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Re: Swinging for Pennsylvania Steelhead.

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PennypackFlyer wrote:

You also mentioned something that sinks easily. I have this big nymph that has rubber legs to it, beaded brass head. Not sure what it's called or where I picked it up at. Heavy as they get it is. Best to use with my 10W rod. I have also been practicing with some small rubber bass lures (wiggly things and crawlers). I have caught trout on them - but not with any real consistency. I think partly because of location.

Any suggestions are colors to use?

You don't so much want heavy per se. U just want somethinmg that lacks bouyancy. The only time you really need a heavy fly is if you do not use a sink tip system, poly leader or sinking line. With those, the line or tips does most of the work controlling depth.

You also should focus on flies that incorporate lots of movement. Marabou, ostrich herl, and soft synthetic fibers. And, for the most part they need not be heavily dressed. A good swinging fly will often look like a wet string when out of the water but expand and appear to have much more volume when it is submerged.

Black and white are good basic colors. Try to match the color to the water clarity and color. Lighter colors in clear water, darker and gaudy in dirty water. Black seems to work all the time. I also like to add blue and purple to mostly white patterns. Adding flash for highlights can make a really impressive looking fly, but again, less is more.

Kev