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Re: Your favorite Lake Erie steelhead Trib?

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I concur with everything EXCEPT (I love Pcraying Pcray 😊):

Quote:

pcray1231 wrote:

I recognize this is all hard to know, and impossible to plan for. So it's rather daunting for a beginner. Just know that steelhead fishing is typically either on, or off. When it's on there's nothing like it. But driving all that way for a skunking or 1 or 2 fish in a shoulder to shoulder crowd is a distinct possibility.

It's always on when they're in the creeks. The questions are...**where are the active fish and what will they hit?**

Be clear on one tiny thing and it will rapidly hasten your learning curve for steelhead: These fish are salmon. They behave like salmon more than the creek dwelling rainbows you are used to catching. When you make this one simple adjustment to your thinking about steelhead, you will better be able to identify actively feeding fish. Remember, they are running up the creek to spawn. They have a different mind-set about where they stage in the creek for the varying conditions. I cannot remember the last time I was skunked on steelhead.

I helped a forum member out last Fall. First of all, he was already fantastic fly fisherman. Erie had been rough on him for a few years. We had a long talk on the way to the stream and reset his thinking. Once I got him on the stream and pointed out a few things, he went on to land about 10 fish that day. It all boiled down to reading the stream from a salmon perspective instead of a trout stream perspective. I did nothing more for him than that...he had all of the rest of the necessary skills. His comment after landing the 1st of 3 fish out of the initial run, "I just never would have considered casting there."

Anyway, as Pcray and I have both said, there is a lot involved. Those of us that make steelheading seem easy have paid a lot of dues. It can be easy, once you learn all of this stuff. Get Nagy's book. Get out and fish to gain some experience. And continue to ask for help (sooner than later).