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This weekend is the last of the summer guiding season and from here on out it is going to be a weekend only deal. The trout fishing on the river the past week and a half has been fluctuating between good and bad depending on the time of day. There are a few spinners around in the morning, some tiny black caddis, a smattering of Isos throughout the day, and some nice bwo hatches in the afternoon that have had the fish looking up.

Most have likely heard that the PFBC put some "extra" fish in the river recently. These fish have really been on the afternoon bugs and dry fly fishing for them has been silly, but how many six to nine inch fish can you catch before you realize you've entered some kind of stocked trout fishing hell? We've been trying to get underneath these fish the past few days with bigger weighted flies to find some Yough regulars. But, it's exciting to think about these guys holding over well and the great fishing we could have over the next few seasons. We'll be keeping our fingers crossed.

Finally, the water temps have been getting pretty warm this week. The USGS gauges are a little misleading and anglers should be sure to take their stream thermometers with them when fishing the river. The air temps are supposed to climb next week and when you combine that with warmer flows from the dam, the trout are going to be stressed, please lay off sticking hooks in their faces when this happens.

We're officially shutting the trout trips down until the temps cool because we've been seeing too many dead fish downstream of fisherman and we've had a couple of fish that were obviously not doing well the past two days. So keep that in mind and perhaps chase some bass instead if the water is too warm as the bassing is good and is going to stay that way for a while.

So we're taking a break for a while, but we'll be back on the trout once October comes around and we'll be filling you in with fall reports when the time comes.

Until then . . .

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