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Re: How often are trout caught & released
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I have documentation of my own on 1 small PA wild brown stream and have caught several of these fish numerous times over the past 3 years. They are fat, healthy, and continue to grow. I've kept track of this because I wanted to learn about the stream itself and I wanted to know the impact fishing the steam was having.

I'll add this, big wild browns (17"+) are fairly difficult to catch. Those of us that have put in the time to understand how to catch these fish consistently, respect and love the fish (outside of hooking them in the face of course) and handle them appropriately. They are pretty resilient. Respect their limitations and they will continue to thrive.

I fished my local brown trout stream (in OH) this morning and unfortunately, the water temp is now in the upper 60s. I put out the word to our local folks that are trying to grow that fishery that it probably time to put it down for the Summer so they can find safe haven and continue to hold over. The fish are stocked at 6-8" and we have a good handful of 20" fish now. You just have to respect the fishery. Unfortunately...you can't control others. Educate when you can and don't waste your stomach acid when other people don't respond appropriately. Take the high road.