Subject: : Gear Talk
Topic: : Tenkara Fly Fishing
Re: Tenkara Fly Fishing
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dkile,

I use a net for fish over about 9" because I find it easier to control them and remove the hook. If you have no trouble landing and unhooking fish with your current rod, I don't see how using a tenkara rod would make it much harder. For small fish, just raise the rod and the fish comes to you. For larger fish, at some point you would have to grab the line, trap it against the rod, and then reach the fish. In an earlier post I said I lost a nice fish because it broke the tippet when I grabbed the line, but I wouldn't have been able to land that fish without a net if I was using a regular fly rod either.

gfen,

I would not want to argue with a warden or a judge that a tenkara rod was a really fly rod, or that fishing without a fly reel or fly line was still legal. I wouldn't push it until a definitive ruling on tenkara is made.

The Connecticut law is almost the same as the Pennsylvania law, requiring a fly rod, fly reel and fly line. A friend of mine contacted the CT authorities, described tenkara gear and fishing, and asked if it would be considered legal in fly fishing only areas. The response was that it met the spirit of the legislation and thus would be considered legal. I suspect someone will have to contact the PA authorities and request that it be allowed.