Peach Worm



Recipe:

Hooks: 2 Daiichi wet fly hooks, size 6

Tail: Peach Rabbit Strip, stuck with one of the wet fly hooks which is attached to the front hook with a piece of braided Power Pro.

Body: Some Peach Rabbit fur, wound forward and clipped. **Collar:** Large Mallard Flank followed by Yellow Marabou. **Flash:** Gold or copper flashabou.

Growing up, I fished for a lot of bass with spinning tackle. One of my favorite lures at that time was called a Sluggo. It was a chunk of plastic that hung just below the surface and moved seductively when twitched.

Some of the best flies are inspired by lures. This smallmouth bass fly was inspired by the Sluggo. To fish this fly, cast it out and give it a twitch. Because of the slow sink rate of this fly and its highly mobile materials, bass will have a hard time resisting it as it sinks.

Often times the takes are subtle, as you will just see the large peach fly disappear. I use several patterns for smallmouth bass that suspend. They have the advantage of provoking exciting visual strikes when surface flies would not work as well. It should be noted that this is an effective steelhead fly as well, swung deep and slow in high water.



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