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Just to be germane and repeat from prior discussions, the upper lethal temperatures for trout are between 77-79 degrees depending upon species, but this is a sustained temperature for 48 hours, I believe. Peaks in this range are not lethal, but they will weaken trout, particularly those already compromised for whatever reason, including recent struggles with an angler.

Most anglers who express themselves consider 68-70 or higher as dangerous temps to fish at. Science supports thermal stress at these levels, but it is obviously minimal near 70, and more significant at 74, for instance. This said, when fishing in the 70+ area, you are stressing fish that are probably under some minimal stress, and therefore increasing the likelihood of harm.

A little common sense, common logic, careful observation, and patience goes a long way in the equation of what is ethical.

Minimize harm and have fun. Sometimes, you can't really do both at the same time.