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The time is coming up sooner than we all expected. I think we're all in a daze from this cooler weather, not expecting fall and the steelhead run to be just around the corner. I started tying up some egg patterns yesterday to get ready for the season. I have fished for steelhead for 2 years now and will probably go up more this year than last. I go through flies a bit quicker up there so want to be prepared this year by probably having atleast 100 flies just for steelhead. Just wanted to start a thread of favorite steelhead flies so that the boardmembers who are interested in going for chrome this year know what to use.

My favorites-

Single egg yarn flies in sizes 18, 14 and 10... 10 being my most productive.

Colors - Yellow with salmon dot, blue with pink dot (call it my cotton candy fly), all salmon, blood red with salmon dot.... all in order of production.

Sucker spawn

Chrystal meth in white pink and blue

Yarn in cream with some yarn I stole from my wife.

Nymphs

lots of fish on weighted bead head prince nymphs

occasionally a black stone fly

Streamers and buggers

White marabou streamer, and black or brown bugger.

I usually use a tandem egg and egg or egg and prince. When I figure out what they're keying on I'll just use 1 fly just to reduce the loss of flies when I tear one off. Especially when the streams are low you get too many foul hooks with a tandem. It's a blast and can't wait for the season to come in!

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