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Re: Let's Start Steelhead Fever

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I've been ready for steelhead for a long time, already have a ton of flies tied up, last few years, chartreuse sucker spawn, blue glo bugs, black and green wooly buggers, have been absolutely dynamite for me, now I wouldn't be caught dead without at least 10 of each tied up. As of now, planning my first trip to Erie on October 6-8 (have that monday off), may change that if conditions warrant, need to do something to pass the time

The bad news is that one of my "local" friends in the erie area has been checking 16 and 20 mile, as well as Elk and Walnut, and he claims that this is the lowest he's ever seen the streams at this time of year. The good news is that, reports are being circulated of steelhead coming up into the mouths in the mornings. The better news is that the remnants of Isaac, and some smaller fronts, are coming through this week, bringing UP TO an inch of rain total. Everytime I see it rain now, I always say to myself "boy, I sure hope they're getting some of this up in Erie." I would expect that, in a matter of days, the "first few" should make their ways into the streams, and around Mid September, we will start hearing some reports of fish being caught.

For those of you who are new to steelhead fishing, read my guide to steelhead ettiquette:

[Unwritten Code of Steelhead](#)

Oh, and a few things. If you see someone snagging fish on purpose, or keeping snagged fish, please alert the PFBC (phone numbers are on the website). If you are planning on snagging, DON'T, no matter how careful you are, you are being watched, and oftentimes, officers are plain clothed and fishing, so you may have one standing right next to you and not even know it. And, please don't whine and criticize people who keep a few fish. I mean, people who carry limits out of the creeks every day are one thing, but I usually keep one or two EACH YEAR (on 5-10 trips up) for the smoker, or for my disabled grandfather. I put a picture of one I kept up on another forum, and immediately got flamed. However, I belong to both TU, and a bass club, and spend countless hours each year volunteering to ensure healthy fish and forage populations with clean water to live in. When I asked the flammers what they've done lately to help the fish population, I get no response, meaning they are likely hanging their heads in shame.

With all that said, everyone start praying for cooler temperatures, and start doing a good rain dance, and this show will be on the road before you know it