

Subject: : Paflyfish General Forum

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Re: 30" Browns

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SBecker wrote:

Well I hope you kept that one to eat. It was not surviving if you released it

I think we go a bit overboard with some lesser fish management issues like this. I really doubt that touching a fish's gills, or having them on a dry rock, or other issues is 100% going to kill a fish. Yes it isn't a good practice and sometimes I'm glad that pictures like this are posted so it gets the word out to others reading that this is not an acceptable way to handle a fish if you plan on catch and releasing a fish. But I really don't think all of these fish die that are handled poorly. You can get punched in the eye, stuck with a needle or even a worse injury and not die, so why should these fish die from mishandling for a minute or so? I agree that they should be handled with care, but the whole "That fish is belly up now" is sometimes overblown IMO.

To properly hold a fish of this size you should hold it around it's tail with one hand and cradle it under it's belly with the other. Keep it in the water and lift it out just in time to take a quick picture. Do not wave it back and forth in the water as that will push water backwards through it's gills, but simply hold it in the water facing the current so the water naturally flows the correct way through it's gills until it has enough strength to swim off on it's own.