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Haven't fished much since the fall, but ready to dive back in the deep end now that spring has arrived.

As I reflect back on the times I fished last year toward the end of the season, my fish counts were down. I knew I was a little less patient, but my mechanics and processes were the same, so I was a little puzzled about it.

So just like when you have a problem with a computer or software, I thought "what's different - something had to change." But the challenge was figuring out what. It took me a while, but I think I am onto something, and I wonder if anyone has had a similar experience.

In the summer, I tend to fish a lot of warm water, so I don't get too overly technical with my hand tied leaders. A smallmouth or a sunfish will eat a popper now what what it is tied to, right? So I bought some Cortland brand tippet - using the 3x and 4x for my leaders. I tied some trout leaders with it too, since I kept it all at my tying table.

In restocking some supplies recently, I purchase all new Orvis Superstrong tippet and tied up a leader just for my trip to the Gunpowder. 4 fish in hand, 2 LDRs, and 3 misses. Can't be a coincidence, can it?

Steve