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There is truth to it. I use one, but the reality is....clients want pics and it helps. I have them handle the fish as little as possible and keep the fish in the water (net) up until the point they are ready to get a picture.

Try handling the fish with just your index finger and thumb around the tail and just support them with a few fingers up under the chin or even make almost like a fist and place the fish's chin area on the upside down fist. Also, with really squirmy fish, just consider photographing them where you are handling them in the water with just a slight lift to the surface of the water. If they get away...they get away.

When I fish by myself, I just move the fish over to a shallow area and jump down behind them and block them with my knees. If I want to photograph the fish, I carry a small net to put them in so I can get the pics I want and still keep them in the water with minimal handling. I try more and more to photograph them in the water in that situation. I'm obsessed with fish and love to photograph their uniqueness.

Thank you for the advice, I will definately try everything you discussed, especially in the last paragraph.

I wanted to ask you, do you ever weight fish for your clients when out on the stream, and if so, how do you do it without harming the fish? I have a small digital pocket scale I use for bass fishing, that fits in the bottom pocket of my vest, and I started bringing it on Erie trips last year. Unfortunately, the weighing mechanism is like a small metal hook, and the common method is to putting the hook under the fish's gill slit, or under one of the little grooves under the mouth, obviously probably not the best way to handle the fish, with the entire weight being supported by the jaw, but not necessarily harmful to the fish in itself. Someone told me of the idea of just weighing the fish while it's in the net, by wrapping the loop on the handle of the net around the hook of the scale, and taring the weight of the net in order to get the weight of the fish, or weighing the net before hand, and mentally subtracting the weight from the total weight with the fish in it.