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David wrote: "I never used to tie weighted flies because I felt the fly would act more natural in the water without weight...I am now starting to feel that you get better depth, control, and sensitivity with the weighted fly."

If you dropped an unweighted fly in the water unattached to anything, I would agree with that statement. But as soon as you attach a tippet, the fly is being dragged unnaturally through the water. A weighted fly (as does a shot) counteracts the drag and allows the fly to sink. But adding weight on the tippet adds a hinging effect and an angle. The slack between the fly and the shot must be pulled straight and the shot must be moved to before a strike is detected. Try sight fishing to see for your self.

There are experts that say weighted flies act unnaturally, and there are experts that say the opposite. Those that fish "for a living", the international tournament guys, use weighted flies and catch a ton of fish. Even when not fishing in competition and having to follow the tournament rules they fish weighted flies.

I read a lot, and find a lot of what is read is wrong, therefore I go out and try it for myself. I can honestly say that I catch more fish using weighted flies. Try experimenting with them. My theories and what I think really doesn't mean much.....I always let the fish make the final decision. Good luck