

Fishing over the last month or so has been poor in terms of producing the kind of trout I'm used to catching this time of year. I've spent more of my time up north fishing clear water and at times, it seemed the bite was ready to kick off, but it really never did. We have been catching decent numbers of keeper trout at times, and quite a few slot and oversized reds. Usually, in areas where there are plenty of big reds, a few big trout are lurking too. For the most part, I've been fishing water about crotch to waist-deep using sinking Corkies and soft plastics, though I have thrown conventional topwaters some without much luck, and had one day where I caught several fish on MirrOprops. I think my problem may have been that I've been fishing too deep. Seems the fish may have made a move to shallower water early this year, perhaps due to warm water temps. Saturday the 23rd, I stayed knee-deep all day using floating Corkies and caught a 25, 26 and 27 inch trout. Had only 7 bites, but it seemed there were other big trout scattered around in the area. Will likely continue fishing this depth this way for a while to see if the numbers of big trout bites improves.