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Dear Fly Fishing Enthusiasts

.Wow!! What a September for our fishing enthusiasts! From Alaska to Maine, DFI bugs have humbled big fish in and out of the hatch. More and more fly fishers are realizing a dry fly can be very successful even without a fish at the surface in a hatch. Our stimulators, terrestrials, searchers, and caddis have been big players in September, but the bug that stole the show was our Peacock and Adams Caddis Green. You should still get some play on that bug for the first two weeks in October.

It's time to prepare for the change in season that will soon be here, and maybe this will be the year you experience the ultimate in fly fishing...winter dry fly fishing. It's a world of small bugs and big fish, and when these two things come together at the surface of a river or lake, it will leave a lasting impression. Don't put the rod away after the hoppers freeze; instead, buy a small pack of winter bugs from DFI and go to your local river in late October and November at noon and stay until 5:00 pm. You might be shocked to see what's happening at the surface, and you might be even more blown away when you're in the middle of a BWO hatch hooking fish one after another.



There's a window in early October you can still work a big bug. Fish will still key on Caddis, Hoppers, and some selective attractor flies. Our recommended fly selection for October would be twofold and could vary with the temperature and storm patterns of October. Before the first hard frost:

Adams Caddis Green and Peacock #16, #14 (This is a killer pattern for all the Northwest regions right now)
Bullet Head Hopper #12 to #6
Searchers in Mahogany, Black, and Gray #16
Fall Caddis #10
Mayflies: Mahogany #18 No Hackle and Single Upright Wing. Gray #18 No Hackle and Upright Wing. Green Upright Wing #16
Stimulators: Black Gold #16, Adams #16

After the first hard frost, the summer hatches will diminish and the winter bugs will magically appear:

BWO No Hackle #22, #20
BWO Upright Wing #22, #20
Caddidge #22
Black Searcher #16
Black Gold Stimulator #16
Tantalizer (Green) #18
Emergers in BWO, Black with Black Shuck and Black with White Shuck #22, #20

DFI has been at it again behind the camera and in the cutting room where we finished our last video project. It's called "Jumps," and we have attached it to the newsletter for your review. We've also added a new element to our newsletter. Each month we will have a fishing tip that might come in handy on the river. [Click Here](#)

We'd like to thank the Central Oregon Fly Fishers for inviting us to Bend for fly tying and a presentation. We had a great time; and our hosts, Eric and Sherry Steele, were awesome. They even took us fishing on the Deschutes River. If you'd like a report on that trip, check our September 22 blog on our website.

We also give many thanks to the Clearwater Fly Casters for inviting us to their 1st Annual Fall Fly Fishing Classic in Moscow, Idaho, and featuring us in the fly tying theater and the presentation room. What a great group of people fly tyers and fly fishing men and women are!

Fly Selection Before First Frost



Fly Selection After First Frost

