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Re: Felt Soles or NOT?

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tomgamber wrote:

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tabasco\_joe wrote:

The anti-regulatory side of me dislikes imposed bans , especially when a true replacement is not at hand.

I knew someone would make that statement but I think it is a mistake...No one said anything about regulation or a ban...

"Trout Unlimited (TU) asked fishing equipment manufacturers to stop producing felt-soled waders and wading shoes by 2011 to help stop the spread of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) by anglers in America's rivers and streams"

A request was made...I'm sure TU sees it as an opportunity to act responsibly WITHOUT some sort of forced regulation. I find that refreshing. Maybe they've already lobbied and found the fight fruitless and are trying another approach but requesting that this practice be stopped (agree with it or not) is much more tolerable than being told they have to...

The linked article mentions the ban in New Zealand and that several states discussed the possibility of outlawing felt soled wading equipment (ban). The TU approach would presumably allow you to wear out your current felt soles but the intent is to "ban" the sale of felt waders after 2010.