

Sterilize the idiots at Parks and Wildlife

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Let me get this right. They needed to kill 400 walleye in Narraguinnep Reservoir to prove a point?

I wonder what happened to 800 filets when they only test blood and scale samples. Donated to a church?

I'll bet someone had a great walleye fish fry.

I guess in the future we'll be left with pikeminnows and razorback suckers.

The only thing needing sterilization is Colorado Parks and Wildlife. That way, they can't reproduce and start another generation of idiots.

There are plenty of walleye in Lake Powell and they can easily swim up the Colorado and San Juan to snack on your beloved pikie sucker minnow. Another lake bites the dust.

Sign me more than disgruntled –

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We only want native fish in our rivers

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Dan Alsop must be a Midwestern transplant since he is protective of walleye (“[Sterilize the idiots at Parks and Wildlife](#),” April 25).

If you have had the fortune to catch a beloved Colorado pikeminnow or razorback sucker, then you’d know the sporting quality of most fish exceeds that of the walleye. A walleye fights like a wet sock (I grew up catching them in Minnesota) whose only redeeming quality is tasty flesh. And I’ve caught more 30-plus-inch “pikie minnows” than walleyes.

One can only hope that in the future we’ll be left with only native fish in our West Slope rivers. Unfortunately, armchair biologists in Colorado think that Midwestern fishes have a place in the Colorado River Basin. I’m disappointed that Colorado Parks and Wildlife even acknowledges this affection by trying to provide these species in limited quantities on the West Slope.

If you care about America’s heritage, you should care about fishes such as Colorado pikeminnow and suckers because they aren’t found anywhere else besides the USA. They were American fishes supporting pioneers long before Dan was an itch in his daddy’s pants.

Also, Dan needs to get out more. The San Juan River is inaccessible to walleye from Lake Powell due to an impassible waterfall that has formed downstream of Clay Hills landing. And I don’t care if they gave away fillets or not. Remember the old adage, give a man a fish, yadda yadda yadda. CPW doesn’t stand for Colorado Parks and Welfare. Somebody sterilize disgruntled Dan, because we couldn’t get to his dad first!

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