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Re: Tailwater Dam Release - Impact on Trout/Fishing

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Like krayfish, I'm not familiar with the stream, but I have experienced fluctuations in water levels on a local tailwater.

Usually I noticed the fishing doesn't change all that much, and if it does it's usually easy to figure out the new pattern if there is one, but there's been a few times when I actually fished within hours and in one case minutes of releases(and the opposite). Most of the times the fishing for just about all of the species kinda shut down. I didn't pay attention to the water temps which certainly could have been a big factor, but imo I think the fish just didn't have all that much time to get used to the new flows. The times when I have had good luck after a release(or decrease in flow) there was a pretty good hatch and the fish took advantage of it. But then again the change in flow didn't happen during the hatch, but hours before.

This is just my experience on one tailwater(which doesn't hold trout year round), so take it for what it's worth..