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Re: Spawning trout

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There is still some brown trout spawning activity going on in the Cumberland Valley this week. This may persist another week or so.

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Stagger_Lee wrote:

Only my 2nd season fishin so I'm still new to this. Should I not be fishing from now until Dec 15th-ish? [/quote]

It's up to you and is a matter of personal ethics.

I love trout fishing this time of year and simply avoid fishing (or wading) over spawning fish or redds. There are certain streams or areas of certain streams that I'll avoid during the spawn.....but generally I see no reason not to go fishing. I'm actually a bit more careful during bass spawning season and usually don't do much bass fishing in the period from about late April until early June. Unlike trout, which leave their fertilized eggs after spawning, bass actually guard over their redds after the eggs hatch. Removing a male bass from the redd it is defending, even if only for a few minutes, can result in the young being devoured by opportunistic sunfish and other critters that the male bass is constantly keeping at bay.