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Ethics is directly related to abuse of a resource or model. In fishing, if you consider the resource you are using; brookie stream with sub legal fish the question becomes are you abusing the population or repeatedly and therefor intentionally hurting fish. Likely the population can support some incidental mortality form a few sub-legal fish hooked through the eye while fishing for larger trout. Making this catch the goal of the day is what is unethical. Sizing down and not hurting the fish is "more" ethical but not my cup of tea.

Targeting bass on redds is apparently unethical because there are laws to prevent it as it can damage populations. So you can't keep them that time of year or target them directly.

As to fish handling as WG and Salmonoid say there are gonna be bumps, and bruises along the way. Recognizing these shortcomings and understanding their consequences and altering behaviors is the determining factor for whether you are engaging in a few isolated incidents or being unethical.

To say fishing as a past time is unethical because it involves parts of or can result in unethical behavior is not a fair evaluation. Its an over the top, extremist viewpoint that displays the naivety of the accuser'