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I target 5" fish all the time.

I mean, don't get me wrong, even in the smallest streams I enjoy catching bigger fish, and do on occasion. But "big" is a matter of perspective, and you have to have a different perspective for every water.

I also enjoy going to the extreme headwaters, seeing how far up the fish go. I've fished streams beyond the point where they become intermittant (and not in a limestoner sort of way). And I do get into places where a 5" fish is respectable, and 7" is truly large.

As FI said, in these situations a 5" fish is not a youngster, it's a sexually mature fish. IMO there is no ethical problem whatsoever in targeting them.

I do agree that you shouldn't use huge streamers to do this and risk hurting the fish. 14-16 barbless dry flies work fine.