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Topic: : Donegal Creek, Lancaster Co, 12/1/12

Re: Donegal Creek, Lancaster Co, 12/1/12

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Quote:

jeremymcon wrote:

I've been trying to learn some nymphing techniques while fishing the donegal this winter. Had some success - on a good day I'll catch 3-5 trout there. Never 17 though! The only technique that seems to work for me in indicator nymphing. I'm generally using a scud pattern, or a "Czech mate" - the little rainbows on the donegal seem to love that pattern. I'm generally using a pretty long leader to keep from spooking the fish - it ends up being about 10 to 12 feet depending on how much tippet I add.

I have no idea how I would fish the rig you described - wooly bugger with a trailing nymph. Do you just cast it and dead drift? Or do you strip it in? What does your leader look like for that rig? How do you detect strikes? Any tips would be greatly appreciated.

You don't need to use a leader this long on the Donegal, even for the streambred fish. You can just match your leader to your rod length and you'll be fine. It won't hurt anything to go long, but you're wasting a lot of tippet in doing so. This stream just doesn't require a stealth presentation like that. Letort, Falling Spring, sure.

A white wooly bugger is deadly on this stream. To fish a tandem rig, just tie on a trailing nymph and fish it like the bugger is pursuing the nymph. Like so much bugger fishing, there is no wrong way to fish it; only the way that catches fish for you. You could go with a single bugger and be fine as well.

The Donegal fish aren't highly selective and you can tie on a scud, SJW, generic nymh, egg pattern, or streamer and have success.