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Comments

There is little evidence that venting (deflating swim bladders) promotes survival of released fish. The majority of studies that have examined venting have found it to have no effect and, in fact, a review of the scientific literature suggests that venting may be harmful to fish captured from deeper waters (see Wilde 2009 Fisheries. pdf, attached).

Therefore, possession of venting tools, by anglers, should not be required: (1) there is no justification for this requirement, (2) it may act in a manner counter to the goal of recovering the stocks managed by this rule, and (3) potentially undermines public confidence in statements that management is based on "scientific" information.

Attachments

C:\Documents and Settings\Gene R. Wilde\Desktop\Wilde 2009 Fisheries.pdf

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