

---

Subject: : Paflyfish General Forum

Topic: : Mountain Freestone/Brookie Streams in Early Spring

Re: Mountain Freestone/Brookie Streams in Early Spring

Author: : Chaz

Date: : 2013/4/6 12:43:35

URL:

Quote:

pcray1231 wrote:

Chaz, my experience has often been the opposite. So many of these streams have a lot of brookies, and a few browns. My wintertime excursions tend to turn up a much higher % of browns than summertime excursions. I've caught my share of aggressive browns under ice (riffles stay ice free, pools freeze up, drift a bugger up under!).

My impression is just that browns in these streams are more apt to turn on and off. If the water is 34 and rises to 38, fish'll turn on, but browns moreso than brookies. But if it's 38 and drops to 36, you'll NEVER catch a brown. You're chances of catching a brookie aren't hurt that bad (though they weren't great to begin with).

My winter excursions to these streams are usually targeted hoping for rising (but not warm) water temps.

In my experience browns just don't like cold water, even more so in the warm months and will wait until the water warms from morning low temperatures, except if you arrive before dawn. The streams that I've fished are sometimes so extreme, you'll catch all brookies early and then after the browns start the brookies quit or are few and far between.

Browns really do like the water warmer then brookies, Don't forget I don't go out of my way to target browns, and browns are more likely to be selective s to the fly on the water, not always but that's the way they tend to be.