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We have unspoken ethical codes as well. You don't get a fine or anything if you violate these, but it's not likely to make many friends.

1. Fishing over actively spawning trout is frowned upon. Browns and brookie spawn in the fall, rainbows sometimes in the fall and sometimes in the spring, depending on the stream and the population's origins.
2. Fishing over fish stacked at a coldwater refuge is frowned upon. Sometimes, in warmer rivers in the summertime, trout stack up at the mouths of cold tribs. This is generally considered unsporting.
3. Fishing for trout in overly warm waters is frowned upon. Oxygen is sparse in warmer temps, so even fighting a fish may ultimately kill it. Everybody's mark is a little different, but most are in the 70ish degree range. Keep in mind that water temps vary by time of day. It's not unusual for a bigger stream to be 65 in the morning and 73 in the afternoon. For the most part, we don't fish these streams unless we know it's gonna get a LOT warmer and you might as well harvest the fish anyway.