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Powerbait.

Years ago, before I owned a fly rod. It was Good Friday, sometime following Opening Day. It was alternating between misting and raining and it was cold. A brutish golden rainbow had survived the initial onslaught and was holding in the tail of a pool, under a scraggly tree. I myself was "hidden" on the opposite bank, behind another scraggly tree. I formed a nugget of green Powerbait around my hook. I made the perfect cast 20 yards across the stream. Goldie took one look and grabbed the green nugget. I set the hook and my hook grabbed him. One quick head shake later and he was off. I never felt so stupid for not checking my hook knot or line for abrasion as I did that cold morning. I've also never seen a monster react to a paste bait that rapidly.

Nowadays, for the Lightnin' Trout who has seen it all, I'd generically recommend flies. Since you're already doing that, I'd second a bugger or some sort of crippled minnow pattern.