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Re: Competition Fishers here?

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PennKev wrote:

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slumdumb wrote:  
put fish in bucket  
dump bucket in stream  
catch fish the next day  
pat self on back

FLY FISHING CHAMPION!!!!

Not all FF competitions rely on stocking, but it seems a lot do. Particularly the smaller local events, "charity" events, and so forth.

I really don't see how competing to catch stockers proves anything or is any sort of accomplishment. Especially when it seems the waters selected for these events are usually re-seeded with stockies just prior to the event. Now, if the competitions are on waters that are managed for wild trout or at least not recently stocked for the event, that is different.

Either way, I don't have a problem with holding a competition as long as it is done responsibly. In fact, I wouldn't mind trying my hand at it sometime.

I do, however, have a huge problem with free-for-all, catch and kill "trout rodeos." Every aspect of these events seems contradictory to the mindset of those who actually love trout and trout fishing.

Kev

Perhaps I am completely wrong, so hopefully Shane or someone who knows better can weigh in. To the extent

of my knowledge, I do not think many competitions have stockings right before they are held. Sure, some streams do have stocked fish, but a lot of streams that competitions are held on (for the most part) have either a wild trout population or a stocked trout population with has some holdovers (not the stock n' score you guys are mentioning).

Like I said, this is just my understanding. Someone please correct me if I'm wrong.