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Re: Who owns the trout?

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I think for purposes of this discussion, it would be helpful if we were to see the term "ownership" and how it applies to fish as being interchangeable with the word "stewardship". A (wild, anyway..) fish cannot be "owned". As Crotalus points out, assignment by us to a state of being "owned" means nothing to the fish. They do what they do regardless. We may as well declare them all to be "carrots", "brunettes" "table lamps" or "trivets". It has the same impact on the fish.

So, "stewardship" is a far better word, I think. That at least has some meaning to one of the parties in the relationship (us).

Doing it this way also spares us the eventual discussion as to whether wild fish have 1st Amendment rights...