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Re: NO MORE STOCKING!!!!

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As someone mentioned, the number of kids that get introduced to trout through the state stocking is huge. Even if everyone here and another 1000 people became catch and release missionaries, it would not have the same effect as stocking in terms of exposure to trout and trout streams.

Don't stock, and it becomes like deer hunting. The deer herd is fine in my opinion, but there are certainly less deer and less people hunting. Reduction in hunter numbers then leads to a reduction in conservationist hunters, and the same effect would be seen with a no stocking of trout policy.

There may be a brief utopian period in some people's opinions of decreased pressure on most streams which would probably increase wild populations of fish. However, then the flood gates would open to habitat degradation which lack of state-wide support to defend unstocked waters. Streams with no friends get abused fast.

If stocking ever did cease, then fines would have to be raised tremendously with low daily limits. With a decreased amount of enforcement, as a function of reduced revenue, fines and loss of license would be essential on the most popular wild trout waters.