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Re: Steelhead flies

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PennKev wrote:

When I first started fishing for Erie steel I bought the John Nagy book and fell for that crap about needing a bunch of different sizes and colors of everthing. The truth is, regardless of conditions I always get fish with the following:

Salmon, blue, orange and green scrambled egg style suckerspawn, #14

GRHE Nymph (with and without beads) #14

Black GRHE Nymphs (with and without beads) #14

Black or White Wooley Buggers #8 (Optional, could do without them)

By far the biggest component in catching steel in the Erie tribs is fishing over willing fish. That means fishing the faster water, smaller pockets and runs, AND STAYING THE HELL AWAY FROM ALL THE IDIOTS IN THE FROG WATER!!!!!!! Fishing over a bunch of spooked fish in a shallow pond like pool is a waste of time. Yet the majority of the "anglers" on the ribs do just that for the entire day. I would rather fish over 10 fish in a small fast pocket than 50 fish in a slow pool.

Find fish in water that has current and depth, and you will hook fish as long as you get good drifts. Pattern is unimportant in comparison.

Kev

Very good points Kev. I found that out half way through the season last year. My 2nd season catching steel and had a ball. Outfished everyone in my groups I went with every time. Sz 14 bead head princes and sz 10 or 14 single egg patterns were the key for me. Like you said, most important is getting willing fish. They mostly feed in the fast water, so that's where you need to present it to them. As I said in another post, if you need to push the fish into the fast water to get them to feed, do it. They're used to moving and having people over top of them, might as well put them in a place where they're used to feeding. Sometimes they key on a specific color

or pattern, but most often just keep it simple and present a good fly.

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Tied up over 30 eggs over the weekend... that's a start.