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Re: Competition Fishers here?

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Quote:

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.

Yes, and no. Many people are better at cherry picking where they fish than others. To me, that is a highly valuable skill, and it takes a lot of work to figure it out.

Quote:

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.

Fishing is a game where you can't play 18 different holes in a day. What your comp is doing is telling everyone that they are being judged only on how they handle hole #8. That's all fine and good. But hole #8 might be a 130 yard par 3. Being best at a 130 yard par 3 does not make you the best overall golfer. It makes you the best at the short game. That is a part of being a good golfer. But only a part. You're eliminating other important skills from the competition.

Quote:

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.

I'm gonna disagree on what is more difficult! The scale of success may be different. Both can give you poor, average, or good days. But while on a brookie stream, an average day may be 5 or 10 times as many fish, average is average. You adjust expectations. An average day ranks average nomatter where you're at. But it takes a lot more time, knowledge, and effort to find a really good brookie stream, and get to it, than it does to know where to fish on a stream that's been written about thousands of times.

Quote:

There can be just as much enjoyment and satisfaction fishing difficult water as there can be from simply catching a lot of fish.

Agreed. It's much more satisfying to locate a tiny stream on a Topo, that maybe the PFBC doesn't even list, bushwhack to get there, fight to cast to difficult spots in a rhodo tunnel, and catch 3 or 4 small brookies (thus proving they exist), than it is to go down the street to the famous limestoner and nymph up 8 nice trout for the billionth time.

Quote:

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.

If that's a good day for the Letort, I give them props. But, if the situation says the Letort is going to be sub-par that day, and the brookie streams are going to be way better than average, then they shouldn't expect any praise from me for being stupid enough to fish the Letort on that day.

Quote:

Also, with your free range system, the method of scoring becomes problematic.

Agreed. You'd have to try to weight it so that an "average" day on any given water is given equal weight. Thus encouraging a variety of tactics, rather than everyone having the same thoughts on how to win.