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Re: Competition Fishers here?

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Quote:

All that it proves is that you are good in a particular set of conditions, not good across ALL conditions and locations.

But choosing your conditions is a skill of successful fly fishing, IMO. It's all fine and good to be able to achieve some success in tough conditions. I appreciate that, I really do.

But it's better to avoid tough conditions in the first place! Because while this stream is tough right now, another nearby stream is PERFECT. Being able to predict and adjust to this is indeed a measure of a good fisherman.

Quote:

When all participants are restricted to a certain stream, at a certain time, on a certain day, **some of** their abilities can be compared much more objectively.

Fixed it for ya. The skills of fishermen are all encompassing. They are not limited to who can drag a nymph through a hole marginally better on a consistent basis. They include who can set themselves up in the best situations on a consistent basis as well. What you are doing is eliminating half the skill of fly fishing, so that you can isolate the other half for better comparison.

I have no problem with that. All I am saying is that, personally, I am more interested in the other half of the skill set than the one you are measuring. I will follow comps, and learn a trick or two here and there. I have no issue with you guys who take part. I get it, I really do. But I have little desire to take part in the current comp set ups myself. And I think it's important to note that you are only comparing certain skills of being a good fishermen, while specifically excluding skills which are just as, if not more important to most fishermen.

What I did was describe a comp outline which excludes the skills you are currently measuring, and try to test only the other half. A devil's advocate thing.

If you want to include all skills, then it's just an open comp. Fish however, wherever, and whenever you want. And this would be a true test of overall angler skill, because this is the actual reality we all have on a regular fishing trip. And yes, if you can win consistently in such a setup, that makes you a good fishermen, all

encompassing. The current comps only say that you are good in THIS particular situation, they do not measure your ability to chose your situation.