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Re: Who owns the trout?

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Wow. What a topic. I can actually smell the professorial pipe smoke. It reminds me of political science 101 at Rutgers. The range of political thought runs from John Birch to Karl Marx. I do believe Nietzsche might disagree on the God thing. I love the discussion on being governed vs. consent to be governed topic here. I detect some very strong Libertarian themes in some of the comments.

I feel that the people of the Commonwealth own the fish and have given the government of the Commonwealth the authority to regulate the fish and the streams they swim in. On private waters the land owners have the right to harvest the fish or license rights to others to do so. I believe the law would allow the land owner to prevent fish from escaping his waters.

I would prefer that the law limit property ownership to the stream or stream bed allowing access to the stream up to the mean high water line. I think exceptions could be made for streams that did not flow all twelve months of the year.

"God is dead" Nietzsche 1883

"Nietzsche is dead" God 1900