Subject: : Paflyfish General Forum
Topic: : Mentor day
Re: Mentor day
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> jdaddy wrote:
> Addictedangler, did you try helping anyone out? Show them proper fish handling? A group of us went to our local lake in order to help anglers in need. Frankly, we interfaced with few people as most seemed to be doing a really good job fishing, catching and when desired, releasing. I did not witness a dead fish and fishing was really good. I am sure their was mortality, however I believe it was minimal. Having said that, I cannot differentiate mortality due to improper release from a frying pan. In these situations I generally support harvest over release but frankly the fish are there for recreation and entertainment, for which they served their purpose.
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> I would humbly suggest that you gather a group of friends and assist the PFBC at next years event if you are truly concerned about mortality of fish.
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> The early AM head count and 10:00 AM head count was around 150 people if I remember correctly. I did not witness or hear of any issues whatsoever from the participants, PFBC or assistants.

Based on Addictedangler's original post, I don't even think he was there in person. He was stating what he heard from "other people".

Sorry, but this is the same crap I've seen on a lot of other forums from people who weren't even present at any of the events and are just reciting a story they heard from "others" who were supposedly there. I have no doubt that some "mentors" took advantage of the early fishing day and acted out of line, but I HIGHLY doubt all the death and destruction reported on numerous forums about the Mentor Day from some people.

IMO, I thought it was great that the PFBC tested a program like this to try to attract young anglers. Obviously some disagree and will exaggerate the percieved negative impact to try to stop a day like this from ever occurring again.