish nymphs on brookie streams. Incidental hooking of small brookies is going to happen; I didn't gather that the OP was necessarily targeting or champion a method to optimize the catching of sub-legal fish.