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I've had steelhead hit unweighted streamers near the surface. I believe the term is "waking."

It should be possible to get strikes with dries, using a similar technique. I'd think a big Stimulator might be the thing.

Go when the water is not very high, and when the weather is unseasonably warm. I think around 4 pm would be a good time. Then the water is at its maximum warmth. And often the fisherman are thinned out somewhat. And when the light gets low around 4 pm, the steelhead often get active.

Fish the tailout of a pool. Cast across the lower part of the pool. Let the current belly the line, so that the fly is dragging across the current, skittering the fly.

This is the way I got strikes with unweighted streamers near the surface. They'd charge the fly in the shallow water at the tailout of the pool. It's exciting with a streamer. If you could get them to hit a dry fly, that would be a hoot.