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Re: Who owns the trout?

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Quote:

No one owns the wild natural reproducing fish, they are free just like we are.

We as the people have agreed to give the government (state, local, commonwealth, federal) the ability to govern how the fish (and we) are treated.

This doesn't make any sense whatsoever. If we don't own them, then we have no authority to annoint anyone the power to manage them.

In the U.S. and Canada, collective ownership by the public is the official, legal answer to this question. Thus, we, the people, DO have the authority to grant our government(s) the authority to manage wildlife.

In Europe, landowners typically own the wildlife on their land. This dates back to the middle ages. Landlords were the only ones with the right to manage wildlife (i.e. hunt), and they could set seasons, bag limits, etc. as they chose, and allow who they wanted to partake. In the new world, this couldn't work. We were a frontier. Animals were needed for survival. Food, clothing, etc. So we gave everybody ownership, and we had the right to hunt, fish and so forth as we needed, where we needed, and when we needed. At some point we realized the free for all wouldn't work. But since we owned the animals, we could collectively empower our government to manage them, and thus have seasons, bag limits, and so forth. And we did.

It's still the way it is today. But we have since allowed private property interests the right to control access (they still don't manage the wildlife, only access).