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I'm writing about the restriction on boating on the upper Chattooga. I can understand how fisherman want to keep the area all to themselves and how the good-ole-boy network has kept that tradition in place for decades, but the fact is, boaters generally have more respect for the river than any other users. I've often paddled the lower reaches of this river and see fishermen litter their fish bait containers and beer cans. I have yet to see a paddler litter. So to claim that fishermen don't negatively impact rivers and that kayakers do is simply not true.

Here's an idea: give us access for a year and if there's been significant problems, take it back. All we're asking is for an end to the preferential treatment fishermen receive and a chance for boaters to prove how green we can be

Thank you,

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