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Yeah, I was stripping a size 2 black and white clouser yesterday and did alright. The smaller stream I fish was up a bit, so I didnt even attempt jigging, because i just wouldnt have been able to effectively jig. My first fish was a 12"er(pretty avg for the stream) then I had two more that were 8"--which my brother downstream was quick to comment on. Also, my brother grabbed a baby softshell turtle as it was washed downstream. I have never seen one before and this one was about 1.5" in diameter. We put him on the mouth of a nearby trib so he didnt get beat to hell in the high water.

On a mildly depressing note, my brother and I were not the only two guys fishing this stream. In the summer it is really rare for me to see another angler, let alone 5! It is one of those streams that most people dont fish, because access can be difficult and it doesnt have largemouth in it. Fellow angling pressure isnt such a bad thing, but this was the wrong kind of angling pressure--guys with 3 rods and Y shaped sticks etc. Then, I am 90% sure I saw a guy creel a 10" smallie as I was exiting the stream to head home. The stream is 25' across, it doesnt need harvesting, let alone out of season harvesting. I am hoping these guys get there fix on opening day of trout and leave my smallie/carp gem alone!