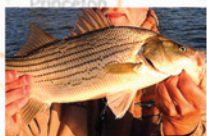


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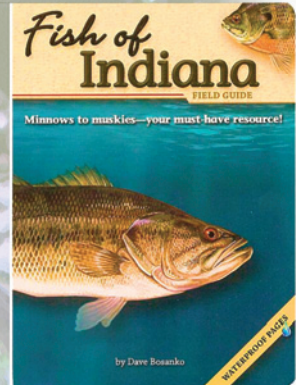
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answers the two most common questions asked
by anglers who come in our store.

1. Fly Rods are good for fishing these species of fish? The answer is:

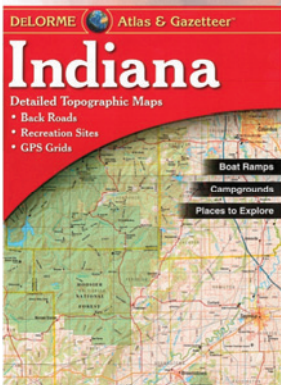
Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Hybrid Bass, Rock Bass, White Bass, Bluegill, Catfish, Carp, Crappie, Muskie, Northern Pike, Salmon, Steelhead, Rainbow Trout, and Brown Trout. I could put a few more but these are the most common. For an extensive list you can purchase the book, "Fish of Indiana" by Dave Bosanko. All of the fish on this list are commonly caught with a fly rod by our customers at FlyMasters.

All of these fish can be caught in Indiana with a Fly Rod!



2. Where can you fly fish in Indiana? The answer is:

Anywhere you find water!



When people come into the store and ask for a place to fish I grab a DeLorme of Indiana and start showing them all the streams available for fishing. People also have the impression that our streams are polluted, dirty, nasty etc. and are unfit for sporting purposes. We do have a few streams in the state that might be described as thus. However, I have not fished on such a stream in the last 20 years. And I have fished all over the state. We rarely keep what we catch in streams since we fish for sport. And the different sport fish are so much fun on a fly rod that we would like the chance to catch them again. But many of our customers love to eat bluegill, crappie, catfish that are caught in many ponds and lakes in Indiana. As I write this note the lake I live on is already frozen and I anticipate some ice fishing this winter. Nothing better to fry up than some slab bluegill caught through the ice in the middle of winter!

Our magazine, in its sixth printing, will provide for you information on enjoying the sport of fishing. Be it with a fly rod, spinning rod, baitcasting rod, there is something in this magazine written for you! Read up and stop by with your questions for Angling in Indiana!

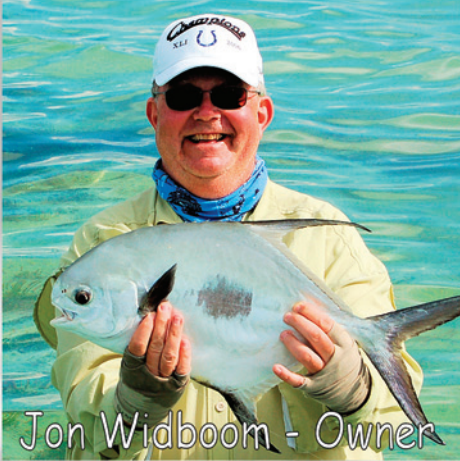
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FlyMasters Fly Fishing School



Beginning Fly Fishing School We have folks come into the shop all the time asking “where do you fly fish in Indiana?”. Believe it or not you can catch many different species of fish within 1 to 3 hours of Indianapolis. Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, White Bass, Hybrid Bass, Striped Bass, Steelhead, Salmon, Trout (Browns and Rainbows), Muskie, Northern Pike, Carp, and sunfish can all be caught on a fly rod! With just a little instruction you can begin to enjoy fly fishing for any of these species in no time at all. Our fly fishing school is a cut above the rest because we work around your busy schedule and make it convenient for you to learn.

Our school offers an introduction to fly fishing, basic equipment, casting techniques, playing and landing fish. The school is divided into three convenient phases to allow you to gain the most out of each session.

- Phase One:** Introduction to Equipment and Knots (in store phase we schedule)
- Phase Two:** Basic fly casting and still water fly fishing (by appointment Monday through Saturday Morning)
- Phase Three:** Moving water and stream techniques (by appointment Monday through Saturday Morning)

We start our school when there is still snow on the ground. Phase one of our school is in the shop so we can start people on their way to learning how to fly fish early in the season. Phases two and three are usually on an individual basis, arranged around your schedule. Sessions will vary in length from one to three hours. It is best to have



your own equipment, but equipment is available for use. The cost for the entire school is \$100.00 per person. Upon completion of the school you should have the basic skills to start to enjoy the sport and art of fly fishing. If our fly

Fly Fishing School Phase I Dates for 2014

March	3rd, 11th, 19th, 27th
April	2nd, 8th, 16th
May	8th, 13th, 22nd
June	10th, 26th

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fishing school does not work for you we also offer a number of other fly fishing classes that might fit your needs better.



Orvis Fly Fishing 101 If you want to learn fly fishing and get out on the water as soon as possible then our Fly Fishing 101 class is for you. In this you will learn the basics of fly casting, equipment and techniques. The Fly Fishing 101 sessions are all free and are held through out the summer months. Call the shop or check the web site for the next date that we will be hosting a Fly Fishing 101

session. Reservations are required. You do not need any equipment just an eagerness to learn about fly fishing. All participants receive a savings card for shop merchandise.



Orvis Fly Fishing 201 New for 2014 is the Orvis Fly Fishing 201 class. This class is a one day event focusing on teaching more of the basics of fly casting as well as fly tying. The event is open to anyone who has taken the 101 class or already knows a little about fly fishing and wants to learn more. It is an all day event where you will learn more about fly fishing and you will learn to tie your own flies. As a bonus you receive a free Rod, Reel and Line combo, flies and lunch for the day.

Advanced Casting Lessons If you have taken the Fly Fishing 101 or the Fly Fishing School you might find yourself wanting more hands on instructions. At FlyMasters we have a number of avenues for you to expand your fly fishing knowledge. You can take advanced casting lessons with our instructor to improve your accuracy or your distance. You can also learn different casting techniques in our advanced casting to help you with fly presentation. These sessions are billed by the hour and are booked by appointment.

Fly Fishing Clinics

Once you get past the basics of fly fishing there is no end to the application of fly equipment to fishing. Nymphing, dry flies, topwater, streamers, wet flies, swinging flies, floating lines, sinking lines, single handed rods, double handed rods, and on and on. It can be overwhelming to someone just getting into fly fishing. FlyMasters has a number of Fly Fishing Clinics through the fishing season to help expand your fly fishing knowledge. Here is a list for some of our past clinics.

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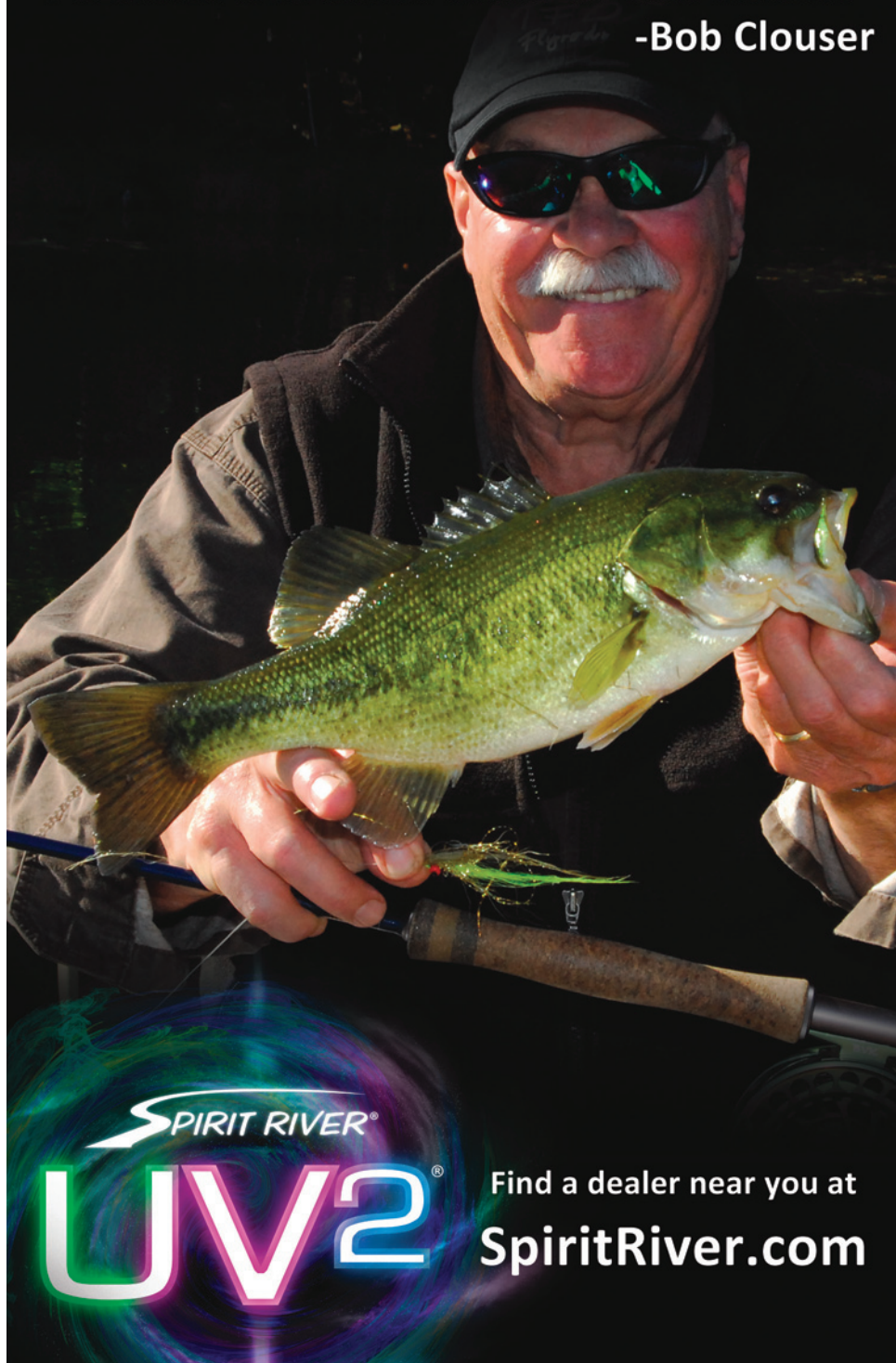
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FlyMasters Fly Tying Classes



Whether you are a beginner or have been tying for years, we have classes that will help you learn more about fly tying and keep this aspect of fly fishing fresh. There is nothing quite like catching a fish on a fly you have tied yourself. It is extremely satisfying to take a little bit of fur and feather and arrange it on a hook and then spend a whole

Beginning Fly Tying Classes in 2014

January	7 th , 11 th
March	4 th , 8 th
April	22 nd , 26 th
September	9 th , 12 th
October	28 th
November	1 st

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evening catching fish on what you created. We have two types of tying classes at FlyMasters. There is a **Beginning Fly Tying Class** where you will learn everything from setting your hook in your vise to tying your first fly. The second type is our **Intermediate and Skills Development Fly Tying Class**. This class is designed to pick up where the beginning class ends and continue to learn new techniques as well as new fly patterns.

Beginning Fly Tying The beginning fly tying class is designed for absolute beginners. If you have never tied a fly before this is your class. We will take you through all the steps of setting up our vise and tools to tying 8 different flies. This is a four part class that meets once a week for two hours. There is a class that is held during the week on **Tuesday nights from 7:00 – 9:00pm**. The other class is held on **Saturday mornings from 10:00am –12:00am**. They are the same class in the series just on different days to provide greater flexibility. There is formal instruction on tools, hooks, materials, thread as well as how to tie flies. The cost of the class is **\$50.00**. This include all instructions, all tools and all materials. All you need to bring each class is yourself and a desire to tie flies!

This class is open to children seven years or older and adults of all age. We encourage parents and children as well as husband and wives to take this class together. Fly tying is a great activity for everyone and a wonderful way to spend an afternoon (especially a snowy one).



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Intermediate and Skills Development Fly Tying

The goal of this class is to provide instruction concerning various tying skills, use of tools and materials, and fly patterns. This class meets for three hours on **Saturdays from 2:00pm – 5:00pm** (usually). Many tiers want to learn new and interesting fly patterns. Some are more interested in other techniques and skills in fly tying. The flies we tie are usually focused on upcoming fishing seasons as well as flies requested by tiers. We will also

throughout the year be focusing on new tying techniques. Whether learning to spin deer hair, learning about various dubbing techniques or learning to work with certain materials, we will have special classes that are focused on advancing your tying skills. The cost of this class is normally \$15.00 and all materials are provided. Students do need to bring their own equipment and can check out our web site for each of the classes to see if any special tools or equipment is required for the class. Usually, we will have the flies posted a week ahead of the class on our web site so you can see what we will be tying.



Intermediate and Skills Development classes for 2014

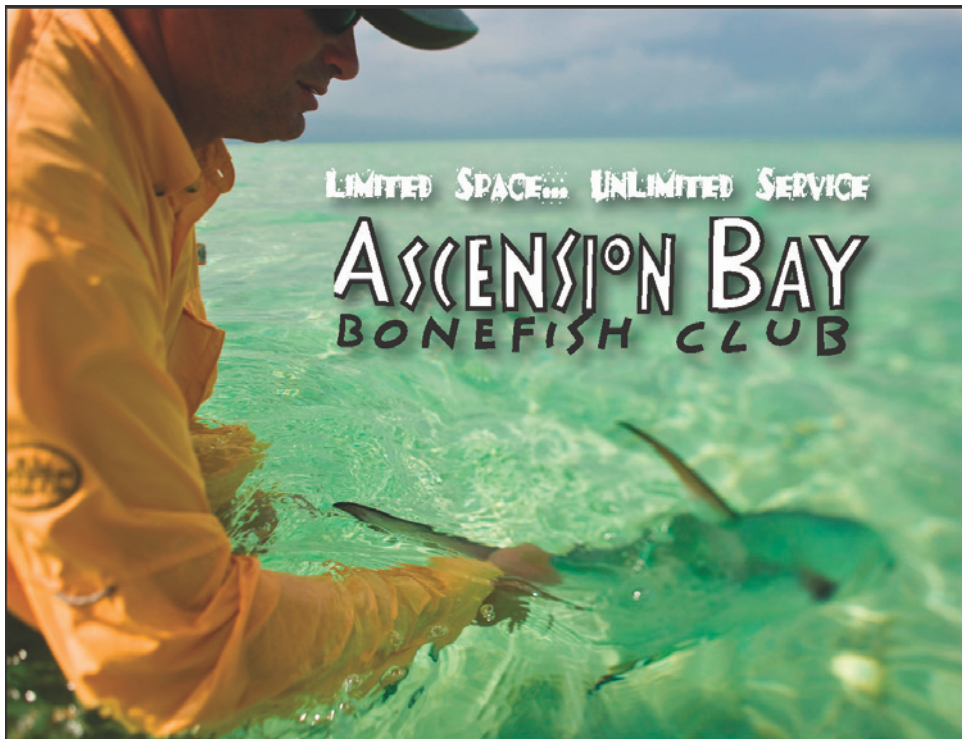
January	11th, 25th
February	15th
March	1st, 8th, 29th
April	5th, 19th, 26th
May	3rd, 10th, 24th
June	14th, 21st
July	12th, 26th
August	2nd, 16th, 23rd
September	6th, 13th, 27th
October	4th, 11th, 25th
November	8th, 15th, 22nd
December	6th, 13th

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These classes are focused on what our customers are interested in learning and in tying. If you have a particular fly you would like to learn or a particular tying technique you would like to master, send us an email or call us with your request and we will get a class scheduled for you!



Occasionally we have "special" classes that are either longer or more involved. These classes will normally be held on Saturdays but might have a longer time frame and/or a greater cost.



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FlyMasters Destinations

At FlyMasters we are constantly investigating new and different places to fish, near and far. You can count on FlyMasters to research and evaluate waters to fish, guides to hire and lodges for rest. We strive to find the very best in quality and affordable fly fishing destinations. Each year we book fishing trips to the various destinations we prefer. However, you are not limited to going only when we go; we can make arrangements for you to fish these waters during times that fit your schedule. Here are a few of the destination we book adventure with.

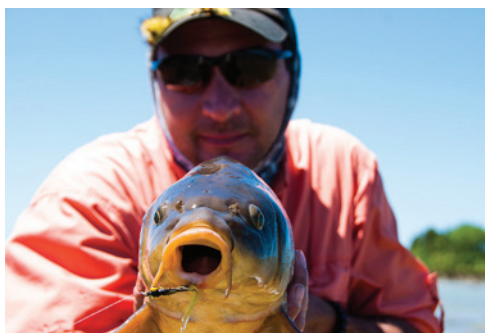


Ascension Bay Bonefish Club – Yucatan peninsula, Mexico. Bonefish, Permit, Snook, Tarpon and barracuda in the cold winter months.

Mission Lodge, Alaska - Five Pacific Salmon species as well as huge rainbow trout, grayling, char, and dolly varden. If you want all-out accommodations and 5 star service then our trip to Mission Lodge is for you.

Tweed river, Scotland – Atlantic Salmon fishing in the fabled Junction Pool of this historic river. Another of our 5 star service destination.

Camp Anjigimi, Canada – Remote wilderness fishing for large Northern Pike and Brook Trout.



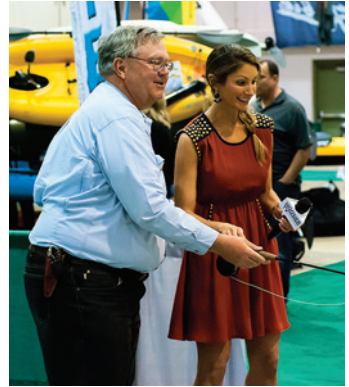
Fernie, British Columbia – Just over the border into Canada, is a slice of heaven called Fernie, where Rainbow, Brown, Cutthroat and Bull trout are plentiful

Beaver Island, Lake Michigan – Great Lakes Carp and large Smallmouth Bass fishing from May to August on a fantastic Island get-a-way.

These are just a few of the destinations we book trip for. Contact us at the shop or through our web site for more details and to book a trip for 2013.

FlyMasters Events

At FlyMasters we recognize the best way to spend your time is on the water fishing, however that is not always possible. Bills have to be paid so work has to get done. As well, too often the weather gods do not look upon you fishing with favor. That is why we consider the next best thing to being on the water is time spent in our fly shop.



Just stopping in and talking fishing, tying, travel or trading fish stories is good enough but we have so much more to offer throughout the year when you come by FlyMasters. We often schedule special "Events" that help keep you connected to fishing when you can not be actually fishing. Some of these events are a few hours in duration and some last all day. All are fun and informative and most are free. Here is a list of some of the events we have planned for 2014.



Cabin Fever Festival – A winter event to help everyone keep their sanity until the waters warm up and we can fish again. Local fly tiers demonstrating their skills and lots of new products to check out.

Boat Sport & Travel Show – the largest outdoor sports show in the country. Ten days of outdoor goodness for fly fishers, bait casters and spin

fishermen and women.

G. Loomis & Shimano Owners Tournament – A one day fishing tournament at Stevenshire celebrating Indiana warmwater fishing with over \$5,000.00 in prizes.

Customer Appreciation day – An annual event to show our appreciation for the wonderful customers we have that keep us in business.

Thanksgiving Turkey Tie – an annual event to kick off the holiday season. We cook up a great turkey and tie flies with turkey parts. Great fun.



Visit our web site for the latest events and dates!

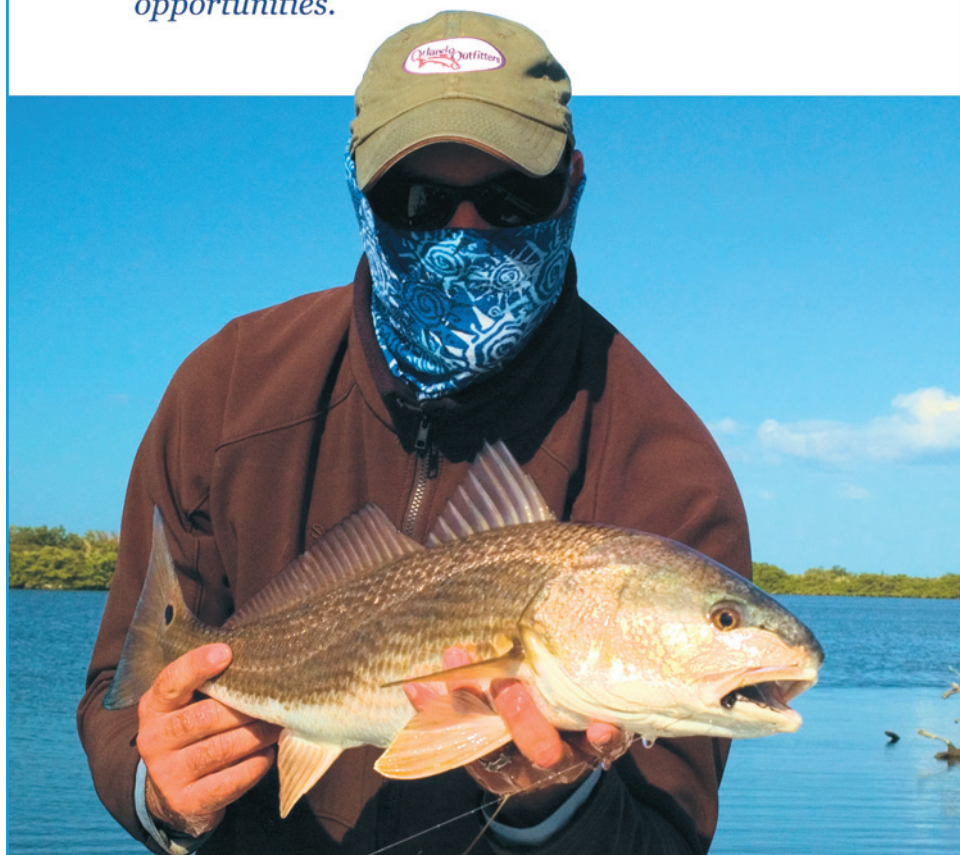


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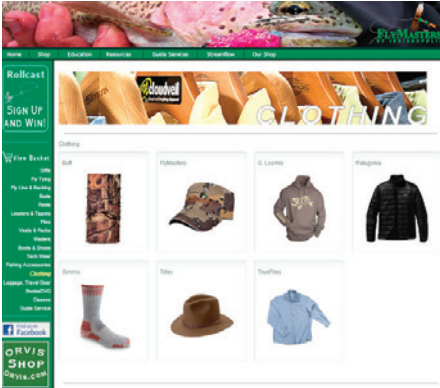
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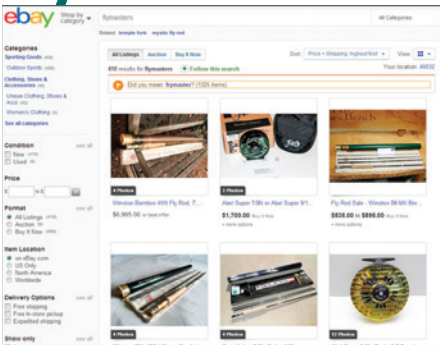
Because of this we have developed our online presence to include shopping. We

have many products online currently and are getting more and more each day. We even have a form online you can fill out to request a product be available on our web store.

Shopping FlyMasters.com is made even better by the fact you can redeem and purchase gift certificates online. Purchase gift certificates in any amount and print them right at home. Give them to your loved ones and they can use them either in the shop or online to purchase the products they need. You can also elect to have your entire purchase picked up in our shop. Saving you any additional shipping fees. Remember that the next time you are coming to Indy. Make your purchase at FlyMasters.com and simply drive in and pick it up. But don't forget to at least say "Hello".



FlyMasters TradeUp Program



In 2011 we kicked off our "TradeUp" program and it has done better than we ever suspected it would. Apparently, there are a lot of fisherman and women that have old unused gear collecting dust that they want to put to good use. That is exactly what we do with our Trade-Up program. You bring (or send) in your old rod, reel, tying vise, etc... and we will clean it up and sell it for you on eBay. This is not limited to just fly gear either.

All bait casting and spinning gear is welcome. The great thing is you don't have to do anything. We do all the work of cleaning it, photographing it, listing it and handling the sale. You get 100% of the selling price (minus eBay fees) as a FlyMasters gift certificate. You can then shop in the store or online and use it to upgrade to newer and better equipment.

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FlyMasters Rollcast

At FlyMasters we understand all too well just how busy life can get. Work, families, homes, friends and relatives all take up a slice of our precious days. You have so many plates twirling sometimes you can't even get out to our website to catch up on what is new and happening here in the shop. We do update our website often, just about every day, and sometimes, especially if you are headed out of town on a fishing trip, it is a good idea to check in with us to see what is new or get a fishing report. That is where the Rollcast comes in.

The Rollcast is our information packed newsletter that we send out twice a month to help keep our customers informed. The Rollcast is designed to be a quick read, usually less than five minutes [we hate junk email too] with lots of links to resources on the Internet for those looking for more details. We include information in each issue about what is going on in the shop and fishing around the Midwest. We have information on new and great products we have in the shop, all of which can be purchased online as well with a simply click.



The Rollcast is not all business though. We have links and information to great fly fishing websites and blogs, we have a featured fly in each issue complete with material information and the videos we link to in our Video Break section are always a favorite.

We also have links and information pertaining to all of our upcoming classes, schools and clinics that will be happening between each issue. In all, the Rollcast is a great resource to keep you up to date on what is happening in the fly fishing community and in FlyMasters. Plus, when you sign up you are entered into a monthly drawing to win a dozen flies! So sign up today if you haven't. If you are, have your friends sign up and they can split the flies with you!



FlyMasters Rollcast - 11/13/2013

Greetings!
Fly is in full swing here in central Indiana. Our Day, longer nights and one of the best fishing. Flymasters has everything you need to enjoy a day on the water. We have a variety of flies, lures, and tackle. We are also offering a variety of new and shiny things they will all love to look at. Head over to flymasters.com/tradeup.asp for details on Trading Up your old gear.

Things To Look Forward To
Check out this special section highlighting new and in the next few weeks. Plan your calendar accordingly!

November
Intermediate & Skills Development Tying Classes - We have more intermediate and skills development fly tying classes this month. Fly tying classes are held on the 1st and 3rd of each month. Fly tying classes are held on the 1st and 3rd of each month. Fly tying classes are held on the 1st and 3rd of each month.

Must Have Trout Nymphs in Saturdays Tying Class
This Saturday at 2:00 p.m. we will have our new intermediate & skills development fly tying class. This Saturday at 2:00 p.m. we will have our new intermediate & skills development fly tying class. This Saturday at 2:00 p.m. we will have our new intermediate & skills development fly tying class.

Brookville Anglers Rendezvous
On Saturday, January 10th in Brookville, Indiana the second annual Brookville Anglers Rendezvous will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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The Bighorn River

by Steve Galletta



The Bighorn River is a classic tailwater river, emerging from the depths of Bighorn Lake in Eastern Montana. The Yellowtail Dam, in Fort Smith, MT, has created a fertile river, displaying unique spring creek characteristics that allow Rainbow and Brown trout to thrive year round.

The Bighorn River boasts trout populations as high as 7,500 fish per mile, with the numbers being the highest the closer you are to the dam. Trout in the river average around 15 inches, with many fish pushing the 20-inch range and beyond. Bighorn river trout fight as hard as any trout on the planet, due to the highly consistent water temperatures and abundant food available year round.

The combination of Bighorn Lake and Yellowtail Dam creates the perfect river environ for both trout and anglers alike, 365 days of the year. Other than the clear, cold flows that come from this bottom-release dam, it's greatest effect is the fertile conditions that it creates in the river below. Throughout the river's length, Rainbow and Brown trout thrive on a steady diet of Crustaceans, Midges, Mayflies, Caddis and Stoneflies. This abundance of food found in the Bighorn, creates terrific year round angling opportunity.



The greatest attribute of the Bighorn River is that it can be anything to anyone. By that I mean that the Bighorn River provides excellent angling opportunity for both beginners and experts alike. While many longtime Bighorn anglers prefer the abundant match the hatch dry fly fishing opportunity, nymph fishing is the most common practice on the Bighorn River. While nymph fishing from a drift boat is very productive, often it is most

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rewarding as a wading angler. Concentrated populations of fish exist in the Bighorn's riffles, runs and drop offs where large trout key in on crustaceans and emerging insects. These highly productive river features along with consistent river conditions allow anglers of all skill levels the opportunity to consistently catch the rivers trout with nymphs 365 days a year.

While anglers can have success every day of the year fishing nymphs, the opportunity to catch trout on the surface is what draws anglers to the



Bighorn from March through November. Midges, Mayflies such as BWO's, PMD's, and Tricos, Yellow Sallies and Terrestrial insects create one of the longest dry fly seasons you will find anywhere.

Below Afterbay Dam the fishing stays productive for about 35 river miles. The Bighorn is broken up into

four distinct sections: Afterbay to 3 Mile, 3 Mile to Bighorn Access, Bighorn Access to Mallard's landing and Mallard's Landing to Two Leggins. Each section contains variances in water temperature, fish per mile, aquatic life, hatches, and fish behavior. These characteristics create unique fishing conditions in which the fly fisher can have a wide array of terrific fishing throughout the year.

Anglers visiting the Bighorn River will find all the needed services and amenities to have a successful fishing trip in the town of Fort Smith, Montana. Fly shops, lodging, guide services; drift boat rentals, gas and groceries can be found here. Prime dates fill up quickly and anglers looking to visit the river should plan ahead. April/May and July/August tend to be the most popular months because of the variety of fishing had at that time. Excellent angling opportunity can be had from March through November.



Steve Galletta is the Owner/Outfitter of the Bighorn Angler in Fort Smith, MT. He is releasing his first book in 2014, Fly Fishing Guide to the Bighorn River. For more information visit www.bighornangler.com

TRUE STORIES

As anglers, we all spend time on the water. Sometimes the fishing is fast, and sometimes it is not. It is often during those "not so fast" times, that innovation is born. Sometimes it's little more than an observation regarding the time, temperature, or the tide. Sometimes these innovations directly affect the gear we use, how we rig, or operate our boat, or even the tactics we employ as anglers.

We at TrueFlies started our clothing line this way, and continue to develop new products, as well as refine our existing products as we use them in the field.

We have literally spent countless hours, thinking and talking about making better products. We challenge and question every detail. Sure we talk about game scores and politics, but the conversation always turns back to our products.

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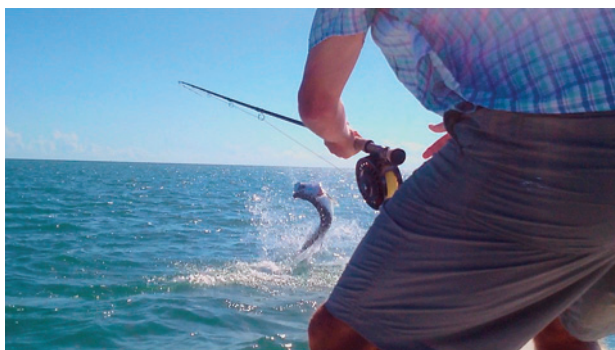
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I have guided one of the Midwest's premier rivers for the last three years. In that time, I have taken close to 600 people down the Kankakee River. Almost every angler that has floated with me has said, "Wow! I never knew that



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A common asked question I get is, "Is the Kankakee comparable to the Menominee River?" This is a popular question because on the Menominee a 20 inch smallmouth is common and it's even better when it happens on top water flies. The answer to this question is NO; but it's darn good and it's a whole lot closer.

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big monster in the mix later in the summer.

In the years working the river, I've seen the need for your fly selection to change with the seasons. In early spring, into the beginning of summer, the fish seem to be more bottom and structure focused due to the higher flows. So from March to June, big crayfish and brightly colored baitfish will get it done for you. As the



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With numerous craws for every fishing application and situation, "what craw do I use and when?" In the Z-Man line up, we have 4 craw style baits to choose from. The CrawdadZ, Punch CrawZ, Flappin CrawZ, and now the new Turbo

CrawZ. Each has their place in your arsenal and knowing the features of each one will definitely help you make the right choice and add to your options when you're on the water.

The CrawdadZ are a realistic craw imitation that are best fished by itself on a Shaky Head jig or on a 3/0 1/8oz. weighted EWG. To really match the hatch throw the closest thing to the real thing, the CrawdadZ is best. Match the color patterns to your water conditions or the seasonality of the CrawdadZ.



The Punch CrawZ were designed to be used when punching through mats and heavy cover. The Punch CrawZ has no legs sticking out the side and are streamlined to allow rigging inside a punch skirt or on a flipping hook, hence they cut cleanly through vegetation. The Punch CrawZ can also be used as a finesse bait when rigged on a Shaky Head and also make a very

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Flappin CrawZ are a big profile bait with big claws that rise up and get noticed. The claws are built to move easily with little effort so they are really good behind a ChatterBait, or a swim jig.

Because of the large claws and buoyancy of the bait, the Flappin CrawZ are the perfect trailer for big mop jigs and football jigs. They really help fill out the internal profile of the jig and will float the heaviest jig up so the claws get seen.

The Turbo CrawZ are the newest addition to the Z-Man family of craw style baits. In addition to being the newest, they're probably also the most versatile. Initially, the Turbo CrawZ were created as a swim jig and ChatterBait trailer, it creates turbulence and action like a twin tail grub would. The Z-Man Turbo Craw is more versatile than any other craw on the market.



As a swim jig trailer, the Turbo CrawZ explodes with movement as a trailer. I had rarely fished with swim jigs prior to developing the Turbo CrawZ. My first experience yielded a 20" Largemouth Bass which was followed up by an 18" Smallmouth. Now I believe swim jigs have substantial merit. I find myself wanting to fish the swim jig/turbo crawz combination all the time.



The action is intoxicating. The texture, specially cut claws and softness of the turbo crawZ requires minimal effort for maximum movement. Twin tailed grubs look like slow motion when compared to the turbo. The large body size does a great job of filling in the profile inside the skirt, giving the jig a much more carnivorous appearance. The same holds true when added to a ChatterBait. Between the vibration of the blade and the action of the Turbo CrawZ, you're going to get somebody's attention. Personally, after the

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experience I've had with this rig, ChatterBaits and swim jigs simply look naked and incomplete without the Turbo CrawZ on the back.



There are times where I don't want the big profile of a swim jig or the noise of the ChatterBait, but still want to go after that reaction bite. I found a perfect compromise that allows me to cover water like I would with a swim jig or by swimming a

grub, but with a more slender profile and lots of action. By rigging the Turbo CrawZ on a 3/0 1/8oz. weighted EWG style hook, I'm able to keep it weedless, perfectly keeled, and control my depth. A lot of areas I fish are shallower rocky areas with timber and boulders. I can swim the Turbo CrawZ through those areas without being worried about hanging up and go after those fish hiding in the cracks and crevasses waiting to ambush a meal.



I also did well throwing that rig at schooling fish that were busting baitfish. Another benefit of that rig is that I can stop my retrieve which will allow the bait to sink to the bottom and then sit up with the claws in a defensive position. I can either hop it or



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crawl it back at this point.



The buoyancy that allows this bait to float up like that and remain keeled on the retrieve also allows me to fish it as a surface bait. Rigging it on an unweighted 4/0 EWG helps it act like a small buzz bait on the surface. Since it's weedless, I can run it through timber and the pads without it hanging up. It proved to be a very effective presentation over the shallow grass in one of the areas I fish frequently. Since it floats so well, I can pause the retrieve in open water allowing to be seen without fear of it sinking into the grass or the pads. It's more of a finesse topwater technique, but extremely effective when the fish aren't responding to larger topwater baits.

Having only had one short season to play with this new bait, I'm sure I will find more ways to use it and more ways to rig it. I'm also sure that after this piece is published, there will be some very imaginative anglers



who will find an application and rigging technique for the Turbo CrawZ that I wouldn't have thought of either. I just hope they're willing to share. Knowing anglers the way I do though, I have a feeling the best kept secrets will remain just that.

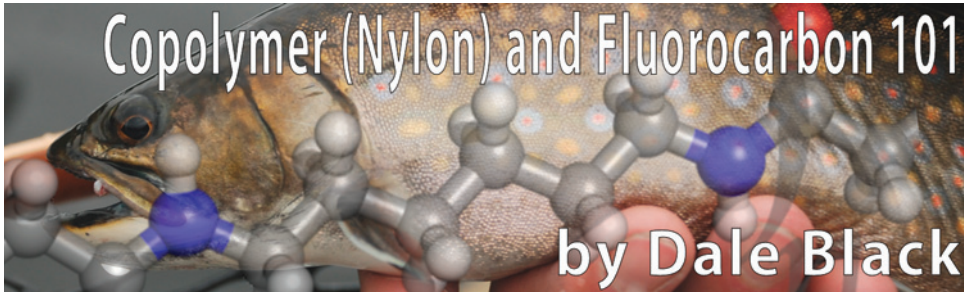
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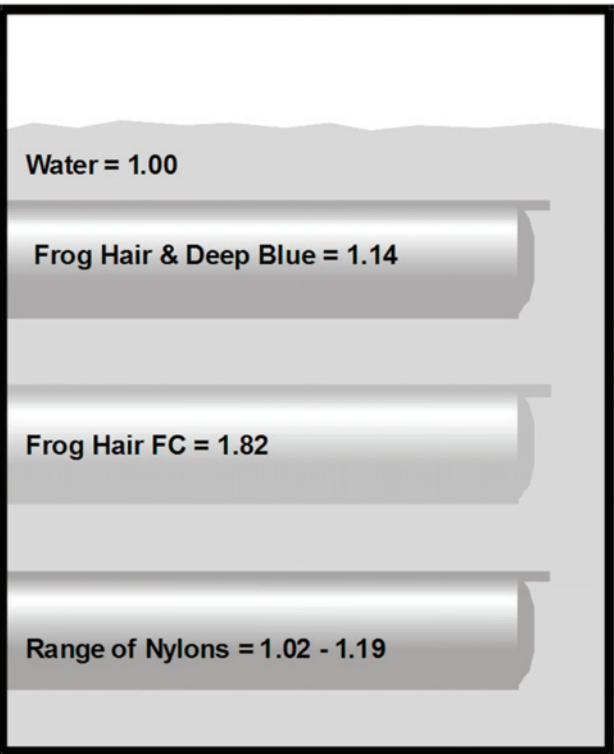


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Frog Hair and Deep Blue tippet material are nylon based. They share relatively the same specific gravity and refractive index. The difference is Deep Blue is designed to meet IGFA Class breaking strength requirements and have high "shock resistance" engineered into the material.

Specific Gravity Summary



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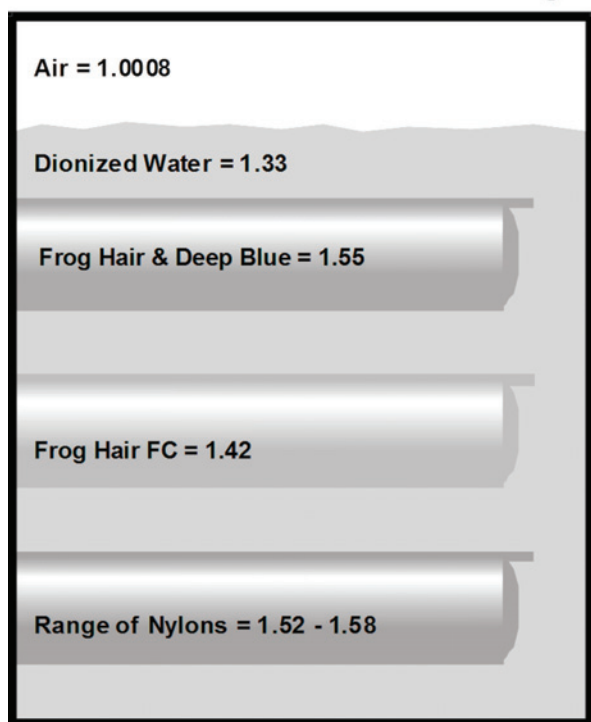
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Tippet material should be viewed as a tool. Like the flies we use, each one has unique qualities that lend themselves to the task at hand. Copolymer and Fluorocarbon feel and fish differently. Here is a look at how density (specific gravity), and refractive index can affect your tippet.

The Density of a material is the weight of a material per unit of volume. Density is often expressed in terms of Specific Gravity, which is the density of a material relative to the density of water. Frog Hair Tippet material is 1.14 and most nylon based material is between 1.02-1.19. In comparison, Fluorocarbons have a specific gravity around 1.80. This means that Fluorocarbon will sink faster than copolymer material. The density of Fluorocarbon makes it more sensitive than a copolymer.

Refractive Index Summary



The Refractive Index is a measure of how fast light will travel through one material relative to another, 1.33 for water. The Refractive Index of Frog Hair is 1.55. The typical range of for most nylon lines is between 1.52 - 1.58. Frog Hair FC Fluorocarbon tippet material is 1.42. This makes fluorocarbon less visible in the water than nylon.

Scenario 1 : Dry-fly – Copolymer works best. Sinks much slower than fluorocarbon. Fluorocarbon can actually kill the presentation and in some cases drag the fly under water.

Scenario 2: Nymphing – Standard nymph presentations can be

achieved with nylon and fluorocarbon. Fluorocarbon can be a better choice because it allows the nymph a more natural presentation. Secondary positives can be less visible and more sensitive.

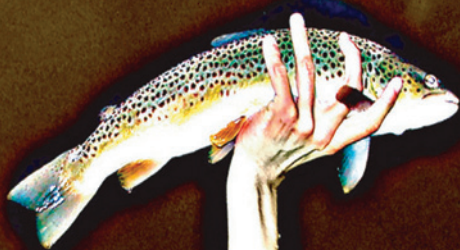
Scenario 3: Right angle nymphing - use both, copolymer to the indicator and a fluorocarbon tippet. This allows the line to float to the indicator then sink, allowing a more natural presentation.

Copolymers are most versatile of the tippet material and can be used in all situations. Fluorocarbons are best used during sub-surface and bottom applications when sensitivity and less visible lines are desired.



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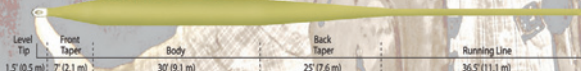
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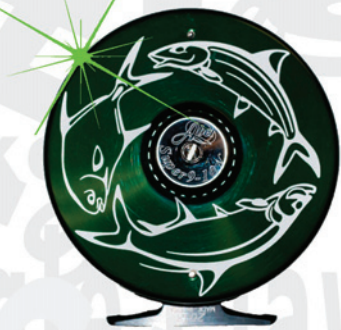
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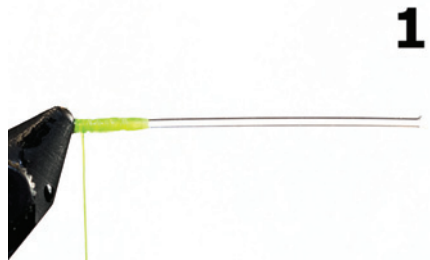
HPU Weedless Flies

by Derrick Filkins

A true innovation to fly tying has been created by Derrick Filkins at FlyMasters of Indianapolis. The HPU weedless fly enables the angler to cast into cover without the fear of losing their fly. Conventional anglers have long had a weedless soft plastic and now the fly angler has the HPU Weedless Fly. Here are the steps to tie one of the HPU patterns.



1. Take a long piece of Mason 50lb. hard mono and stretch it out to relieve the memory. Cut a short piece of 1 1/2" and place the piece in your vise. Make a thread base of your desired color and brush on some Wapsi Fly Tyers Z-ment. **This is very important!** When you remove the fly to tie it to the hook you will cut the portion of the mono that was in the jaws of the vise. If you nick the thread the fly will not unravel if you have Z-mented the thread.



2. Tie in marabou tail, olive in this case, on all sides of the mono and add your favorite flash. In warmwater fishing I prefer Holographic Gold flash since it turns to a bright green underwater. Flash can be applied down the sides or you can use holographic gold hackle



3. In our local streams I like Fl. Yellow or Fl. Chartreuse crystal chenille combined with the olive tail. Tie this in and wrap





4 forward. You can add hackle if want your fly to drop slower.

4. Stop your Crystal Chenille about 1/4" from the end of the mono and make a couple of wraps and/or a half hitch. After you tie a couple of these for a certain hook you will have a better idea of the length

needed for proper fit.



5 **5.** Remove the mono from the vise and take a pair of nippers and clip off the part that was sticking in the vise. If you Z-mented the thread you will not have to worry about nicking the thread. Easier to be precise with a pair of Abel Nippers!

inserted in the vise, take your Abel



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6. After cutting off the mono that was pliers and flattened the mono that you are going to tie to the hook. Orient the fly so the flattened portion is perpendicular to the side of your fly if that is important. If you ran some flash down the side of the body and/or tail you might prefer the flash to be on the side of the fly after it is tied on the hook.



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7. The hook used on this fly is a Mustad 37162 size 2/0. It is a gold plated hook which provides some added flash to the fly. It has a short platform for which to tie the mono on. So if you cover a portion of the hook eye that is alright.

Just make sure you leave enough room in the hook eye to allow tippet to pass through. Make a dozen wraps of thread and check the back of the fly to make sure that it does not touch any portion of the hook point.



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You want the tail of marabou to pass freely up and down without hanging up on the hook point. The fly should be parallel on a

line passing from the hook point to the hook eye.

8. After you have determined that the fly does not bind on the hook point apply Z-ment to the hook point apply Z-ment to



the 12 or so wraps to help adhere the mono to the hook. Over the top of the Z-ment continue with more wraps and build a head for your fly. REMEMBER that several wraps of a thin thread will hold much better than a few wraps of a heavier thread. Heavier thread tends to leave gaps which eventually allow the fly thread to loosen up. Do not use thread that is more than 140 Denier. The fly is now done. Woolly Buggers are not the only thing you can tie HPU, see what else you come up with and send us a picture at FlyMasters of Indianapolis. Cast this fly into some cover this summer and pull out a nice smallie!

Derrick Filkins

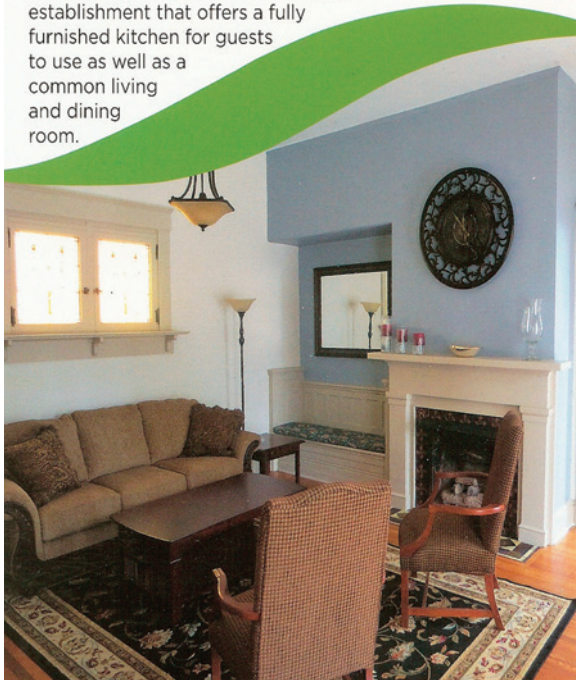
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The second most common question we receive, after “where do you fly fishing in Indiana”, is “what fish you fly fish for”? Indiana is primarily a warmwater fishery and that means that we have lots of fish that are not trout. We do have trout, as well as salmon and steelhead, but the vast majority of the fish we chase like waters that get warm. Here is a list of the different fish that you can target here in Indiana and popular places to find them.



Smallmouth Bass rule in Indiana. Next to Bluegill they are the most sought after fish with a fly rod. What we lack in trout we more than make up for in smallies. The West Fork of the White River, Sugar Creek, The Tippecanoe River, Fall Creek and Eagle Creek are popular places to chase after Smallmouth Bass. However, since the Smallmouth Bass is native to Indiana they can be

found in almost any water across the state.

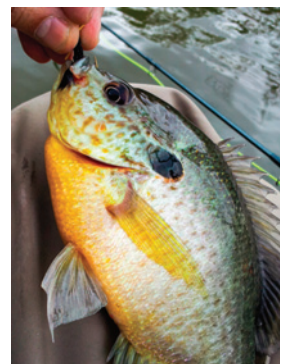


White Bass and **Yellow Bass** are also a popular target. The White Bass run in the spring is one of the first fishing highlights of the new year. Sort of our trout opener. Eagle Creek, Fall Creek, The Tippecanoe River, AND Cicero Creek are all popular waters for these two fish. The White & Yellow Bass are also native to this area and can be found

through out the state.



White Crappie, Black Crappie, Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Redear, and Rock Bass are all part of the Panfish family and can be found all across the state in ponds, lakes and streams. Because they are so prevalent they are often a “first fish” on a fly rod for people just getting started.



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Muskellunge and **Northern Pike** are also prime targets in Indiana. Eagle Creek Reservoir, the Tippecanoe River and Green Sullivan are great places for Musky. Northerns can be found in the upper Tippecanoe River, the Yellow River, and many reservoirs across the state.

The **Hybrid Bass** (a.k.a Wiper) is a cross between a Striped Bass and a White Bass and they have been stocked in a number of reservoirs across the state. Lake Monroe is the most popular around central Indiana.



Chinook (King) Salmon are a popular fall target in the tributaries of Lake Michigan. The St. Josephs River, The Dowagiac, The Little Calumet and Trail Creek are all places to target Kings from September through October. The tributaries in Michigan are also popular destinations and not too far away.



Carp are a growing target species all across the country and Indiana is no exception. A difficult fish to catch on a fly rod, the common Carp is found all across the state in ponds, lakes and streams. Especially, the shores of Lake Michigan where they grow very big.



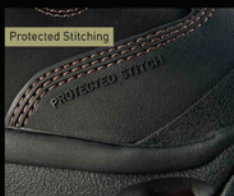
Steelhead are another big game fish that folks in Indiana can target. There are two different strains stocked in Lake Michigan which means

there is almost year round steelhead fishing. All the tributaries that the salmon run in, mentioned above, are also great for steelhead. You can also head to Michigan and fish the rivers that flow into Lake Michigan and head to Ohio to fish a number of rivers that flow into Lake Erie for Steelhead. These fisheries are both within a six hour drive and are some of the most beautiful waters you can fish anywhere in the Midwest.

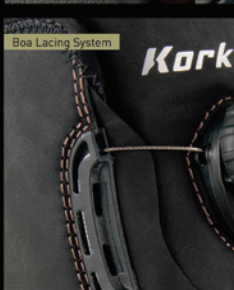
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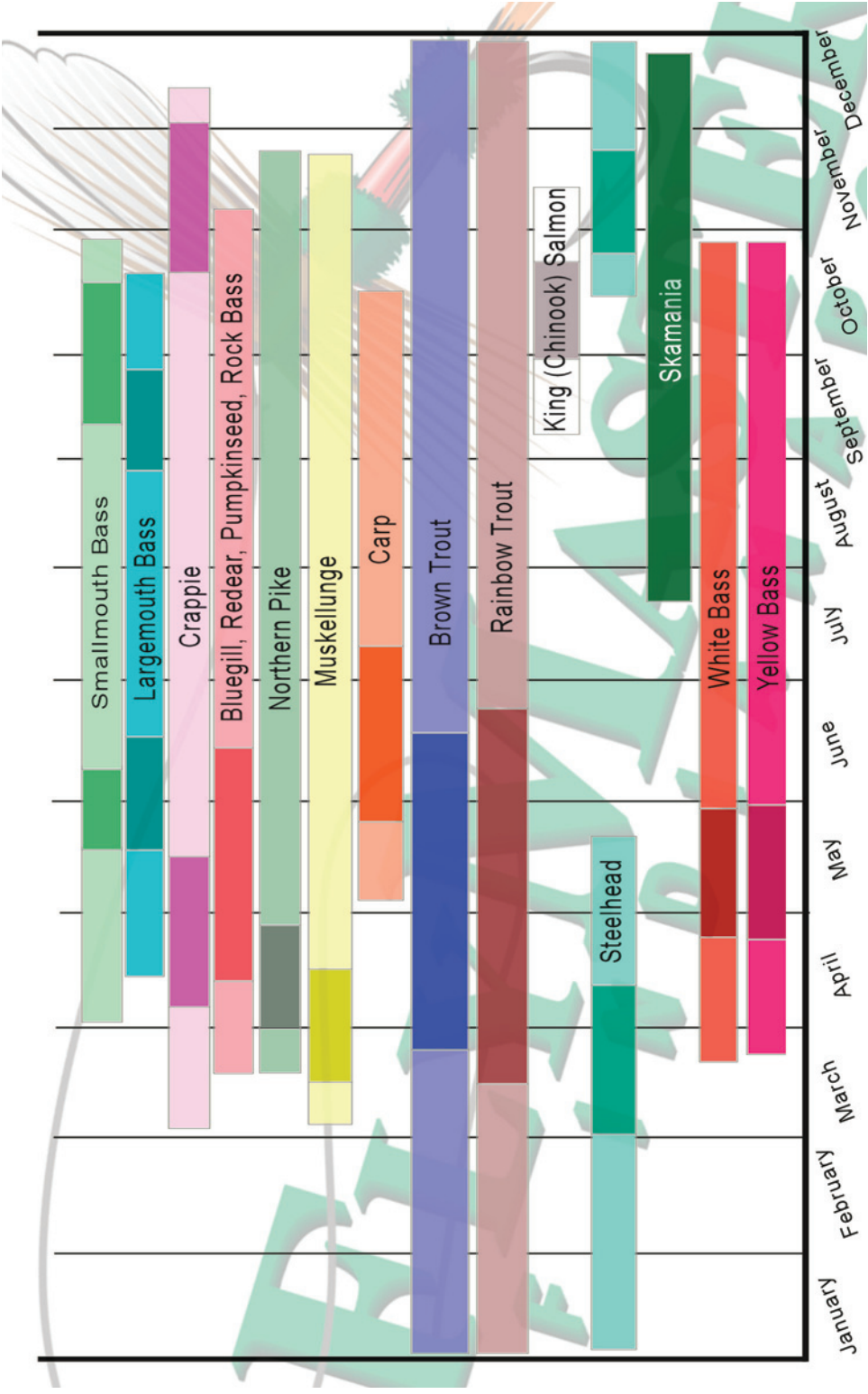


Brown Trout and **Rainbow Trout** can be found in select places through out the state. Trout are stocked in many locations but do not hold over due to poor stream conditions or waters getting too warm. But there are a few places that do have sustained populations of browns and rainbows. The tailwaters of the Brookville Reservoir are a prime spot for catching these trout. Plus, you have a shot at some 20 inch plus fish. The Little Elkhart River in Northeast Indiana also has a nice population of trout. Lastly, Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout will run into the tributaries of Lake Michigan in the fall and winter. So, the same streams you look for salmon & steelhead can hold some bonus trout.



These are the most common fish we target here in Indiana. This list is not all-encompassing. There are many more species across the Midwest that are targets for the fly rodder. Now take a look at the chart on the next page to find out When we fish for these species.







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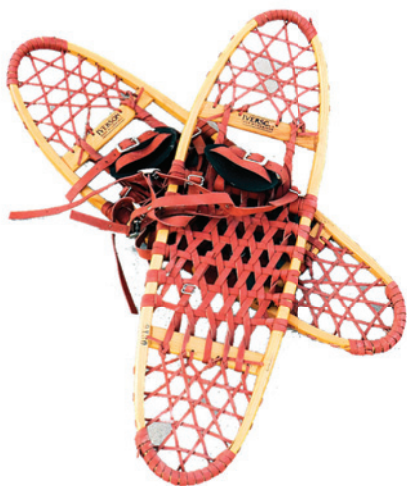
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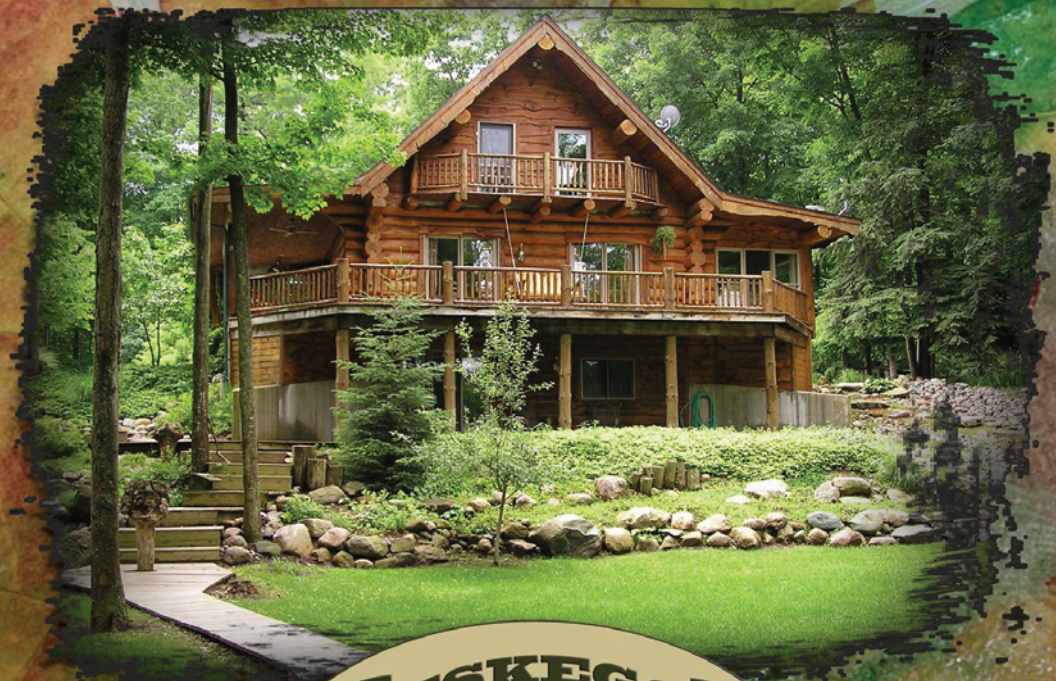
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