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I went to Newfoundland a couple of years ago and 80% of the Atlantic salmon fishermen were fishing dry flies. Most were using deer hair bugs or Bombers, with some waking flies. Plus of course Newfoundland is the home of using riffling hitches to wake wet flies. Seeing a salmon come out of the depths to hit a dry is a blast. BTW, in Newfoundland you must use unweighted flies and floating line. There it is considered sporting to have the fish rise for a fly - and snagging, flossing etc is pretty rare when the flies pass over a fished head. They weren't even keen on mending a wet fly down in front of a fishes nose.

Never had any luck on the Salmon R with dries, or have heard of anyone else either. One steelhead nut out West told that steelhead find comfort from rocks and will basically hit up to the top of the rocks around the lie. Therefore, the prime dry fly lies have rocks up to the surface in the area - typically in a rocky tailout. Don't know whether or not this was true, but it seemed reasonable. Don't know many spots on the Salmon that fit this description.