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With today supposedly going to be the end of the world, I figured that I better give Big Spring one more go, before it was all gone. I fished from 0830am to 0230pm, under a cloudy sky and windy conditions. The water was its typical 54 degrees and clear. I did not see anything going on with regards to hatches, but it would have been tough to detect any hatches anyways, with the windy conditions.

I covered a lot of water today, mostly throwing scuplins to the undercut banks. I stayed out of the water, because I noticed brook trout spawning in the upper stretches and in the ditch. I did not target any spawning fish, but I did make an observation that the wild rainbows in the newly restored area were stacked behind the spawning brookies and having a field day on the eggs floating down. I guess it is a double edged sword, because I have never witnessed much brookie spawning in that area prior to the restorations, so it was nice to see them down there, but I don't know how much success they will have with rainbows eating up their eggs.

I took a good number of fish, at about a three to one ratio of rainbows to brook trout. The fish of the day was a 18inch wild bow that had some sort of sore or infection on its gill plate, but was still a beautiful wild trout. I did take some rainbows nymphing scuds further down on the stream, but the majority of fish took streamers. Merry Christmas to everyone, and I hope you all wet a line soon!!!

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