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> Maurice wrote:
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> > tomgamber wrote:
> > **I fished for years with Aquastealths and liked them much better than felt...not quite as grippy as felt but not far behind.** The problem, as you said, is that no one but llbean and simms makes them...This could create the demand we need to get them into the general population.
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> Tom,
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> Please explain the above quote in bold. I am kinda ignorant to the stealthies...I've never owned them. I have had felts, felts with studs and now felt inserts (korkers) with no studs and I gotta tell you that currently I am the least confident with my wading as I have been in ten years. The perimiter of the sole on my korkers that the felt is contained by is in play during wading. And often causes unexpected slips. I am going to try studded felt inserts next to see if these boots are for me long term.
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> I know for sure that if I leave my lug soles in I am rishing life and limb trying to wade with them. If stealth is between felt and lug then I am not so sure this effort to control invasives by eliminating felt soles is putting the anglers safety first.
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> Maurice

Your kids ever pick up one of those sticky toys at a carnival that you can't wait for them to lose...the octopus looking thing that you throw on the wall and the thing slowly creeps down the wall. My aqua stealths had, just at the surface, that mushy tackiness. I found them pretty grippy. The boot wore out long before the sole did which was a surprise...If I had to do it again I MIGHT get the studded ones. But I just hate felt for all the regular reasons..mess, snow or mud buildup, transfering nasty things from river to river...and I like to walk a long way which is why I tried them in the first place. I could drive a thumbnail into the sole a good quarter inch and have

them slowly reshape. The were the first ones from LLBean. I got them second hand...