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I've never used a stomach pump and I'm pretty sure I never will.

Two reasons...

1) I don't really care what the trout has been eating. From GPS mapping to the 3,650,912 resident fly fishing experts on the internet to fly lines that are designed in such a way that they barely touch the guides on the cast and shoot like poop through a goose and advances in tippet material formulation that, just in my time fishing have doubled or tripled the average strength of our tippets, we already have more than enough tools at our command. The fish deserve to maintain whatever edge remains them in the contest.

2) If someday, a superior life form arrives on our spinning orb and decides, against our volition, to pump our stomachs to gain information on our diets, etc, I want to at least have the opportunity to try to use the Golden Rule defense to dissuade them from pumping my stomach. I couldn't do this if I had a history of using a stomach pump on trout. I'd be a hypocrite of the first order. So, I don't...