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*Even if fish can see you there are things to keep pressure off and put them on the bite.*

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*The fighting, salmon in the photo, bit the end of my line while holding at the tail end of a logjam. Over hanging brush on the river, and along the banks, made it perfect for putting this fish, and the rest of the holding school at ease long enough to bite the hook. This is a very simple trick that might seem "too" simple for some fishermen...but it works. Sometimes it puts fish at ease so well that you can almost grab them by the tail. That's how close they'll get to you. How cool is that?*

If you can see fish they can probably see you. So, how do you sneak up on water that has unlimited visibility without putting fish off the bite?

Any species of fish will react to movement of shadows. To them, movement means predation: it could be a bear, gull, eagle, coyote, or any number of carnivores looking for an easy meal, and that does also include anglers. When it comes to fish there isn't any distinction from one to the other.

Shadows are what put fish off the bite and they are also the same thing that can hide you. To fish the best reaches of any body of water look for overhanging shadows of where you want to cast, and from where you expect to fish. So long as an angler isn't wearing garish clothing shadows will hide the largest angler.

Even still, it's best to move slowly to the waterline before making that first cast. In crystal clear water salmon, steelhead, and trout are easily spooked; with that in mind, use any offering that has a small profile no bigger than a No.2 spinner blade. Use light terminal gear with a weight less than a quarter ounce. Cast far upstream from where you

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want to make the presentation and let the current carry it to any holding fish. Fishing in this manner keeps any fish of the reach on the bite. If after a few casts you don't garner any strikes then move to the next hold. Stressed fish in clear water cannot be enticed. If they see the offering and don't strike at it there is a strong possibility that it won't strike anything else either.

It's one of the perks of fishing during high barometric weather; you cover a lot of territory fast. Remember, when moving to another hold to take the same precautions; when the sun is beating down, directly overhead, back away from the waterline walking up or downriver along the tree line and stay in those shadows to hide.