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Re: So they're not closing...

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In response to Greenlander...I am an advocate of catch and release as well. I also believe in sustainability and protecting the resource, but what's the point of protecting it if we are t going to use it once in a while as well. What I meant about it being a blood sport and a way to provide a meal for your family is that that is the root purpose of fishing. There is something bigger than that that draws us to the sport, especially as fly anglers, or we wouldn't keep coming back when we don't succeed or have anything to show for our efforts. But at the very root of it all is the purpose of harvest. 100% C&R takes away from that. Without ever collecting from the resource, what is the purpose is sustaining it. Sure there will be fish in the future. Sure our future generations will be able to enjoy them. But, in my opinion, without the ability to make the personal decision to keep or release it isn't the same. There is just something you can't recreate when you eat something you've killed, especially when it's wild. Sure, you can argue that you can keep the stocked mutants that are put in the water for that purpose, but it really isn't the same. I know this makes it sound like I am a usual keeper of fish. I'm not. I haven't kept a trout in years, and haven't kept a wild trout in even longer. But I will say that a stocked trout doesn't hold a candle to a wild one when it comes to table fare, not to mention all the other variables involved. Unfortunately, or fortunately depending how you look at it, there are many people that haven't a clue when it comes to this.