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1. Are you sure the "rooting" fish were trout? They coulda been, I'm not saying they weren't. But often suckers do this. You see the flashes on the bottom and swear it must be trout rooting around, and it turns out to be suckers.

If they were indeed trout, rooting behavior is nymphing on the bottom. It can be a tough situation. But you want to roll nymphs ON the bottom. Yeah, you can hit them on the top of the head, but nothing. They're looking DOWN, picking stuff out of the substrate. Get rid of the indicator, put enough weight on, and dredge with a tight line. The fly(s) should move with the current, but should feel like they're moving much slower than the current.

Alternatively, give up, and find easier fish. Often, those fish are uncatchable. But there's fish in the riffles and pocket water which are easier to catch.