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Okay,  
Muskellunge Reality Check.....

I think the idea of a musky (or general WW JAM) organized as a float trip this summer would be awesome. I think springtime might be dicey with water levels, spawning bass and distraction with trout fishing. My vote would be for the North Branch Susky for such a trip. In my experience the best months for river muskies are June and Oct-Dec. However, if one wants to target muskies, they bite year round in rivers. While I'm no musky expert, I've done a fair amount of musky fishing, much in northern Minnesota but a good bit here in central PA.

These fish are tough to catch!

While I don't think they really require an honest 10,000 casts (as the saying goes) - you really need to put in time to hook these fellas. Don't mean to be a downer, but I'd estimate that, under good conditions, with several of us floating several miles of the Susky River throwing big musky flies - we have about a 50%/50% chance of getting ONE fish between all of us and maybe a couple follows or missed strikes. If you really want to catch fish, you should still have a good time with bass (smallmouths 15" and up LOVE big musky flies) but don't expect a bunch of musky glory pics like a steelhead trip. Muskies are great and we should definitely do a trip for 'em but if you're new to this game, be forewarned: Lots of casting - very little catching.