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A-kid,
I think I misunderstood your question. Were you asking if this time of the year was when FFers usually catch muskies compared to other times of the year? If that's what you meant, I suspect the answer to that is probably no. The reason I doubt it is simply due to the fact that most muskies caught here in PA and most caught by FFing are caught by accident by bass fishermen. There are far more folks targeting bass on fly rods in summer than early spring. Also, muskies are very active in summer and many of the rivers can be fished easier by wading or boating in summer rather than this time of year so if I had to suggest a best month to target muskies with fly gear I'd vote for June or Sept largely due to ideal conditions. I do think that this time of year (early spring) would be the best time to target large pike in lakes in PA. Big pike tend to be too deep for FFing in summer.

David,
That fly looks like a killer.

Pcray,
I have no doubt that muskies like stocked trout. I've never seen one take a hooked trout off a line but I'd imagine this is common in a creek like Tionesta which has lots of muskies. Have you ever seen muskies in the Tully? The Tully isn't stocked with them but Blue Marsh gets tigers and I've heard of them being common below the dam. I would think the Tully is really too shallow and lacking cover for a muskie to stay there for long. Muskies used to be common in Spring Creek back in the 1980s when they were still growing 'em at Benner Springs. They'd get out and were not uncommon. There was a huge musky in the 36" class in the Paradise in the still pool out in front of the Stackhouse school. Every once in awhile I'd catch a musky in Spring Cr with tooth marks. Haven't seen that in a long time.