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Topic: : Who owns the trout?

Re: Who owns the trout?

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Quote:

If the state was created as our agent to protect trout, they failed miserably and should have been fired long ago. Too little too late from our supposed guardian of nature.

Spotted, you fundamentally misunderstand the term "manage". Their mission is not to protect the trout. That was never a stated goal. Nor are they to be the guardians of nature. That's not what management is all about. If it were, why not just outlaw fishing and hunting, and post all public lands?

When you "manage" a resource, the goal is managing often competing human goals. It's about maximum benefit for man, not for trout or nature. Maximum benefit for man, though, implies over the long term, because you don't get that by running your fisheries into the ground. But nor do you protect them to the degree that nobody can gain any benefit from them. Sustainability is the key.

Quote:

As to the rationality of common property...it's incomprehensible. No two people ever owned anything.

Umm, my wife and I both have our names on our car title, and our mortgage. Going more to the collective, who "owns" our public lands, including national and state forests, SGL's, fish commission properties, state parks, national parks, etc? Our highways and bridges? Is it not common property? You and I and everyone else have equal ownership.

Quote:

think what the original author of this thread is suggesting (or perhaps "thinking about") would only make sense in a society where we depended on the trout for survival..... However, we don't survive on trout.

That's true today. However, the answer to this question is based in law. And those laws were made at a time when much of the state was a frontier, and many did indeed depend on trout for survival.