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Re: Spawning trout

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geebee wrote:

Good article - I never knew that 25% decrease. Anyone ever noticed trout belly up in the late fall ?

I've never noticed any floating necessarily, but I do note that many wild, post spawn Trout are often very thin this time of year. I often wonder if these fish make it over the Winter without putting some mass back on.

I fished a steep trickle of a Brookie stream yesterday and caught two very thin, big headed post spawn males. Both were about 5 or 6", which is about as big as you can expect a Brookie to get in a stream like this. Water was fairly low and very clear, but they both let me approach their tiny plunge pools close enough to sight fish them, and they still violently attacked my fly when I cast it to them. Normally I would have expected these fish to spook at that distance in yesterday's conditions...may very well be a product of them prioritizing food over safety to a higher degree, temporarily at least. I also caught a very long - 11", but very thin, female Brookie a couple weeks ago that was also obviously post spawn. I wouldn't be surprised if these older, adult fish don't make it over the Winter after their spawning efforts.