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InTheMend wrote:

Ok good, I want to stop ANYONE who catches and releases from using barbs, there is no reason to use them.

It was only a myth (for the elitists fly A-holes) A barb has no effect at all on a trout!

If you get a small hook in your hand, you can pull it out with the string method and have no effect at all! Trout don't have feelings in their mouth..... they eat things that bite them all the time.

Some say that a jumping trout will toss a barbless hook? It doesn't hurt the fish at all, so you only smash the barbs to make yourself feel better?

I used to smash barbs, but it really makes no difference at all so I don't smash anymore. Most trout streams took the "barbless" thing off the regs sign.

Afraid I have to disagree with this. If anything, there is no reason to leave a barb on the hook. While it may be a valid claim that barbs have little to no effect on fish mortality, claiming they have no effect at all on the trout is incorrect. I suppose if you only fish say a size 16 or smaller hook, the barb is less relevant. But I've seen fish with damaged/missing lip plates that are no doubt the result of catch and release using barbed hooks. See [A case for barbless hooks](#) by Dave Lewis for some sample pics of barb damage to trout.

PS: Sorry for the thread hijack