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Re: So they're not closing...
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Quote:

> fishngun wrote:
> I think the idea of 100% c&r is rediculous. Fishing is a blood sport.

Speaking for myself personally, and my guess is many other C&R advocates would agree, advocating C&R isn't about having an ethical/moral issue with harvesting/killing trout. It's about sustainability. If there were abundant trout populations in PA that could withstand the pressure put on by the number of people looking to harvest trout, there'd be no reason to advocate for C&R. Personally, I rarely keep trout (and wouldn't even consider keeping a wild trout in PA), but I'm in no way opposed to others doing so where appropriate (which is nowhere in PA).

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> fishngun wrote:
> It's a way of providing a meal for your family.

This is said time and time again in defense of stocking. I don't even begin to buy it.

No one is looking to take away someone's right to venture into the wild and hunt to feed your family. That's not even close to what this is. Someone dumps farm raised fish into a stream so someone else can come by and remove said fish.

If patch habitat was removed (obviously never going to happen) and the deer population plummeted, would we start a program to stock deer so that hunters could fill their freezers? Yes, I know the state has done it before, but the idea sounds preposterous now, doesn't it?