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Re: Who do you think is in the wrong?

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rrt wrote:

I agree with Jack. I think the WCO could have used some discretion in this instance. For instance, he could have insisted that Marvin's friend purchase a non-resident license without fining him. It is obvious this left a "bad taste," and I imagine it lowers both Marvin and his friend's respect for the PFBC. It sounds as though the WCO had "I have a gun and a badge" syndrome, even though he was technically correct. I think he represented the PFBC badly in this instance.

I agree. Their job is to enforce the law and make sure people pay for the correct license.

But they should use judgement, recognize the difference between good people who just made a mistake and the real bad guys, and behave reasonably, rather than in a rude, power-tripping way.

Regarding PFBC law enforcement people, I've come across very good ones, and at least 2 bad ones. And probably most are somewhere in between.

Regarding the WCOs going far from the road, or not. Most of the fishermen, including violators, are near the road. Even if violators walk back in, they can be checked when they return to their vehicles.

And some WCOs do walk back in. I was fishing a backcountry brookie stream in Cameron County and was surprised when a WCO walked up and checked my license and to see if I was following the harvest rules. He had seen my car, and walked up to check.