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Re: How to catch and release a fish properly

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ROVERT wrote:

Quote:

Stream surveys done by biologists subject a fish to just as much handling and time out of the water as an angler who gets a quick pic to remember his day on the stream.

That handling is done after a fight when the fish is at some stage of stress, sometimes not much, sometimes a great deal as you yourself appropriately note.

But an electroshock disables the fish so that stress from being fought is not present or at least greatly reduced. They also use clove oil to anesthetize. Not an apples to apples comparison.

However, the survey handling supports the notion that slime issues from handling may not be as much of an issue as is often suggested.

How anyone gets a fish to stay still on the bank next to their rod for a photograph is a mystery to me. When I started taking a camera on trips a few years ago, I tried it and every fish flipped and flopped like mad. I just gave up trying after a few attempts.