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Re: weight below the nymph?

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Good, I'm not nuts :)

I should qualify the original post by adding that I typically fish tailwaters with a good amount of flow, and that I often fish a HUGE amount of shot. Last weekend on a popular tailwater my buddy was making fun of me because I had 7 #BB water gremlins on dredging the deep trenches.

On smaller streams, I typically fish my weighted nymphs with no shot and force the nymphs down with my cast.

Where it applies, using the weight below the last fly seems to produce better strike detection as stated. The "snag factor" too is important to me since I'm usually down deep and in rocky water. As Afishanado said, when you do snag up on the bottom and have to do the old "point and pull" to get it out, you usually just break off the split shot tippet. I've actually made it a habit to use 7x on that last tippet and shot connection and to make the knot a little less robust so that it's easier to break off. Shot is cheap, flies take a long time to tie. I'd rather lose 30 shot a day than 30 flies!

Afishanao, I tie my tandem rig off the hook eyes too! IMO, when a fish takes the top fly, there's less chance of a bad CF when the 2nd fly is tied off the hook eye, vs. the hook bend. I've encountered less CF's with that method too.

Pray for rain....