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Re: Competition Fishers here?
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Quote:

> pcray1231 wrote:
> PennKev,
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> 1. I'm not saying I'm deficient in the skills you are aiming at. I'm not sure that I'm competition quality, but I do ok.
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> And yes, I do find those skills to be important. I'm not downplaying that. It's just that, to me, it's only a part of what it takes to be a good overall fishermen.

I never said YOU were deficient at anything. I was merely pointing out the shortcomings of your proposed system.

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> pcray1231 wrote:
> Being a good fisherman is 70% about managing a billion variables and putting yourself in the best situation to succeed. It's 30% about succeeding once you get there. These comps only measure the 30%.

And giving the angler the choice of where to fish only measures what that particular angler prefers. In the case of a national or world competition the anglers are all on more or less even footing as they are all more or less unfamiliar with a region except for the lucky ones whose home waters where chosen for the contest.

Being able to be put into a piece of water and catch fish there is far more difficult than being allowed to cherry pick where you fish. And as for golf, sure you can pick and chose what holes you play when you are just having fun, but you'll never get to PGA that way and don't expect any competitive players to take you seriously.

On a similar note, running off to beat up some brookies is a lot of fun, but don't expect a lot of praise from the

~~guys who eeked out a handful of fish on the LeTort in the same length of time. It's not that they don't know that~~ you can go catch numbers of brookies at times when fish in bigger water are off the feed, it's that they have CHOSEN to fish the more difficult situations. You may choose to go fish for brookies and do quite well but don't equate that with being somehow better than a guy who sticks with tougher water. There can be just as much enjoyment and satisfaction fishing difficult water as there can be from simply catching a lot of fish. Personally, I've largely given up fishing my local ATW's because there is simply no challenge in it anymore. I get more satisfaction catching 5-8 fish on Penns than 30+ at home.

Also, with your free range system, the method of scoring becomes problematic. How many points is a brookie worth? How about a LeTort brown? A spring Creek brown? It becomes like figure skating. Someone will decide their value in an arbitrary manner.