1.) How do you feel about fishing as a "culture" in Philadelphia?

I believe that incorporating fishing as part of the culture in Philadelphia is definitely a healthy thing to do. As a matter of fact, Philadelphia has a lot to offer when it comes to "Urban Fishing," specially taking in consideration that the Schuylkill River and the Delaware River are both located at its heart. Year after year, more anglers are joining our fishing community and practicing urban fishing in the City of Brotherly Love.

2.) Do you approach fishing as a double lifestyle?

Yes, I do. I take fishing very seriously and my passion for the sport is not weak. For example -- I am not only a recreational angler, but also a conservationist and an activist angler. In other words, I am constantly trying to improve the quality of the local angling community, the environment and watersheds that surround us, and the quality of our fishes. Summarizing...fishing takes a good amount of my life time, in a good way.

3.) What is your favorite fishing spot in Philadelphia and why?

The Fairmount Dam on the Schuylkill River is certainly my favorite spot to fish at. It not only provides a huge aquatic biodiversity, but also holds trophy fish! For a Multi-Species angler like me, this is just like a dream spot.

4.) What got you into fishing the Philadelphia area?

My family was originally from China; however, I was born and raised in Brazil. Thus, I started my fishing as a kid back in São Paulo, when I was only 8 years old. My dad would pull me out of bed on weekends and we would spend some good family time down at the local reservoir. Sometimes we would even bring back some fish for dinner!

Since I came to Philadelphia for my college studies, it was only natural for me to pursue my hobby here (in the USA). That's how I started to fish in Philadelphia, back in 2011.

5.) What is your favorite fish species?

I don't have a favorite fish Species. As a Multi-Species angler, I don't discriminate among them. I believe that each Species is unique, and each one of them contribute in their own way to the whole thing. From a Sociological perspective, that would be the same as Emile Durkheim's Functionalism. Therefore, I like to catch every single one of them.