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Us message board heroes see this whole thing as bait/spin vs. fly. And it's predicated on our experiences, though those experiences are different for all of us, and sometimes depend on where you grew up.

But it's not ultimately about tackle choice. It's really avid angler vs. beginner. And I don't mean "beginner" by how long you've been fishing, I mean it by how serious you are about it. "Avidity" means caring to learn about the sport, the ethics, the fish and their ecosystems. And it is not ultimately related to tackle choice. It may be correlated, but those correlations vary by location.

FWIW, while I do not agree totally with TAP, but I do find areas of agreement. For instance, I don't think any special regs should be implemented unless necessary. I do think, for more popular destination type streams, C&R is necessary to extend fishing opportunities. But even then, I much prefer AT C&R to ALO or FFO. Those latter 2 should be downright rare and used only after AT C&R has proven to be insufficient for that water. AT C&R excludes nobody, it merely excludes harvest.

And I can understand a bait fisherman feeling excluded by FFO regs, as they may not own fly equipment and it would take years to become proficient with it. I cannot understand them feeling excluded by harvest restrictions.