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I have tried to pay attention which hook I am hooking up on with the fish I catch. It has been my experience that it is about 50/50 on the tandems of which hook gets them. Sometimes I get both hooks buried in. It seems to me that most often the musky inhale the whole fly and typically from the side. They hover underneath and just coil up and blow up on it. I would say the biggest thing that has increased my hookups is just good quality hooks. When I started I used just cheap mustad 3407 hooks. I would say my hookup ratio was half or less. Since I have gone to gamakatsu and most recently the partridge hooks I would say my hook up is at least 80-90% now. So far I am 100% with the partridge on 7 fish.

As far as weight I like the neutral buoyancy. A lot of times a fish will take the fly as it is paused. With the side to side action of the flies I use, when the fly is paused it is still constantly moving in the flowing water and I think that pause just adds a more crippled look to it.

Fishidiot that fly does look good.

Jay I have always liked the looks of those "wing" flies. They would look good at about 7 or 8 inches on a 6/0 or something similar.