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Re: Fall, fishing or hunting?

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Most of the hunting I do is duck, geese, dove, and squirrel, where you're unlikely to let an animal go if you have a shot at it. I'm coming up on my second season of deer hunting, and most of that is on a farm where the owner wants you to take any deer that you see. Of course letting an animal walk is less stressful than catch and release fishing, but it would be like fishing without a hook (which I hear shakey's wife likes to do). You got the first part, fooling the fish with a fly or getting a deer to come into shooting range for you, but you haven't completed it. If you didn't get the fish to hand, you didn't catch it. If you don't shoot, you're nature watching, not hunting.

Fishing is similar, but you can't argue its the same. You can have a great day fishing and not kill any fish. If you don't kill anything while hunting, it was either an unsuccessful day or a great day nature watching. Besides, everything we do is degrees of "less bad." And if you're an animal rights activist, you would say catch and release fishing is less bad than hunting.