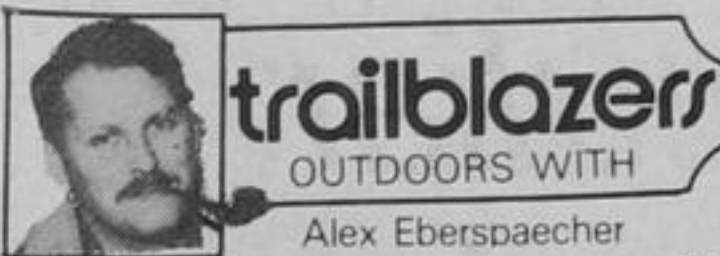


To ban spawn??



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Every year we have the same old controversy — Should spawn as bait be outlawed? The best of friends are bickering among themselves when trout season opens in the spring, especially if one should have trout eggs as bait.

Spawn, or as it is more often called, roe, are the eggs of ripe female trout or salmon. Fished mostly in the spring and fall season, this bait is, in my book, the most natural food available, and considering the fact that those times are also the spawning times, I feel that it is perhaps the best bait for trout.

Reason for outcry

Let's look at some of the reasons for the outcry to ban all such baits in Ontario, a problem which has been entirely brought on by the anglers themselves.

First and foremost of course, is the age-old problem of snagging. Taken mostly during the regular season, some fishermen will do anything to snag a fish, sometimes even with an unbaited hook.

Poachers

Another problem is the poacher. Being usually from the local area, this fellow knows all the feeder streams. Before the regular season opens, he heads out during the night and spears or nets all the fish he wants.

Not only are all the male fish left on the shore to rot, but also the females are merely cut open and the spawn removed. The fish is left behind as a mark of man's greed.

Of course it is very difficult to hand all of the blame to the poacher when there are sportsmen waiting to purchase the roe from them.

Spearing fish

We all know that spearing fish or even netting them is just as illegal as snagging or 'foul-hooking'.

However, if you catch a fish legally and keep the roe for bait it is perfectly all right, but the roe must not be sold.

Most commercial roe, preserved in a bottle, are from either Coho or Chonook salmon.

As they are partly boiled, not much milking takes place. (Milking is when the natural oils mix with the water, an action that is very attractive to the fish.)

Bait dealers

Some bait dealers have a special license from the government to sell roe commercially. Fish eggs taken from Coho and Chonook right here in Ontario can be sold under this license. Most of the eggs come from the U.S., Michigan in particular. If a bait dealer is lucky, he might get some rainbow eggs from one of the commercial hatcheries, but, believe me, these eggs are few and far between.

Killer bait

When fished in the right way, spawn is a killer bait for Rainbow Trout, for both the spring and fall runs.

Since it is a natural food at this time, many fish are taken quite legally from our streams, and banning such a bait would only penalize the majority of the anglers for the actions of a few selfish individuals.

The answer?

What is the answer then? Education may go a long way, but it is my opinion that those who misuse the bait are well aware of the law and of the consequences if caught.

Better enforcement by government officials and help from the good sportsmen in the only answer, in my opinion.

If we do our duty and buy only legal roe, as well as reporting the outlaws, I think we would be well on our way to settling this matter.

Roe, if fished legally and properly, is still the best bait. Whether or not we are allowed this privilege in the future is entirely up to you.

Use oil to control garden scale

Lilac, apple, juniper other trees and shrubs pest known as "scale," and a large number of can be infested with an insect that sucks the sap

of the host, causing twigs and whole branches to wither and die.

But scale can be brought under control, if your spray timing is correct.

"Scale insects spend most of their life cycle under a hard scale, which makes their control difficult with ordinary garden pesticides. For a very few days in May, the

crawlers emerge from under the scale, when they can be controlled with malathion sprays.

But since the crawler stage lasts only a few days, it can be missed easily," says an extension horticulturist with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, D. B. McNeill.

According to Mr. McNeill the most effective control for scale is a dormant oil spray that should be applied in the spring before the buds break.

This is a special oil available at any garden supply store.

When applied according to the manufacturer's directions, it can provide excellent control of scale.

Trustee says board 'panics'

AURORA — Craig Cribar of Newmarket Monday night took his fellow York County Board of Education trustees to task for "panicking" everytime they think someone's listening at the keyhole.

then, you're in bad shape," Cribar said.

"Otherwise let's have the public here at the outset and not two months later when we've had flak

on the subject."

Cribar was one of two trustees voting against releasing the minutes. William Laird of Georgina was the other.

Cribar made his remarks during a discussion of releasing the minutes of an in-camera meeting of the board, Oct. 14, in which a decision was made to grant administrative staff wage increases beyond the 10 per cent federal guidelines.

Cribar said every time the board felt "someone was tipping off someone else" as to board activities, "we run back and say we must release this material."

That was unnecessary, Cribar said. The board must decide if it was going to have in camera meetings, or not have them.

All of the members had been misquoted at various times, he said; "that's just the way it is. We have to live with it."

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