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I kept some handy in northern Ontario, but it was likely unnecessary. That area was so remote. Those bears never see people and are not acclimated to human food. They just wanted to get away from us.

I disagree that bear spray is not effective. User error is just really high and the results are highly compromised because of this. If you are going to carry it, you have to keep it on your side and you have to be PREPARED to use it. It's like any other personal safety device. If you don't know how to use it and have not practiced with it...you are highly likely to fail with your usage in a situation where it is needed. So in that respect, it certainly is a waste to carry it for most people.

Your best bet is always to be educated about the animals in the area you fish so you can know how to best coexist with them. Someone else already stated that making some noise while you are walking is probably your best option. If you are camping, hopefully you have done your homework on how to protect your camp from bears as well. It takes a lot of works to be safe in the wilderness. Most people don't do it and that is where you run into trouble....no matter what you are doing out there.