



# 2008

## Technical Manual

## WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT UMPQUA FLIES?



### ➤ **Designed by our Signature Tiers**

- Constant flow of innovative, functional flies for all types of fly fishing
- The best names in the business: Whitlock, Kaufmann, LaFontaine, Barr, Mercer, Lawson, Burk, Chocklett, etc.
  - Results in incredible selection of highly recognizable patterns

### ➤ **Tied by the Best Tiers in the World**

- Consistency
- Durability
- Quality
  - Results in beautiful, durable flies every time

### ➤ **Tied on Tiemco Hooks**

- A wide variety of hooks to suit any style of fly
- Chemically sharpened points & low profile barbs for better hook sets
- Tempered and forged for maximum strength-to-weight ratios
  - Results in hooking and landing more fish

### ➤ **Tied with Metz Hackle**

- Flexible stem with straight, stiff barbs
- Highest quality
- Largest selection of natural colors available
  - Results in beautiful, higher floating flies

### ➤ **Tied with Hand-Selected Materials**

- Material is closely inspected & graded in before shipping to factories
- Factory staff are well-trained in material selection
  - Results in flies that do what they're supposed to do (i.e. sink, float, rest in the film, push water, etc.)

### ➤ **Rigorous Quality Control**

- Flies are checked for quality *before* leaving the factories
- Flies are *again* checked at the Umpqua warehouse before shipping to dealers
  - Results in the highest quality flies in *your* bins



## METZ HACKLE

- ❖ **30 years of Genetic Selection for the Highest Quality Feathers**
- ❖ **Umpqua-Hackled Dry Flies Float High Due to Superior Metz Materials**
- ❖ **Worlds Largest Variety of Premium Hackles in a Complete Range of Natural Colors**
  - Cree, Dun, Med. Dun, Black, Variant, Chocolate Dun, Grizzly, Ginger, Light Blue Dun, Rusty Dun, Brown, Silver Badger, Golden Badger, Ginger, Cream
- ❖ **Metz Necks**
  - Large with many long, narrow hackles into the 20s. Don't have the significant "basal webiness" that makes other necks look fat. Result in a feather that has usefulness throughout more of its length.
  - Available in 3 grades of quality:
    - Grade #1 – The highest quality feathers in the full range of sizes.
    - Grade #2 – High quality, but not as heavily hackled nor completely flaw free. Great Value.
    - Grade #3 – Slightly more web and fewer of the smallest hackles (18s & up). Incredible value. Great for beginners.
- ❖ **Metz Saddles**
  - Provide longer softer hackles that are perfect for Woolly Buggers and larger dry flies.
  - Available in dyed colors and 2 grades of quality.
- ❖ **Metz Micro-Barb Packs**
  - Extra-long, narrow hackles for dry flies in the size 12-16 range
- ❖ **Metz Unconditionally Guarantees Complete Customer Satisfaction**

### Metz also offers high quality:

- Fly Tying Tools, Instructional Books, & Full Kits
- Beads, Eyes, & Adhesives
- Bucktail, Elk, Moose, & other hides
- Braids, Chenilles, Yarns, & Estaz
- Tons of "Flashy" Material
- Tinsel, Wire, Thread, & Rib



# TIEMCO HOOKS



## Unique Designs

- Over 60 different styles of fly fishing hooks
- Large selection of barbless models
- Super Point (SP) series with hollowed curve point & triangulated edges

## Newest Technology

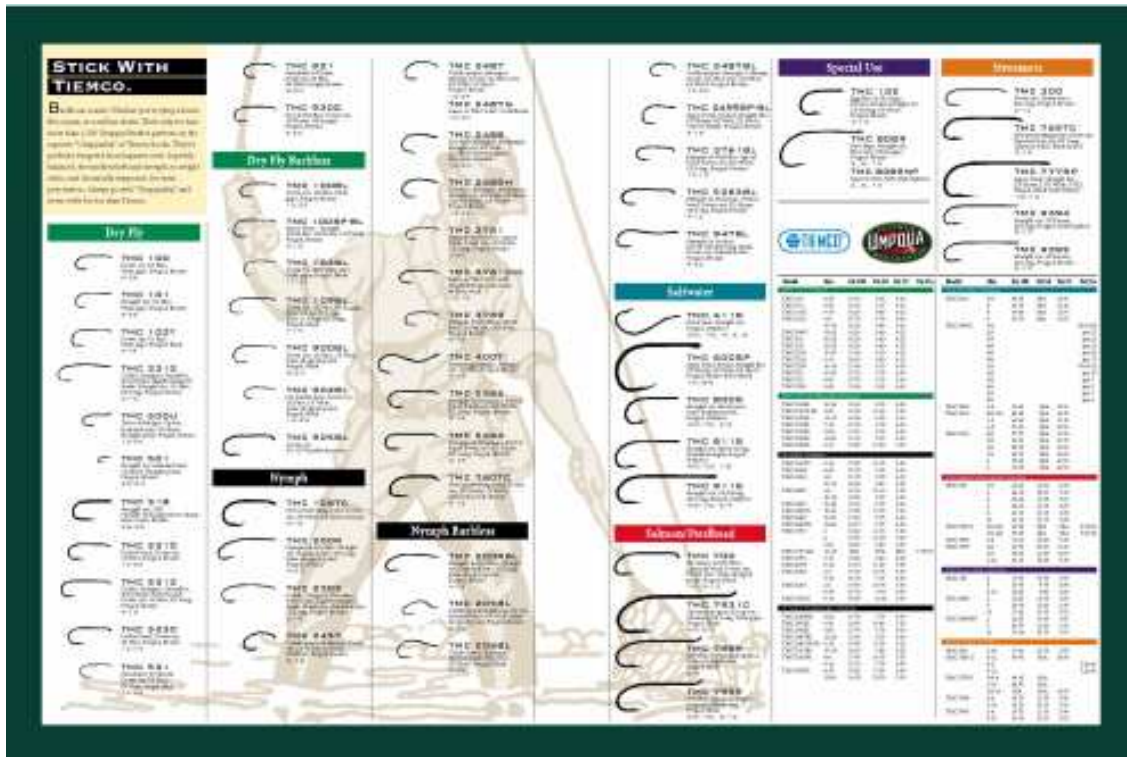
- Chemically sharpened points provide better hook penetration
- Short points are needle sharp and less likely to bend
- Low profile barbs allow better penetration & hook set
- Tempered & forged for maximum strength-to-weight ratios

## Attention to Detail

- Eyes are perfectly formed with no burrs to cut your leader or gaps that might allow your knot to slip off
- Hook finishes are deep, smooth, and durable

## Notoriety

- Known worldwide as the highest quality hooks available
- Used and recommended by the best tiers in the business: Dave Whitlock, Larry Dahlberg, Lefty Kreh, etc.



# UMPQUA LEADERS & TIPPET

## Freshwater Leaders & Tippet

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"Steelhead Strength and Spring Creek Suppleness." These offer a great combination of elasticity, abrasion-resistance, and strength. Olive-tinted for decreased visibility. All leaders are knotless and have looped butt sections.



- **Trout Taper** – Trout fisherman standard issue; there are no better. Available in 7.5', 9' & 10' lengths, individually or 3-packs
- **Power Taper "Pocket Water"** – Thick butt with a quick taper that kicks over the big & heavies, or a long thin tippet for the wary
- **Power Taper Practice Leader** – Orange for practice casting
- **Spring Creek Taper** – The ultimate in delicate presentation and dead-drift leaders; 13' length
- **Whitlock's Light Bass/Panfish Taper** – Great for casting bulky flies with lighter rods (4-7 weights); 9' length
- **Burk's Czech Nymph Leader** – Set up for rigging of 3 flies, Czech-style



- The best diameter-to-strength ratio available
- Resin impregnated to resist UV breakdown
- Interlocking spool design converts many spools into a tangle-free leader dispenser
- 10-30 yards, 8x-40 lb (guide spools: 6x-1x, 100 yards)

## Tough Nylon Leaders & Tippet

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A medium-stiff material with very high abrasion resistance and knot strength. Olive-tinted for decreased visibility. All leaders are knotless and have looped butt sections.



- **Pike/Muskie** – 6' of tough nylon with 18" of 30lb Tyger wire on the tip, for those razor-sharp teeth
- **Freshwater Shorty Taper** – Perfect for sink-tip and full-sink lines, or when strength is more important than length; 5' length
- **Bass Taper** – The "4 Wheel Drive" of leaders - short, steep taper designed to turn over big bugs; 8' length
- **Salmon/Steelhead Taper** – Longer, heavier butt turns over larger flies in tough conditions; 10' length



- Designed to turn over bigger flies for bigger freshwater fish
- Also available in bulk spools for butt material
- 30 yards, 6-20 lb (butt material: 200 yards)

## Saltwater Leaders & Tippet

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Made from the strongest, most abrasion resistant nylon available. Clear for decreased visibility in saltwater. Leaders feature an extra-long, heavy butt section, resulting in a more powerful, accurate turnover in strong winds. All are knotless and have looped butt sections. Tippet & butt material ensures strength and efficient energy transfer.



- **All Purpose** – 10' length, 10-20 lb
- **Bonefish Taper** – 10' & 12' lengths, 8-16 lb
- **Redfish Taper** – 9' length, 8-16 lb
- **Striper Taper** – 8' length, 10-20 lb
- **Saltwater Shorty Taper** – 5' length, 10-20 lb
- **Saltwater Practice** – 9' length, 12 lb
- **Tippet/Butt Material** – 10-35 yards, 8-55 lbs



## Specialty Hand-Tied Leaders

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Designed for very specific saltwater fisheries. Carefully tied by professional tiers.



- **Tyger Tipped Wire Leader** – Great for bluefish, barracuda, kingfish, etc.; 6' of tough nylon with 18" of 30lb Tyger wire on the tip
- **Backcountry** – Great for baby tarpon, snook, etc.; Hard mono IGFA class leader with a 24" fluorocarbon shock tip
- **Tarpon** – Hard mono IGFA class leader with fluorocarbon shock tip, featuring a Bimini twist for shock absorption; 3-pack
- **Flats** – Great combo of stealth & power on the flats; 7.5' of tough nylon with 30" of Big Game fluorocarbon on the tip

## SuperFluoro Fluorocarbon Leaders & Tippet

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Premium fluorocarbon material with incredible knot strength, superior abrasion resistance, and near invisibility. All leaders are knotless and have looped butt sections.



- **Leaders** – Sink quickly, remain invisible, and drift freely in the water; 6' & 9' length, 3.5-11 lb
- **Tippet** – Allows even the smallest flies to "swim" naturally in the current; 30 & 100 yd spools, 0x-7x



## Big Game Fluorocarbon Leaders & Tippet

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Stiffer than SuperFluoro with greater mass for casting bigger flies to bigger fish. Great fished over rocks, coral, or root balls.



- **Leaders** – Casting power & near invisibility; 9' length, 8-20 lb
- **Tippet/Butt Material** – 15 & 25 yd spools, 8-100 lb



# UMPQUA PRO SERIES LEADER & TIPPET

## UMPQUA LEADER SELECTOR

Simply pick the appropriate category and type of fly you'll be fishing to determine what leader you need.

TROUT	Trout	Power Taper™	Spring Creek	SuperFluoro™ Fluorocarbon
Small Dries (Delicate Presentation)	X		X	
Large Dries/Terrestrials		X		
Small Nymphs (Delicate Presentation)	X		X	X
Large Heavy Nymphs		X		X
Dry-Dropper Rigs		X		
Streamers	X	X		X

STEELHEAD/SALMON	Salmon Steelhead	FW Shorty	Power Taper™	Big Game™ Fluorocarbon
Skater/Waker Flies	X		X	
Wet/Swing Flies	X	X	X	X
Nymphs	X		X	X

WARMWATER	Bass	FW Shorty	Pike / Muskie Tyger	Lt Bass Panfish	Power Taper™	Big Game™ Fluorocarbon
Largemouth Bass Flies/Poppers	X	X		X		
Smallmouth Bass Flies/Poppers	X			X	X	X
Panfish Flies				X		
Pike/Muskie Flies			X			
Carp Flies	X				X	X
Peacock Bass Flies	X	X				

SALTWATER	All Purpose	Bonefish	Redfish	Striper	Saltwater Shorty	Flats	Backcountry	Tyger-Tipped	Tarpon	Blue Water	Big Game™ Fluorocarbon
Flats Flies (Bonefish, Permit, Redfish)	X	X	X			X					X
Toothy Critter Flies (Barracuda/Bluefish)								X			
General Streamers	X			X	X						X
Striper/F. Albacore Flies				X	X						X
Tarpon Flies									X		
Snook/Baby Tarpon Flies							X				
Bluewater/Billfish Flies									X	X	

The color coding above is designed to help you choose the appropriate tippet to use with the leaders (see below). ~~Just match u~~

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### FRESHWATER NYLON

#### Umpqua Nylon Tippet

It's not just about breaking strength. Umpqua's olive co-polymer nylon tippet material is an almost flawless marriage of tensile strength, elasticity (stretch), suppleness, and abrasion resistance. The result is a tippet of superior WET-KNOT STRENGTH that remains supple enough to allow a fly to really "swim". Matches perfectly with Umpqua nylon leaders: Trout, Power Taper and Light Bass/Panfish leaders.

#### Tough Nylon Tippet

Olive-tinted Tough nylon is a harder, stiffer, and very abrasion-resistant tippet material. Designed to turn-over big flies for big fish in fresh water, from steelhead/salmon to largemouth/peacock bass. Matches perfectly with Umpqua's Tough Nylon leaders.

### 100% FLUOROCARBON

#### SuperFluoro™ Tippet

SuperFluoro™ is the latest generation of premium 100% fluorocarbon. In addition to its high breaking strength and near invisibility, SuperFluoro™ knots smoothly, reducing knot failure and yielding a superior wet-knot strength. It is less stiff than earlier fluorocarbons with a resulting suppleness that allows even the smallest of flies to really "swim" in the current. Recommended for all Umpqua nylon Trout, Power Taper™ and SuperFluoro™ leaders.

#### Big Game™ Fluorocarbon

Big Game™ fluorocarbon tippet is stiffer than SuperFluoro™ and offers greater mass for casting bigger flies to big fish in fresh or saltwater. Made of 100% fluorocarbon, Big Game™ is nearly invisible to fish, sinks quickly, and is incredibly abrasion-resistant whether fished over coral heads, rocks, or root wads. Recommended for use with Umpqua Tough™ freshwater leaders, and all Umpqua saltwater and Big Game™ fluorocarbon leaders.

### SALTWATER

#### Saltwater Nylon

Umpqua's Saltwater Leader Material is a clear, medium hard, moderately stiff "tippet" made from the strongest and most abrasion-resistant nylon. Whether stripping small bonefish flies over coral bottoms or casting large 4/0 Deceivers, this is the perfect leader material for the rigors of saltwater conditions. Recommended for all Umpqua saltwater leaders and offered in a range of sizes to tie your own tapered leaders



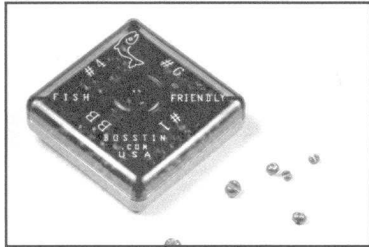
UMPQUA Feather Merchants is proud to announce the addition of Boss Tin... the premier Non-Toxic Split Shot. Boss Tin is a great environmentally friendly alternative to traditional lead shot.

**Boss Tin**  
Fish & Waterfowl Friendly Products



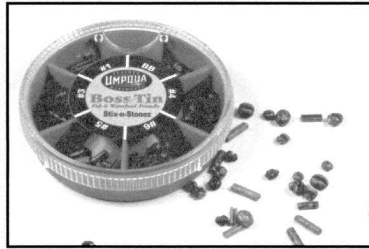
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**One Shot Split Shot Dispenser**



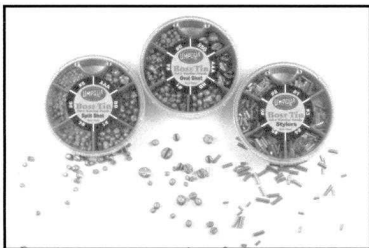
*ONE SHOT SPLIT SHOT - This product is a small, lightweight dispenser that can dispense any one of the four sizes of split shots quickly and easily. The dispenser holds four shot sizes of non-toxic split shot, BB, 1, 4, and 6 with the press of a button.*

**Stix-n-Stonez**



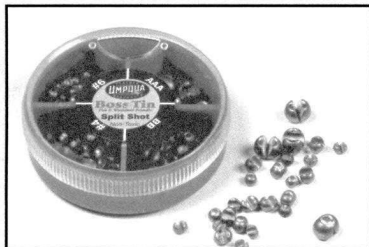
*New! STIX-N-STONEZ - Maximum stealth non-toxic weights! Perfect for fooling picky tailwater fish who have seen it all. Natural, subtle colors, and an assortment of shapes and sizes simulate twigs & pebbles. 6-way Mixed, 4-way Stix, or 4-way Stonez are available.*

**6 Division**



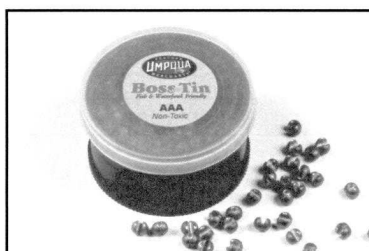
*6 DIVISION SPLIT SHOT - Available in Split Shot, Oval Shot, and Stylers. 6 Division Split Shot includes size #8 through AAA. 6 Division Oval Shot includes size #6 through SSG. 6 Division Stylers includes size #8 through #1.*

**4 Division**



*4 DIVISION SPLIT SHOT - Smaller dispenser with four sizes of split shot: AAA, BB, #4, and #6. Easy to take anywhere!*

**One Shot Pots**



*ONE SHOT POTS - This is a single shot dispenser, dispensing one shot at a time for ease on the water.*

## NEW FLIES FOR 2008

### Dry Flies

#### 1. Don's Blue Wing Olive, Puterbaugh's 16- 20

Don Puterbaugh has been guiding on the Arkansas River (CO) and surrounding waters for over thirty years. Well into his seventies, he still guides daily in the summer. Both this fly and the PMD have been Don's bread-winners for their respective hatches for twenty of those years.

- Originally named the Three Thread BWO, because the abdomen uses, well...duh. Very realistic segmentation.
- Orange head to simulate the big and bright orange eyes.
- In farther-flung Baetis waters, the fish haven't seen this one yet.

#### 2. Don's PMD, Puterbaugh's 16- 18

The abdomen of this fly uses lacquered elk hair:

- Hollow hair offers good natural floatation and realistic body coloration.
- When lacquered, it retains its perfect colors when wet and ensures that the hollow elk keeps afloat.

#### 3. Foam Salmonfly, Puterbaugh's 6- 8

Designed to be a low-rider, floating flush in the film, and also designed for durability; thus to float after several "chewings".

- Like his huge-selling Foam Caddis and Foam Yellow Stones, Don believes using flat – versus cylindrical foam – affords far greater surface area (the very thing that keeps ships, and flies, better and longer afloat)
- Also, for this most insane of all Western hatches, dealers can always use this great looking new pattern to sell.

#### 4. Mini Muddler, Puterbaugh's 12- 14

**(\*\*\*we were misinformed about this fly initially. It can be fished dry, but is miscast in this section. It really is a streamer)**

Developed on the S. Platte thirty years ago, Don has been using this fly, to the current day, as an especially easy and fun fly for beginning clients.

- It casts like a bullet
- It is a fun chance to fish trout waters with steelhead techniques...launch it as far (or short) as possible, let it swing, just sub-surface, be prepared just before the downstream "hang-down".
- An effective mini-streamer fly.
- Thirty years later, it remains relatively unknown to most of us, yet remains a damned cool style of fly.

**5. Outrigger Caddis, Sloan's...Brown/Olive/Tan 14- 18**  
**Outrigger Yellow Sally, Sloan's 14- 16**

(Dave Sloan in his own words)The Outrigger series was the result of frustration with high floating caddis dries and dries that were too delicate for more than a few fish. I wanted a dry fly that was plenty buoyant, but sat low in the water like the naturals and was still visible for clients. I also wanted it durable enough to withstand more than a few fish, but still have that great segmentation that quills and biots give. With this in mind I developed the Outrigger Caddis. The originals were great in the glassy water but sunk in the rougher water. For additional floatation I added a foam underbody, a slightly bulkier wing, and thicker hackle up front. For added visibility, I pulled a doubled up piece of white packing foam over the head which also aids in floatation. In order to achieve a realistic profile from the fish's perspective I used Ice Stretch Lace on the abdomen, which gives excellent segmentation, and an under wing that gives an extremely realistic profile of an adult caddis's wings. The result is a realistic fly that sits low in the water, but is still highly visible, and produces fish in both glassy water and in the pockets.

The productivity of the Outrigger Caddis led me to create the Outrigger Little Yellow Sally. It has all the qualities of the Outrigger Caddis with the bright red egg sack of the females for added realism. The productivity of both the caddis and the sally has made the Outriggers two of my go to patterns in any situation.

**6. Rogue Foam Stone, Schlotter's...Giant/Black 4- 6**

This fly was conceived at the specific request of two knowledgeable dealers who guide the Deschutes River and know the Salmonfly as well as anyone anywhere. Their request was: a) we need ever more effective patterns to sell and b) we need very dark/black versions for low light, or simply when the fish have become "hip" to all the usual standards thrown at them by literally thousands of anglers. Jack Schlotter went right to work and within two weeks, samples were tied and sent to the respective shops. They said, "That is THE ONE." Done! Ka-ching!

**7. Sparkle Dun, Mathews'...March Brown 12- 14**

Two things came together to bring this new color to fruition: a) an Oregon dealer, for whom the March Brown is big money in the Spring, asked us – just like the Black Rogue Foam Stone above – for an additional fly sale, and suggested a Sparkle Dun option, and b) whenever (consider the other two March Brown patterns below) we have introduced new flies for this hatch – one that, even though in different sizes – is regionally important in both the East and the West, the fly has been money for Umpqua. We have come to love March Browns.

This is simply a good-looking new, and sellable, wrinkle for March Browns...East or West.

#### **8. Vis-A-Dun, Barr's...Melon 16- 18**

This is a new color variation from the original light yellow PMD Vis-A-Dun. Pinkish-orange –Mellon - PMDs are very important colors for many drainages in the west and also serves admirably for Eastern Sulfur colors.

Now let's revisit this entire style/series of dry fly, because many of you are "missing the boat", and not taking advantage of this fly's potential– whether PMD, Sulfur, Baetis, Trico. This fly was originally called the Bullet-Proof Dun because a) John hates flies that won't survive a few fish and thus b) every fly has a drop of vinyl cement dripped into both the wing-base and the hackle stems. It is as close to indestructible as any dry fly...ever. AND, it is highly visible, and is an almost perfect marriage of two historic styles of dries: the Comparadun and the Thorax. But, hey, I am biased, so don't believe me, but do believe Trapper Rudd, owner of one of this county's best run fly shops, Cutthroat Anglers:

"As a fly-fishing guide, the patterns I use day in and day out need to catch fish and be durable. The Vis-A-Dun is both. Even on overcast days with tiny Baetis popping on the water, you can easily pick out the Vis-A-Dun. With the hackle being trimmed on the bottom, the pattern rides low and provides a perfect profile. The no-nonsense tying approach of the Vis-A-Dun can withstand the havoc that big trout wreak on a less durable fly. Heading out to the river without an arsenal of Vis-A-Duns is like going to a strip club without dollar bills. You just won't get any attention."

Final note: John Barr's new book, "Barr Flies" has just been published. It not only perfectly complements the fact that John is one of this industry's – and Umpqua's especially – emergent shining stars and one of the 4 or 5 most creative and PROFITABLE fly designers of all time, but this book will a) create a consumer buzz and b) an increase in awareness of and desire to purchase "Barr Flies".

### **Midge/Emerger**

#### **9. Bat Wing Emerger, Peterson's – March Brown 12- 14**

Remember...March Browns, for those areas that have this hatch, are money flies. Moreover, this new color is simply...exquisite! Let's revisit the entire series of Bat Wings:

A long-time fan of fishing soft hackles, with both partridge and hen hackle, Tracy Peterson, ever tinkering at the vise, began looking for a new style. The material he discovered was the "aftershafts" of hen neck feathers that

littered his tying table. The Baetis was the first-born of several colors, designed for the waters of the mid-west (he resided in Minneapolis) and further tested on the spring creeks of Montana. It was originally called the Junk Feather Emerger.

- The aftershaft is tied on concave-upward. When looked at head-on, it resembles the action hero logo of Batman.
- A glass bead is added to the thorax for just enough weight to break the surface film and to add a subtle sparkle for purposes of attraction.

The resulting fly is a new style of "soft hackle" quite unlike anything we have seen. It has, however, been thoroughly tested and fishes great. It can be fished damp just under the surface or with weight to go deep. Either way, it does a great job of imitating an emerging nymph, a stillborn/cripple or even an egg-laying spinner. For heavily pressured waters, here is one that the fish have not seen before.

#### **10. Eric's Midge (Hi-Vis), Pettine's 18- 22**

For years, the Griffith's Gnat has been the world champion seller for small dry midges. And...even after taking on all-comers, and surviving victorious, The G- Gnat has remained: 1) a poor floater, 2) hard to see, and 3) decidedly fragile.

Enter Eric Pettine's, dry midge; A pattern born from both Eric's fondness of, but frustration with, the historic Griffith's Gnat. Eric and many of his friends and clients have discovered, to their delight, that Eric's Midge: 1) is as deadly a producer as the G- Gnat, 2) floats flush, but floats longer (closed-cell foam over the top), 3) is far, far more visible, and 4) most importantly, does not fall apart after several trout "munchings." So...compared to the Griffith's Gnat, Umpqua is laying bank that Eric Pettine has designed a better fly.

#### **11. Rojo Midge, Garcia's – Purple 18- 22**

##### **Rojo Midge Tungsten, Garcia's 18- 22 in NEW Purple, Black, Hot Red, Olive**

We will discuss these together. After the Tungsten Zebra Midges and the Frostbite Chironomids, Greg Garcia's Rojo Midge has been Umpqua's best-selling Midge series for the last several years. We have added the new Purple color, and discontinued the Tan. But, we felt the only thing keeping his patterns from the sales stratosphere was...THE WEIGHT.

All four colors now are offered with tungsten beads. 'Nuff said...you do the math. Home run!

#### **12. Sprouts and Sprout Midge (see your New Fly sales sheets for colors/sizes)**

Time to get nasty here. For several years, I have been getting increasingly vexed (to be polite) with a) the knock-off of Umpqua's most enduring and

profitable patterns and b) the increasing speed with which our competitors were doing so. And for an equal number of years, back in Oregon I was frequently the lone voice urging us to simply “take theirs”. As we frequently discussed in sales meetings, the consensus of you all was likewise...take, as our own, certain competitor’s best selling patterns. We first did so with the Parachute Madam X (PMX), and did so with glee. Anyone from MONTANA that publicly disrespects John Barr and spews bullshit about Copper Bobs is utterly deserving. But our competitor who is quickest to knock us off, is one that introduced a great spring creek series, the Brooks Sprouts by Sol\_t\_d\_Flies (If you are having trouble with this one, ask Vanna White if you can buy a vowel). The “tipping point” was reached when a huge customer said he could only give us the substantive bulk of his fly business IF we could deliver his Sprouts. We will. Here’s what you need to know about UMPQUA’S Sprouts:

- Fearing we would not have factory samples in time, we purchased 2 dz of every color tied in our competitor’s factory. When we did the first early photography of new flies, only the Sprout-Flav was deemed suitable for inclusion in our catalog. The others were of generally mediocre quality.
- Upon receipt of the first finished samples from both Thai and Lanka, we saw the same patterns, in all colors, tied far, far cleaner, tighter, and more perfect than anything from the “other’s” factory.
- Our versions of the mayfly Sprouts and the midges are priced 15- 20% below their price at ALL volume levels. Ours are far better and much less expensive.
- The Sprouts now belong to Umpqua!

## Nymphs

### **13. Barr’s Cranefly Larva – Olive and Tan 6-8**

John Barr is convinced that a) we do not realize how many of our waters contain craneflies and b) we do not fish these big meals nearly enough. For many streams, high water conditions or fluctuating flows dislodge the streambed and bank-side larvae into the drift. During the Spring flows on the North Platte, this fly is THE pattern. When higher flows occur, the presence of cranefly larva stimulates even the very biggest trout to feed selectively on them. These two colors do not have dark heads since craneflies keep their head retracted in their bodies when caught in the drift. These are also heavily weighted to fish the depths.

### **14. Caddis Borealis Soft Hackle, Peterson’s 14- 18**

#### **Caddis Borealis Tungsten 14- 18**

Tracy Peterson (Corvallis, OR) has been fishing this “neon” soft hackle for over seven years all over the US; originally designed as a sparkly black caddis for

the Big Horn. He has since tied and sold many dozens to shops near that river, and tied it on for clients in other Montana, Oregon and Midwest waters. In keeping with more recent methods of fishing weighted soft hackled-style flies, and to fit into Umpqua's very successful new line-up of similar flies, we had to offer it with a tungsten bead too.

#### **15. Caddis Candy, Phares' – Brown, Lime, Olive, Red 14- 18**

David Phares designs flies and fishes hard whenever he has time off from his job, sentencing jaywalkers to prison, as municipal judge in Gilbert, AZ. These Caddis Candies, according to David, are to trout as truffles are to pigs. One simply must get them wet to truly appreciate their appeal as the fish see them. The iridescent body thread glows with life.

#### **16. Hunchback Scud, McLellan's- Big Horn Orange 14- 18**

(\*\*\*)added size 18 to all 5 other colors)

Michael McLellan's (McLellan's Fly Shop, Fayetteville, AR) Hunchback Scuds have quickly become our best-selling scuds of all time. This new Bighorn Orange was an obvious addition. So was the smaller size 18 to all four colors.

#### **17. Jacklin's March Brown Nymph 12- 14**

Bob Jacklin's March Brown nymph has endured in Umpqua's catalog for well over twenty. But with new materials, Bob felt it was time to create a newer and improved version of this large, leggy, wide-bodied rock warrior. This one should find renewed favor with fishermen for both Eastern (Stenonema) and Western (Rithrogena) March Browns. Fishermen should not, however, get too hung up on hatch-matching with this nymph as it is a great all-purpose searching pattern and serves well for suitably-sized stone nymphs.

#### **18. McKee's Rubberlegs (new colors)- Black, Halloween, Olive 6- 8**

##### **McKee's Rubberlegs Tungsten – all six colors 6- 8**

Adding three additional new colors to his original patterns, Dave McKee (Bozeman) still prefers to have his clients throw the non-tungsten versions to the banks of the Madison. But our staff, numerous dealers, and our sales reps all desired...THE WEIGHT. All 6 colors are offered with tungsten and without.

#### **19. New Trick Soft Hackle, Schmidt's – Olive, Purple 14- 18**

Umpqua's talented, tier-in-residence, Brian Schmidt, designed these two colors as wistful remembrances of spring creeks past, his home waters of Pennsylvania.

While perhaps a nostalgic homage to a favored and traditional style of pattern and presentation, Brian infused these new variations with modern looks and real beauty. You can teach an old dog "new tricks". These fish, they've been proven and they are sparkling "lookers".

## **20. Ol' Helgy, Howell's 4, 8**

Helgramites are very important "nymphs" in Eastern waters. It was with the size #4 Ol' Helgy that Kevin Howell (Davidson River Outfitters, NC) won the "Fly Fishing Masters" competition on OLN (Versus). He fishes this fly successfully for both trout and smallmouth, and uses the smaller #8 as a go-to carp fly. The fuzzy Emu feathers move like the gills of the dobsonfly larva.

## **21. Pheasant Tail Slim 18- 24**

### **Pheasant Tail Flashback Slim 18- 24**

Some large customers, especially when small Baetis are in season, prefer slim-bodied PTs over the traditional shape. This was a no-brainer. The flies, in order to be tied trim-line, are not wrapped with lead wire. Plus, to also present a slender thorax, this is a chance to use up lesser quality peacock instead of the denser, premium quality barbules.

## **22. San Juan Worm- Hot Pink, Shell Pink 10, 12, 16**

Let's do the math:  $1 + 1 + 1 = $$$$

Pink is IN these days...we had been tying several hundred dozen for several dealers in different parts of the country, a few who claim this Hot Pink as proprietary (fat chance), so it was fitting that we sell an additional few hundred dozen elsewhere...the Shell Pink was our idea. Pretty clever huh?

## **23. Tailwater Sowbug – Rainbow 14- 18**

A few years ago, a wonderful sowbug was sent to us, very similar to this one. Somehow the flies disappeared and so did the tier. Then one of America's very best fishermen sent in this great rainbow version, very close to what we had seen and lost (his name will remain a secret. Hint: you cannot out-fish him, just ask Riley Cotter). It is a great sowbug.

## **Bead Heads (Brass)**

## **24. Copper John, Barr's – Pink, Yellow 12- 18**

Again, pink is IN! The yellow has found regional pockets of success and demand.

These two colors were demanded of us. I think this might complete the Copper John color cycle, but I would not bet on it.

## **25. Little Yellow Sloan 12- 16**

Little Yellow Stones (Sallies) occur in several similar species from East to West. They are an important hatch, often occurring for weeks on end. Size 16 always seems to be the best selling size, but the larger will work for small goldens also.

David Sloan's offering is simply one of the most perfect we have ever seen. Move over Mr. Mercer (grin). Designed for both realism and durability with its use of tubing instead of biot abdomen, and the judicious use of epoxy. Seriously, if you have Sallies in your territory, and you do, look at this one very – very – closely.

## **26. Micro Mayfly Copper Bead, Mercer's- Electric Yellow, Ruby 14- 20**

### **Micro Mayfly Tungsten- Electric Yellow, Ruby 14- 20**

Mike Mercer's Micro May series is, in addition to the Pheasant Tails, the best-selling small mayfly of all time. The reason is simple: it is the best small mayfly of all time. These "HOT" new attractor color versions are...well, if you can't sell these, turn in your Sales Rep Cards.

## **27. Radical Caddis, Fox's – Brown, Green 14- 18**

Created only three years ago, this totally new and unique caddis pupa, has found

a devoted following among fishermen from the Bay Area to Sacramento, to the extent that it has been the best selling "nymph" at the San Jose Fly Shop for two years.

- Bright Emerald and Lustrous Brown beads are strung on "mono" and epoxied.
- The thorax has just the right fuzzy/leggy ingredients, that when the snippet of antron flash is added the fly looks like a pupa, but one that glows like a lighthouse beacon.

For rivers that a) have famous caddis hatches and b) get pounded, Umpqua has introduced in the last three years, a terrific bevy of cash-register winners: Barr's Graphic Caddis, Mercer's Swing Caddis (Tungsten), and this one, Rick Fox's Radical Caddis. Money flies, all three.

## **28. Stoney Mite, Howell's – Black, Brown 4- 8**

Kevin Howell (Davidson River Outfitters, NC) fishes both trout and smallmouth waters. He also is a competitive fisherman of some acclaim, having won the "Fly Fishing Masters" competition (see the Ol' Helgy above). He would probably not be found fishing Pheasant Tail Slims, preferring his, and now Umpqua's, big, bad, fuzzy Big Nasties (2007), the Ol' Helgy and, especially when he travels westward, the Stoney Mite stoneflies. There is not an under-dressed pattern in this repertoire. They are all designed, and never truer than this new stone nymph, with webby, fuzzy, leggy materials that swims with motion, motion, motion.

## Tungsten

### **29. Barr's Uncased Caddis- Green, Tan 12- 16**

I don't know why our sport has been blessed with so many caddis pupae (Z-Wing, Caddis Poopah, Pulsating Caddis, Graphic Caddis, Swing Caddis, Radical Caddis, Emergent/Deep Sparkle Pupa, Glo Bubble Caddis Pupa, etc), and yet so very few justifiably famous caddis larvae. Seems it took the very recent Czech-nymph phenomena of Vladi's Nymphs and Burk's Bottom Rollers to begin the acceptance and success of caddis larvae, fished where they live...on the bottom. Well...John Barr aims to add to this "larval surge" with his (Tungsten-weighted, bottom dwelling) Uncased Caddis Larva, tied with generous wraps of wire and a black tungsten bead. It is a great looker, a proven fish-getter (John simply does not publish patterns that do not produce) and is topical, being featured in his new book, "Barr Flies". This one should be an easy sell.

### **30. PT Cruzer, Tollett's- 5 great colors in 12- 18**

Tim Tollett's PT (Pheasant Tail) Cruzers...I could write some fairy tale about the origin and magical properties of this new series, but I won't. Not intended to be imitative, they are along the lines of guide flies – tungsten to the bottom – producers like the Lightning Bugs, Psycho Princes, and Hot-wired Princes. Yes, in keeping with their name (PT = Pheasant Tail), all these use pheasant. But the similarity ends there as these are expressionistic offerings of fish food. Hopefully, your dealers will agree with what "we" all knew the moment we looked closely at the color spectrum of these new flies: they are PERFECT!

### **31. Tungsten and Orange Soft Hackle, Pettine's 14- 18**

Eric Pettine, like John Barr: a fly fishing dentist (open wide...Eric has huge hands), has been, over the last thirty years, a fly fishing institution along Colorado's Front Range. Umpqua is proud to offer two simple patterns that Eric has championed for many years: Eric's Midge (above) and this soft hackle. The only change to this pattern was at my urging...the addition of a tungsten bead, thus following our highly successful offering of Tungsten Soft Hackles (Mercer's Swing flies, Schlotter's Submarine Soft Hackle, the Pearl Soft Hackle, Petterson's Orange Julius, Tungsten Pheasant Tail, and Fulton's Wired Red Ass). While originally designed with no weight, Eric agrees the addition of tungsten has improved his fly. Created to imitate caddis pupa, the color scheme is also both an attractor and imitative of PMDs. The slight sparkle gets attention and signals...fish food.

### **32. Vladi's Nymph, Trzebunia's – 5 colors in 6- 12**

In 1989, using these very same flies, a short Polish fisherman with Popeye forearms, was a member of his national team in the World Fly Fishing championship. When the tournament ended, with Poland being the winner, Vladi Trzebunia-Niebes had landed more fish than ALL the members of the next four teams...COMBINED. I will not dwell on the subtle differences between his Polish style of nymphing versus the Czech style except to say that Vladi, almost single-handedly started it all...the Czechs stole the name. These are THE flies from THE guy that helped begin a style of fishing that has ensured European dominance ever since. These Vladi Nymphs are tied with woven thread and floss and a tungsten bead (no extra lead under-wraps are needed) to create a fly that sinks fast, and are offered in beautiful – yet simple – woven colors to imitate Caddis, Craneflies, Scuds. While we list these by color, the Josef, Kriva, and the Vistula are namesakes of his home waters. Along with Andy Burk's Bottom Rollers, Vladi's flies are all anyone needs to a) "get down" and b) try the method of "Czech <Polish> nymphing". Plus, they are bona fide Guide Flies.

- Use sizes 6 or 8 (Crane or Pink) as an anchor (bottom) fly...the one or two droppers should be a size 10 or 12 of an alternative color, chosen to more closely match the prevalent insect.
- The Czechs bounce their flies along the bottom (Burk's Bottom Rollers), while Vladi fishes above the bottom, preferring to pull – or lead – his 2-3 fly combos slightly faster than the stream current.
- Vladi's total leader (with two flies) is only 7- 7 ½ ft in length. The first dropper fly is only 3-4 ft from his short leader butt. The larger anchor fly is another 3 ft from the first fly.
- In some ways similar to "high-sticking", Vladi fishes very close to holding fish, leads the multiple fly rig downstream into their window and...simply "feeds them".

## **Streamers**

### **33. Autumn Splendor, Heng's (New Sizes)**

**Conehead #8**

**Tungsten Bead 10- 12**

Tim Heng's (Taylor Creek, Basalt, CO) Autumn Splendor has been a very good seller for several years. Lately, they have been special ordering them in effective smaller sizes. The diminutive 10 and 12 required a Tungsten Bead to balance the fly versus a cumbersome and over-bearing cone. The smaller sizes should also become a delight for panfishing.

### **34. Platte River Special 4- 8**

Aptly named for its origins on the North Platte River, this streamer, in its almost sixty year history, has “experienced” countless variations on its brown and yellow feather theme. The original version may have been an adaptation of a Hornberg style, with splayed wings of brown and yellow saddle feather, no body, and collar tied dry fly style, ala the Hornberg. It was frequently the fly “lure” of choice with spin fishermen who would use solder wire to cast this fly when fishing the N. Platte. In the intervening years the fly has been transformed countless times, from splayed, loose wings to matuka variations, even elegant marabou-spey patterns (Chris Schrantz’ beautiful Platte River Spider), all tested on the Miracle Mile section of the namesake (sp?) river. But in all its guises, the dozens of variations, it has remained, for these many years, a highly effective streamer fly whose reputation spread throughout the West and then beyond.

Umpqua’s “Special” is simply a far better looking, more polished, modern variation with a bright tinsel body, married feather wings, streamlined flowing hackle collar, and even a red throat. No longer just a regional favorite, it is an historic traditional streamer that is on the short list of go-to flies for many famous American streams from Michigan to Montana.

### **35. Sac Fry, Mercer’s 12**

Wherever trout and salmon co-exist, fry patterns have become increasingly important, and will generate viscous strikes around two months after the salmon have fertilized their eggs. Umpqua has tied hundreds of dozens of this fly for The Fly Shop (Redding, CA) for close to ten years. Belatedly perhaps, it is time to offer to all one of the very earliest fry patterns, but one time-tested over the years as one of the very best, Mike Mercer’s Sac Fry.

### **36. Sasquatch, McKnight’s – Natural, Olive, Orange #2**

The Sasquatch is not for beginners, not for those who delight in catching 12” trout on 3-wt rods. Doug McKnight (Yellowstone Angler, Livingston) is a big trout junkie, and his streamer is designed for muscular trout, especially Fall browns. This big, water-pushing meal requires bigger rods and 0X tippets. It may not yield large numbers of fish but it should, for skilled and patient anglers, yield the season’ largest.

- Spun body of coarse Woodchuck hair for lots of animation and large silhouette. It also soaks up water to allow this fly to get down.
- Swimming tail of marabou with contrasting color accents.
- On a floating line, or mini-tip, this fly can be slapped to the bank and animated with short erratic retrieves. Use a sink tip line to drop into deeper holes. Be ready for a jolting hit, there will be NO nibbling.

When the big-shouldered fish are hungry, this fly is their triple cheeseburger.

Finally, don’t neglect to toss this animated hairy meal at some Bass.

### **37. Stinging Sculpin, Sands'- Black, Natural, Olive #8**

There are a lot of sculpin patterns available, but Will Sand's (Taylor Creek, Basalt, CO) new articulated version will absolutely become a Guide's Choice...it yields far fewer missed strikes...resulting in a greater number of hook-ups = Happy Clients. Plus, the trailing TMC 2499SP hooks and holds fish as well or better than any hook...ever.

- Flared hair head, trimmed flat on bottom for a realistic sculpin shape and to push water.
- Articulated body/tail swims freely and is further animated by turbulence behind the fat sculpin head.
- On dark/overcast days the flash is a great attractor; on bright bluebird days, the flash can be cut back if needed.

This fly has been repeatedly tested for two years and enthusiastically approved by one of the very best guide teams in America. They all feel this is a Money Fly.

## **Warmwater**

### **38. Punkbait, Burk's- Org/Chart, Red/Yellow #3/0**

Andy Burk (Reno Fly Shop) has gone nuts over Peacock Bass. And after several trips to the Amazon, this has become his proven pattern. This fly packs a huge color punch in a small castable package. And Craft Fur yields nothing but constant action, especially when fished or drifted slow...and still shimmies when it is usually stripped fast. The 600SP? There is no better hook for this gamefish. Andy's also a very modest man, calling these Punkbaits "the Red Copper Johns of Peacock flies"

But since the Amazon is a very sometime thing, Andy tested this fly in the Sacramento: the strippers loved it. Now, can you say, "Northern Pike?"

### **39. Murdich Minnow – Chart/Wht, Gray/Wht #1/0**

A few Midwest dealers, smallmouth professionals, have considered this their very best big baitfish fly of all time, especially the Gray/White. While it will definitely get smacked by all size fish, this is the one they throw for big, big smallies. They implored us to "bring it back". This fly was originally very unlucky: hidden in all-purpose saltwater, introduced during the stock market crash and 9-11. It deserved better. It has caught literally everything in fresh and salt. But if your region has big smallmouth and largemouth, they will want to eat this fly.

#### **40. Near Nuff Crayfish, Whitlock's – Dirty Olive 4- 8**

This is so easy. Perhaps the best-selling crayfish of all time...an important and very common crayfish coloration. It should quickly rival the brown in popularity. Dave nailed this color!

### **Alaska/Steelhead**

#### **41. Foam Top Wog, Williams' 1/0**

Cory Williams' (The Fly Shop, Redding, CA) wog has been thoroughly tested on thousands of Alaska silvers and chums.

- The wide-body of hair displaces and pushes lots of water. The foam ensures this version, like many wogs, doesn't drown when the hair gets water-logged. It fishes much longer.
- White foam is also very visible in white glare.
- This fly should be swung – waked – with continuous bass-popper pulses...pop and drift, pop and drift. Silvers are helpless to resist this action.

#### **42. Mighty Mouse 2**

Originally designed as a big, flared, densely "haired" mouse/lemming for Alaska, the Mighty Mouse became THE fly for the big rainbows of Kamchatka. While this mouse can be pulled from the bank and drifted with intermittent strips, it really is a steelhead-type skating/waking mouse. It is deadly when fished on a tight line, down and across. With the densely spun and flared elk hair (the Mighty Mouse uses three times the quantity of hair as does a Mouserat), this mouse pushes water and creates a big V-wake. The bulbous head keeps the "fly" in the film and prevents it from submarining subsurface. Very big rainbows, in both Alaska and Russia, inhale this hairy meal, thus a tight line not only ensures a V-wake, but also quick hook sets to prevent the fish from completely swallowing into the throat or gills.

#### **43. Sparkle Body Stone, Bowerman's #8**

##### **Sparkle Body Stone, Tungsten #8**

Small black stones are constant favorites during the anadromous runs in the Great Lakes. The original (non bead) Sparkle Body Stone is Scott Bowerman's (Fremont, MI and noted guide on areas rivers like the Muskegon) quick and durable stonefly creation, one designed to be the right size and to always be seen, and to stand out among the other stone nymphs being endlessly drifted to the same fish. But...in addition to stoneflies, upriver salmon and steelhead "go for black" and this fly could also stimulates a response to the dark colors of river leeches or even lampreys.

The Tungsten version was our collaborative effort to offer a much heavier Sparkle Body for West coast "nymphers".

#### **44. Steelhead Candy, Bowerman's – 5 colors in 8, 12**

Scott Bowerman did not design these very quick, durable flies as simply bright Estaz eggs. The salmon, steelhead and trout make quick predator decisions when viewing drifting "debris" in the current. Scott tied these to a) sparkle and be seen and b) to offer colors that would stimulate a quick response to some edible coloration that was prevalent in the drift at various times: Chartreuse Caddis...Orange Egg...Black stone nymph...Pearl for a post-spawn faded egg. During a regional fishing demonstration on the Muskegon this Spring, an outdoor writer witnessed and wrote a glowing testimonial to Scott's abilities at hammering trout after trout, all on the Pearl Steelhead Candy.

### **Flats**

#### **45. Crafty Shrimp, Bauer's #4**

For several years, at Westbank-Houston, Brent Bauer's "shrimp" was known as Crack for skinny water redfish. It was all too easy: a) locate tailers and b) throw this fly on their heads. It lands softly and they eat it. This fly begs to be cast to some large Florida/Bahamas bonefish.

#### **46. Flats Crab, Bauer's #6**

The size #4 has been a smash seller for several years. This smaller size #6 might even surpass it...one of those "how come it took us so long" size additions. The larger size #4 was created and proven as a great Belize permit fly after repeated trips by Will Bauer. It has since caught permit wherever they swim.

#### **47. Fool's Gold Crab, Miller's #6**

Johnny Miller guides on Florida's Mosquito Lagoon and in the Glades. This fly is his marriage of a "crabby" Kwan-style fly with the golden flash of a redfish spoon (like Cave's Wobbler). Redfish can be "fools" for gold. The Arctic raccoon tail imparts lots of motion when slowly bump-stripped to dip and jig. This fly can be fished in very shallow water, is his very best pattern in dirty water, yet unexpectedly has become one of his top producers when the winter water is clean and clear. Also excellent for Seatrout; positively deadly on Mangrove Snappers.

#### **48. Sling Blade, McKnight's #4 in 5 colors**

Umpqua has a spoon! Doug McKnight, now residing in Livingston but formerly of Dallas, spent several years developing his own spoon for Texas redfish and, when he was unable to get to the saltwater...area bass and even panfish.

- Great action: wobbles on the drop...wobbles erratically on the strip...good compromise weight to fish very shallow or to cast into deeper water.
- Easy, very easy to cast.
- Very durable
- With a tail for more motion but one that does not hinder any required "spoon" action.

The best surprise for Doug was how this spoon pounded largemouth bass. And this summer, to Doug's surprise, the Sling Blade has seduced some very – very – large trout in Montana lakes.

#### **49. Supreme Hair Rattle Shrimp, Haines' #1 (TMC 600SP)**

Larry Haine's (Port Isabella, TX) original, and smaller, Supreme Hair Shrimp (sizes 2, 6): a) catches fish remarkably well, b) sells like hot cakes, and c) looks good enough to eat with cocktail sauce. This tarpon-inspired Jumbo is a whole 'nother beast. Seasonally, along Larry's coast there is a tarpon frenzy off the jetties, with the fish causing havoc in the shallows and the gulls diving alongside. Many have tried, and all have failed to find a proven pattern that would successfully be eaten...until a gull flew close to Larry, one with a big shrimp in its mouth.

The next day, Larry was casting big versions of his regular shrimp, hooked a few, but with only moderate results. The very next day, he came with big Supreme Hairs again, but all had rattles inside. Larry hooked tarpon on almost each succeeding cast. The shrimp-clicking rattle got the fishes attention, the realism of this fly resulted in almost zero refusals, the TMC 600SP ensured the fly stuck and held. Now, this is the only tarpon fly Larry uses any more.

- Larry is confident this fly will yield similar results in Florida for night-time tarpon by the bridges.

#### **50. Tarpon Toad, Merriman's...4 colors/small (AKI 2/0)**

This is the original, bunny strip Toad designed by Gary Merriman (Fish Hawk, Atlanta). After several years, the only difference is minor: today's Toad is generally tied and fished slightly smaller than originally designed. And yes...the rabbit strip is correct, tied skin-side up. Tarpon see the strip from below the fly. We will be offering the Toad Too next season with the marabou tail.

Not much needs to be said about this original fly...one of the two versions (bunny or marabou) is the very fly shown in the mouths of all tarpon in every magazine ad...has been the winning fly (especially when fished by Andy Mill) in more tournaments...is well known by every guide in tarpon-land. It is the hottest pattern of all time.

## Surf Flies

We resisted, for several years, requests to produce surf flies for the beach fisheries of the central/southern California coast. We simply thought the “numbers would be too small”. But how wrong we were. At the urging and with the collaboration of John Sherman, we introduced the CA Surf Fly program last season. The results were a home run and the current inclusion of a Surf Fly section in our catalog. We will be adding more next season. The predominate theme common among most of these flies is a hint, an accent, of orange (or red)...whether to imitate the egg sacks of sand crabs or simply as an accepted attraction color, who knows, orange they are. For sales reps elsewhere, do not neglect these flies, for some will certainly fish elsewhere and for other species. Solis' Foxy Crab will absolutely catch bonefish. I would wager \$100 I could catch a boney within three casts in Ascension Bay on Q's Corbina Candy. Skok's Blind Crab was designed to match the mole crab colors/sizes on both West and East coasts.

### **51. Beach Ball, Hanley's – 2 colors/size 4**

Ken Hanley has been catching surf fish, lecturing on the techniques, and writing books on same for many years. When he says the Beach Ball (color, motion, motion) is a great surf fly, well...we believe him.

### **52. Blind Crab, Skok's...Brn/Cream Eye 2, Brn/Orange Eye 6**

Dave Skok ties this fly in two color schemes of mole or sand crabs: the size 2 with Cream eyes for the East coast and the size 6 with Orange eyes for the West, with the “eye color” representing the predominant color of the crustacean's egg sacks. Dave has quickly become a rising star in the pantheon of designers of saltwater patterns; patterns that both sell very well and fish the same. Purchasing flies can sometimes be like buying artwork: you can buy a painting of dogs playing poker, maybe a Grandma Moses; or you can bid on a Rembrandt. Skok's Blind Crab – look at it closely – is a Rembrandt.

### **53. Calhoun's Surfer Special #8**

### **54. Calhoun's Swimming Sand Crab #8**

Bill Calhoun, formerly of Bob Marriott's, designed the Surfer Special as a bright searching pattern for the surf. Originally tied with a tungsten cone, it was re-designed with brass for easier casting for clients. It is meant to drop quickly into the troughs and channels. Once it starts getting smacked, once fish are located, Bill will often switch to the more subdued and slightly more imitative Swimming Sand Crab, a pattern originally created for Corbina, but one that gets terrific results from all shoreline species.

#### **55. Corbina Candy, Quattrocchi's #6**

This diminutive fly, representative of the small first molt of sand crabs, was designed for the most exciting season in the surf, the concentrations of 2- 4 lb Corbina in late Spring/early Summer. In the light breezes of this season, this fly can be sight-fished to Corbina on light 5/6 wt rods. The fish are tough, they are spooky and not easily hooked, but hooked they are – the fishermen I mean – for this much anticipated S. CA sport.

#### **56. Foxy Crab, Solis' – Bead Chain and Lead Eye #4**

Come on now, look at this fly. If these others fish the surf, can there be any doubt this one will as well. It moves, it breathes, and it has the spot of attractor orange. But, look again. Can there be much doubt it will also catch bones and reds?

#### **57. Piconi's Prowler –Orange # 6**

Peter Piconi's Prowler was one of the three big stars of our surf fly program. It has found a huge following in S. CA. It is a "must" pattern for sales, and we will be adding his red version (and a tan for bonefish) in 2009.

#### **58. Q's Beach Bug, Quattrocchi's #4**

This has, for several years, been Al Q's favorite all-around searching attractor to represent general crustaceans along the Californian beaches. It has caught everything from surf perch to halibut, Corbina, and croakers. It is well known among surf fishermen. It has also caught some very large Louisiana redfish.

### **Striper/All-Purpse Saltwater**

#### **59. Captain Ray's Sardine, Stachelek's 1/0**

Ray Stachelek, designing wonderful flies and guiding out of Rhode Island, has added a fourth baitfish to his great series of Angel Hair flies (Bay Anchovy, Juvie Menhaden, and Silversides). This particular color, to imitate Baja's Sardina baits, was a lengthy collaboration between he and John Sherman. After several months the color was finalized, a compromise between the Olive and the Brown-backed color schemes of this popular bait, not really a sardine but a Hog's Head herring. These flies sell because these flies fish.

#### **60. Charlie's Airhead, Bisharat's...3 colors in 2, 1/0, 3/0**

Near Sacramento, in Charlie's backyard is a 1,300 sq ft wood shop, where, for years, Charlie crafted world famous traditional long bows. So when the striper bug hit him, especially a maniacal quest for HUGE bass, it seems fitting that Charlie turned to using wood. Thus began his quest for big flies that weighed little and could be cast relatively easily. And Charlie began crafting wood-

plugs to shape his flies. He first coated them with silicone (ala Popovics), then tried Softex (ala Ryzanich), but discovered that 'ol Shoe Goop yielded the perfect and quickest finished flies. After several years of tinkering...and fishing, the Airhead was born.

Essentially, it's a body of Slinky Fibre, "gooped" over a carefully shaped wooden plug.

The result is a relatively light fly that can still represent large baitfish bodies...it is practically indestructible (try stepping on one), can be cast fairly easily, is tied on a big-gaped Gamakatsu Siwash hook. The final result however, and what truly makes this fly is...THE ACTION. While this fly will swim and track on long pulls, it is best fished with short, aggressive but intermittent 6-12" strips, with definite pauses. On the slack, it will dart and veer either right or left.

On floating or intermediate lines the Airhead can be fished very shallow. It will ride topwater until the airpocket is pushed from the hollow head. Then it will dart and veer (short strips and pauses) erratically, only a few inches under the surface.

- This slow sink rate makes it a deadly fly for shallow sight fishing...think roosters, roosters, roosters, or...tarpon, snook, stripers on the flats, pike, redfish, trevally, largemouth/smallmouth...any predator that will hit in the top foot or so of the water column.
- When fished on heavier sinking lines, deeper in the water column, the Airhead performs just as crazily, neutrally buoyant, veering (short strips and pauses) left, left, right, left.

This fly has caught really big striped bass, trevally, roosterfish, dorado. It begs for other species.

### **61. Floating Chubby Gummy, Chocklett's 3/0**

It has been a logical progression: Gummy Minnow...Floating Gummy Minnow (a small floating wounded baitfish)...Chubby Gummy Minnow (the king of yellow fin tuna on the fly)...Floating Chubby Gummy, a big, bad wounded baitfish struggling at the surface.

### **62. Gummy Minnow Big Game, Chocklett's...#2 TMC 600SP**

This variation happened quickly and easily. I read of Cathy Beck landing a large tarpon in Los Roques on a regular Gummy, with Barry quoted, "And remarkably, the hook did not break or straighten" (TMC 811S). Then I received a woeful email from S. America. A video crew had just spent several weeks fly fishing the tropics, where they had great success hooking baby tarpon, big tarpon, and other equally tough hombres on the Gummy...but had poor success holding big fish. When I suggested, perhaps naively, using the bigger, beefier Chubby Gummy, they responded that the fish were "all on very small baits." Hmm...small Gummy Minnow and big fish...the Gummy Minnow Big Game was quickly designed. Same sleek size #2 minnow body

with the iron and gape afforded by the Tiemco 600SP, size 2. It'll hook 'em, it'll hold 'em.

### **63. Olson's Slider...3 colors in 1/0**

Created almost 15 years ago by David Olson (The Fly Fisherman, Orlando), this has remained a great fly with an awful name. Featured for years in Lefty's "Saltwater Fly Patterns", it was called the Deer Hair Deceiver, something it looks nothing like at all. The original White (w. Red) color was a resounding smash hit for snook, this fly's initial quarry. Back then, redfish populations had not yet rebounded. In addition to snook it proved excellent for seatrout and yielded a line class world record. When the redfish returned, David began casting his new, and ultimately favorite redfish color, the Tan (w. Orange) version.

- Originally designed to imitate mullet
- Lands softly, moves like a slider when given continuous 6-12" strips.
- Fishes well for baby tarpon...even better when allowed to get thoroughly water-soaked and then fished in or just sub-surface.
- Terrific fly from the beach into the surf for snook and jacks.
- Don't hesitate to slide this pattern for largemouth bass.

### **64. Red Can Squid, Boyle's- White/Natural 4/0**

This is the fourth color added to Captain Jaime Boyle's (Martha's Vineyard) great

Squid series (Orange/Camel, Pink/Camel, Red/Purple). Relatively quick to tie, it was named for the many red Budweiser's consumed by Jaime and Dave Skok in the evenings while tying squid flies.

Why Jig Hooks????

- For catch and release fishing, jig hooks offer vastly reduced fish mortality. Riding hook point up, fish are rarely hooked in the gills. Instead they are hooked in the top or corner of the mouth. Jig hooks, like circle hooks, are protective of the resource.  
...YET: unlike circle hooks, which require more passive hook sets, jig hooks still allow active/aggressive hook sets. They are more fun to fish.
- A jig hook has superior holding power. The 60-degree bends act as a lever, ensuring better penetration and holding power. The result is far fewer dropped fish. A huge benefit, especially if fishing barbless.
- Bend-back style flies often yield missed strikes; 60-degree jugged flies offer greater gapes and a much straighter in-line pull, yielding fewer missed fish.
- 60-degree bends allow baitfish patterns to be actively stripped and swum, which is not necessarily true of 90-degree bend jig hooks? Thus baitfish flies can be actively fished like any traditional J-hook pattern.
- Due to their design, jig hooks require less weight (weight that is normally

required to turn a traditional J-hook point up). This allows for softer landings in shallow water...fewer spooked fish.

- Their design also allows these “jigged” flies to swim more weedless; to swim over bottom or structure with fewer snags. In his last years in the Keys, all of Del Brown’s Permit Crabs (Merkins) were tied on this very same jig hook (Eagle Claw EC 413)

#### **65. Flashtail Clouser (Jig Hook), Blanton/Clouser...4 colors in 1, 2/0, 3/0**

This heavily dressed Clouser variation was spawned, at the vice of Dan Blanton, for the striped bass fishery of the California Delta. It is a bigger water-pusher than a traditional and more sparsely tied Clouser’s Deep Minnow. And with its abundance of flowing “flashtail”, over-dressed body, and jigging action, this Clouser variation is certain to be seen – and felt – by the quarry.

- NOTE: here is a further benefit of the 60-degree jig hook (Eagle Claw EC 413)...while very heavily dressed, this “Clouser” uses essentially standard-sized lead eyes, yet it will always ride hook-up. A similar bushy fly tied on a J-hook would require much larger and thus very heavy “dumbbells” to flip this pattern. The jig hook is what allows a much lighter fly, yet heavily dressed as intended, to ride and jig like a Clouser should.

#### **66. Flashtail Clouser (Jig Hook), Blanton’s...4 colors in 2/0, 3/0**

This new Whistler variation will push even more water, and create an even greater commotion than the historic original Whistler. It, along with the fly above, are Dan Blanton’s go-to patterns for the Delta fishery. Yet...on the jig-hook this fly can be fished shallow, over weeds and cover and remains essentially snag free. This fly should become an absolute must-pattern for Pike and Peacocks....and trophy Largemouth. It ain’t just a Striper fly.