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I hit my honey hole on the LC yesterday after some running, taking the baby to the doctors, and miscellaneous honey-dos. I arrived at 5:00 and stayed until about 7:00. I landed a few on an egg pattern, and 2 on my hare's ear variation. I am trying to get down my czech nymphing skills but lost all of my anchor flies. I had taken a section of my bait fishing stuff, barrel swivels, but some old splitshots were also in this container. I used the barrel swivel like a tippet ring to connect my sighter and tippet together. It worked pretty well. I had a sz 14 BHPT with a Hare's Ear Variation under it. I had put one of these big old shiny splitshot in between to get these light weight flies down.

First drift with this "rig" good old chunk hammered it. This fish gets its name from the chunk out of its tail. After a fun fight and long runs I landed it. It was neat to see how much weight the fish put on since January. I also liked seeing the drastic color change the fish has gone through as well. The picture with the silver reel was from yesterday, and the black is from January. It may be tough to tell how much the fish actually put on by the pictures but I can assure you he had been eating more. I imagine the warmer water temps, and increased insect activity are the reason for this. Any idea of why the fish has changed into the deeper colors, spawning, diet change, water temp change. I will also note that the stream was lower yesterday as well.

I am glad to see this guy made it through the toughest part of winter. It was nice to know that this fish was the same one I had caught in January. I wonder if someone "marked" this fish or if it was an old hatchery injury. Regardless I can't wait to land him again, and see how much more weight he will put pack on.

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