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With the weather idyllic, the river valley resplendent with autumn, and the better fish in the river finally making a showing, it was a fine weekend to be on the water.

It really seems that the bigger fish in the river got into a low light or no light feeding pattern towards the end of this season and are just starting to break out of it. We got on the river at sun up this weekend and finally found some decent fish, but when the ridges no longer shaded the banks and mid-river lies, those fish went deep and the majority of fish in the latter part of the day were the same ones we've been finding for weeks.

There were few bugs on the water this weekend prompting the occasional rise, so for the most part the game was all subsurface with the same types of patterns bringing fish as weeks past. The fishing should continue to improve as the weather changes.

The river is about as good as it can get for the wading angler right now, which makes it tough to get the boats through. There were maybe a half dozen guys on foot on the whole of the Middle this weekend, so there is plenty of elbow room for anyone wanting to get a little fall fishing in on the river.

Most of the better fish we found this weekend ate sculpin patterns or the big, buggy attractor nymphs dropped behind them. Dead drifted nymphs accounted for a few fish, but why do that when fish are on the chase?

Next weekend marks the close of the season for us as we turn our attention to other pursuits.

So until next time,

have fun out there and enjoy the river.

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