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This is going to be controversial. I'll start with cohoes - they take any of those flies, but red seems to be a good color. Steelie/salmon wets with a red/black theme have worked for me. Fresh cohoes are aggressive and if you run into a pod of them you will have a blast.

The kings and flies thing gets a little a hairier. They hit flies when they are real fresh, especially down river. One of those you got to be there things. After they spawn, they get aggressive again. However, they are half dead skeletons at this time and break off any one you hit - they stink if you get a hold of them. In between is the controversial time when the kings are focused on spawning and not hitting. I think most fish hooked at this time are "flossed", but I imagine some are fair hook-ups - I've had a few kings grab my fly when fishing for other things. . However, IMHO you are playing a low odds game when they are spawning.

In the spirit of full disclosure, I think fresh cohoes are one of the most sporting fish going, and kings are more work than they are worth. They are definately a better fish when fresh and dime bright, but the gray "mud sharks" are a PITA. Your mileage may vary.