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Re: A (partial) antidote for tough conditions - dapping in nooks and crannies

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Six-Gun - I agree that dapping gives you a little bit more time to have a fly in the vicinity of a fish. A lot of time fish are opportunistic and crush anything that shows up immediately, but sometimes, it takes the second or third cast, or the second or third dap through the water column until they stroll out for a look. I don't know if they are asleep, or if they make a false run the first time and commit the second or third time or what. I also agree that dapping is effective when fishing through tight cover, like rhododendron or alders or willows. That's also one of the reasons I like a short rod for this technique. A long rod gets caught on too much stuff.

I should also add that technique aside, low and clear water can be a good time to explore the stream to learn about the structure of the stream and determine where fish ultimately are hiding. Watch for puffs of mud as you approach pools, and you can tell where fish that don't show themselves get nervous under rocks as they move around. Knowing the structure of the stream can be extremely useful when you go back in higher or off color water.

Swattie - I think there are some previously caught fish in that batch. Catch and release works, even if you hold a fish for a moment to snap a picture 😊 I haven't tagged my 2013 photos by stream location yet, but once I do, it should be easier to compare.