
Fly Fishing Quick Tips for Steelhead

20 Experts Share their
Best Tips, Flies & Resources



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Introduction

This book shares a summary of the best steelhead fly fishing tips from season 1 of the Wet Fly Swing Fly Fishing Podcast.

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I was addicted to podcasts. Still am. I started getting into them more as I learned about online business in 2014. I set a goal that I would have my own podcast up and running in 2 years. At the time I had no idea what the podcast would be but like many of the good things, when it's right, it just comes to you easily. In December of 2017 I launched the Wet Fly Swing Fly Fishing Podcast.

Since then, I have interviewed over 50 of the greatest fly fishers from around the world. It started and has been slowly growing ever since. The first 30 episodes has a focus solely on steelhead fly fishing which is how this book came to be.

I have asked most of my guests a few common questions: 1. What are your best steelhead tips, 2. what are your favorite flies, 3. What are your favorite resources. I have combined all of these answers into a short summary in this book.

Although I have moved onto new seasons for the podcast, I'll be back to steelhead at a later point and will add more content to this book. One amazing thing about E books is the ability to update and upgrade anytime. [If you want to see the most recent version you can click here to get it.](#)

So, that's about it. I love steelhead and have created this summary so you can find more fish, hook up more and enjoy your

passion and time on the water even more. If you find any benefit in this book please share it with one other person.

Acknowledgments

This book could not have been completed without the hard work and dedication of the people that I interviewed on the Wet Fly Swing Podcast. All of these people were gracious enough to give an hour or more of their time to sit down and chat with me about fly fishing. It is them that I pay tribute to as they have paved the way for myself and others to continue teaching and discovering fly fishing.

Although I did not list a tip from every guest in season 1 of the podcast, I'd like to list all the people here that I talked to during season 1. You can find links to all the episodes in the back of this book.

Thank you to all of my podcast guests from season 1: Jack Mitchell, Jay Nicholas, Brian Chou, Jim Teeny, Trey Combs, Pete Humphries, Daren MacEachern, Simon Gawesworth, Rob Bryce, Tom Larimer, Rob Snowwhite, Kevin Feenstra, Jeff Layton, Peter Charles, John Shewey, Scott McGarva, Tom Pero, Dean Finnerty, Dec Hogan, Matt Klara, Duran Torrez, Gene Hering, Hal Gordon, Tim Cammisa, Dennis Lee, Tim Rawlins, Barney Wong, James Millard, April Vokey, Doug Stewart.

I also wanted to thank Megan and my family for giving me the time to work on this project. Allowing me to follow my passion even though there have been many struggles and failures along the way.

Where do you start a story about something you have done most of your life? When I interviewed John Gierach in [episode 47](#) of the podcast, he noted that it's all about the lead.

The lead to every podcast now includes a little story, a short snip it from a 60 minute chat I had with fly fishers who have, in some cases, spent their lives refining and perfecting a craft. These are the greatest people in the world doing what they do.

But this is about steelhead and whether you have hooked a fish or not, whether you are on the East coast or west coast, whether you are swinging or nymphing, whether your are in a boat or on foot, the addiction of steelhead fishing is something that we all share.

Why do we do it?

Standing in a run, cast after cast with no response from a fish. Freezing cold, swinging a fly late December in a run where you have never touched a fish. You have convinced yourself that the next cast could be the one although in the back of your mind you are kinda second guessing your self.

Then you get a touch of something on that last pass. It was something different. Was that a steelhead? You put the same cast back on the fish but there is no response. Now you wonder if maybe switching your fly would help. Maybe something a little more subtle, a little smaller or something.

But you decide to just stick with what you have on knowing that there's not much fishing time left in the day. You think that if I can just feel the tug, the hours and effort in this day would all be worth it.

But after 10 more casts you don't get any additional tips or taps. There is also a few people above you working down river so you decide to move on through the run wondering if that was a fish.

You tuck that spot in your memory banks, keying on the bank and a unique rock that denotes a potential bucket in a 500 yard run. It's these spots and time that will eventually put you into a fish and give you a steelhead story that you may never forget.

Stories are a big part of why we do it. Stories are a big part of why I do a weekly podcast and why I am writing this book now early in the morning when I could be getting ready for fishing.

What better way with connect people than around long form interviews where passionate fly fishers talk about how they got to where they are. Where they teach by telling us how we can get a little better at our craft.

As I sit here today and write this I am working on editing the 52nd episode, the 1 year celebration episode. I am putting in extra effort to interview a few of the dedicated fans of the show.

And to me, they are not really fans. More like new friends I'm getting to know. The power of social media at it's best.

Connecting people to the things they love.

I'd like to ask and answer one question that I ask many of my guests on many episodes - What would you like to be remembered for in 100 years? I would like to be remembered as the person who had a passion for connecting people and for teaching people how to teach. A person that was a part of a movement that helped to create a path to save the world one step at a time. A person who loved fly fishing. And who loved sharing the stories of those who paved the way before us. My little spot in history might be the passion to connect the dots from where we were, where we are at now, and where we want to be in our lives. I appreciate you in taking the time to read this book and to have something passionate about.

This passion makes you one of the lucky ones.

If you find any value in this book please share it with one other person that you think has a little passion for fly fishing.

Getting Started and Mindset





[The Beats Me](#)

Be Observant

One of the tips that keeps coming up over and over again from my guests is to be observant. Scott McGarva also noted that being observant was a trait that he saw in some of the great fly fisherman including Harry Lemire.

[\(Click here for more at the 14:45 mark of episode 017\)](#)

Choose a Setup and Fish It

When starting out fishing for steelhead don't get overwhelmed with all the lines and rods. Find a rod and line that are balanced and fish it. At the end of the day it's not about a special line but about putting in your time on the water.

[\(Click here for more at the 13:10 minute mark of episode 004\)](#)

Put in Your Time on the Water

Rob Snowwhite hit home on one of the most important tips any new steelheader should understand. You need to put in your time on the water to be successful. It is this tip that you should always remember because it will make the difference between that fishless day and a story of a lifetime.

[\(Click here for more at the 50:30 minute mark of episode 012\)](#)

Non Slip Loop Knot

One of the best knots for tying your fly to the tippet is the non slip loop knot. It gives your fly more movement and keeps it from getting hitched at a 90 degree angle.

Jay Nicholas who has written a few books on steelhead, showed me this not during a summer steelhead trip many years ago and it was one of the biggest things that has helped me hook more fish.

[\(Click here for more at the 25:15 minute mark of episode 003\)](#)

Choosing Gear

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Photo Credit: Jay Nicholas

Gain 10' for Every Foot of Rod

Simon noted that you gain or lose 10' feet of casting distance with your spey rod for every 1 foot length in your spey rod. This can be especially important when fishing some of the larger river where you might gain 30' of distance on your cast using a 14' rod vs an 11' rod.

[\(Click here for more at the 44:20 minute mark of episode 009\)](#)

Use Rio's Line Selector

If you are trying to figure out which fly line goes with which rod you can check out [RIO's Line Selector](#) that walks you through most of the popular lines. This tool includes most of the major rods and lines that you'll be using for steelhead.

[\(Click here for more with Jay on episode 003\)](#)

Use The Rule of 3

There are two different line standards when using spey rods vs single handed rods. The rule of 3 says that a single handed line is 3 line sizes smaller than a two handed rod. For example, if you have an 8 weight single handed rod, you can grab a 5

weight two handed spey line like a skagit and it will balance well for that 8 weight single handed rod.

[\(Click here for more at the 13:05 minute mark of WFS 009\)](#)

Intermediate for Skagit

Simon noted that he loves using an intermediate skagit line as opposed to a floating skagit line for winter steelhead. He likes how it just breaks through the current a bit further and just fishes slower vs a floating line.

[\(Click here for more at the 51:00 minute mark of episode 009\)](#)

Yellow Polarized Glasses

Rob Snowwhite notes that he loves Costa 580 G's with Yellow lenses. I agree that my favorite winter steelhead glasses are yellow polarized lenses. This keeps those dark and rainy days a little brighter and allows you to see a few more fish.

[\(Click here for more at the 54:15 mark of episode 012\)](#)

The 2.5 x formula for Rod Length

Matt Klara noted his 2.5 x formula for assuring your spey line is balanced for your rod. The head of the line + the tip should be 2.5x the length of your rod. For example, if you have a 10 foot rod then your head and tip should not be more than 25' in length.

[\(Click here for more at the 28:50 mark of episode 021\)](#)

Fly Tying and Flies

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[The Nina](#)

Use Barbells for Upright

Dean notes that a good way to keep your fly riding right side up is to add dumbbell eyes on the bottom of the fly. Not large dumbbell eyes, but small eyes with just enough weight to balance it.

[\(Click here for more at the 30:55 mark of episode 019\)](#)

Black Fly For Winter

Scott notes that a dark fly catches tons of fish in the winter. This is coming from a guides point of view where he notes to keep it simple. So he goes with black and blue in the winter.

[\(Click here for more at the 50:25 mark of episode 017\)](#)

Avoid Fly-Change-Itus

As noted many times in the podcast by various guests, don't worry about your fly. Just pick one and fish it. Scott calls this the struggle with Fly-Change-Itus.

[\(Click here for more at the 16:00 mark of episode 017\)](#)

Silhouette and Movement

Jeff Layton notes that silhouette and movement are the most important features for winter steelhead fly design. But he also notes that you shouldn't pile a bunch of material on your fly because it will decrease the sinking rate. Find the balance between the two silhouette, movement and sinking rate.

[\(Click here for more at the 32:00 mark of episode 014\)](#)

Flash in Early Season

Tom Larimer notes that he uses a lot more flash early in the season for summer steelhead and moves towards darker flies as the summer heads into the fall.

[\(Click here for more at the 16:40 mark of episode 011\)](#)

Fly Casting

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[The Skunk](#)

Both hands on Top

If you're new to spey casting it's a good idea to learn how to cast with both hands on top. Meaning you should be able to cast with your right hand on top of the handle and alternating with your left hand on top. This helps your mind pick up the cast and many spey casters find that they are better with their off hand.

[\(Click Here for more at the 20:00 minute mark of episode 007\)](#)

Circle Spey with Sinking Lines

If using sinking lines, try using the circle spey more of the time than the snap T. If done correctly, the circle spey will slowly lift a heavy sinking line out of the water and to the surface more effectively.

[\(Click Here to hear more at the 26:45 minute mark of episode 007\)](#)

Listen to the White Mouse

The white mouse (the sound of the line tearing through the water as you are making the sweep up to the firing position) is one of the keys to understanding when to take the next step in with the spey cast. It should sound like a white mouse and not a white rabbit or a frenchman slurping soup.

[\(Click Here to hear more at the 38:50 minute mark of episode 007\)](#)

Use a Fist Grip

If you are having trouble using too much top hand with the spey cast, then you should try using a fist grip with your top hand instead of a thumb on the handle. Also, try dropping your top hand down on the handle a bit and try using a closer stance with your feet.

[\(Click Here to hear more at the 44:30 minute mark of episode 007\)](#)

Save Money with Instruction

Peter notes that you will save money by getting a casting instructor. You will spend less money on lines and gear because you can avoid the fallacy that a new line or rod will fix your problems. Spend \$200 bucks on an instructor and step up to the next level.

[\(Click Here for more at the 49:25 minute mark of episode 015\)](#)

Cut Off Your Fly

Tim (aka - The Line Speed Jedi) noted that his #1 tip and a good way to get proficient with casting is to go ahead and just cut off your fly to begin. This will help you avoid having to worry about getting hooked by your fly. Then cast straight for 2 hours on one technique.

[\(Click Here for more at the 26:50 minute mark of episode 027\)](#)

Finding Fish

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[Purple Peril Variation](#)

Heads and Tails

Make sure to focus on the heads and tails of the runs when fishing for steelhead. These areas are the transitional zones and is especially important with changing water conditions. Jack talks about this in relation to the OP rivers what he guides and fishes on.

[\(Click here for more at the 14:00 minute mark of episode 002\)](#)

Use Road Pull-offs

A great place to start if you are new to a river and don't know where to find good runs and fish is to look for road pull-offs. Usually if there is a pull off it means there is some good water to check out.

[\(Click here for more at the 11:15 minute mark of WFS 003\)](#)

Look for Bookends

Peter Charles shares the tip to look for bookends in a run. This is similar to Jack's Heads and Tails tip. Peter notes that you should look for structures that create an area for fish to hold.

[\(Click here for more at the 42:15 minute mark of WFS 015\)](#)

Bass will Show You Steelhead

Peter Charles describes how he fishes for bass during the summer in the same areas that he fishes for steelhead in the fall. He says that if you find bass holding water in the summer, then you have found steelhead holding water later in the year.

[\(Click here for more at the 45:20 minute mark of WFS 015\)](#)

Don't Overlook Obscure Water

Kevin Feenstra noted in episode 13 to make sure to seek out the obscure water. Steelhead are not always in the main part of a run so take your time to cover a diversity of water types.

[\(Click here for more at the 25:10 minute mark of WFS 013\)](#)

Foam is Home

A great quote from Kevin Feenstra in episode 13 noting that the foam line or bubble line is a water feature that you want to make sure to cover for steelhead. This is where most of the fish will be.

[\(Click here for more at the 42:40 minute mark of WFS 013\)](#)

Presenting the Fly





[Dark Green Butt](#)

Don't drag the bottom

It is important in many situations to get down to winter steelhead. But, you don't want your fly under the fish since fish feed at their mouth and up. Try to determine the depth of the fish and fish at that depth and higher up in the water.

[\(Click here for more at the 12:30 minute mark of episode 002\)](#)

Two Sinking Tips

Use two sinking tips when fishing a run and are unsure what depth the fish are at. Go through with a lighter tip then come behind that with a heavier tip on your second run through.

[\(Click here for more at the 13:20 minute mark of episode 002\)](#)

Water Temp is Key

Tom Larimer noted that water temperature should dictate how fast you swing your fly. For cold water, swing slower. For warmer water, you can swing faster. See the link below to understand how Tom uses mending and the tip of his rod to control the speed.

[\(Click here for more with Tom Larimer in episode 011\)](#)

Hang Down 4-5 Count

On the hang down, make sure to let your fly hang for 4-5 seconds and then give it a couple of strips. Sometimes fish follow your fly and will hit given a little something different. Remember to mix things up when swinging out there.

[\(Click here for more at the 48:50 mark of episode 002\)](#)

Fly in the Water

Keep your fly in the water even on a bad cast. You never know where the fish are or when they will take. So, if you pile out a really poor cast, let it swing. This episode with April Vokey was one of the most viewed of the year.

[\(Click here for more at the 1:07:48 mark of episode 030\)](#)

Tension to Swim

Dean Finnerty notes that it's important to keep tension on your line while it's swinging so the fly swims. He notes that the great fly casters and anglers do better than others because their cast is straight and fishes longer on the swing. Because it's under tension longer, it fishes longer.

[\(Click here for more at the 35:00 mark of episode 019\)](#)

Swing Fast and Broadside

For summer steelhead Tom Larimer noted that he loves to swing the fly fast and keep it broadside when fishing early in the

season. As the summer goes further along you can slow down the fly more and more as you go.

[\(Click here for more at the 08:40 mark of episode 011\)](#)

As Slow as Possible

Dec Hogan made a great point that you should present your fly as slow as possible even though Tom Larimer noted moving it fast in episode 11. Larimer was talking about a special case for steelhead during the day. Dec made it clear that if Tom was fishing with Dec on the Skeena they would fish the fly as slow as possible.

[\(Click here to listen to Dec Hogan in episode 020\)](#)

Turn Away from the Sun

For summer steelhead especially during the day, Tom Larimer notes that when the sun is on the water it's important to make sure you are fishing an area where the steelhead is turning away from the sun when it takes your fly.

[\(Click here for more at the 13:15 mark of episode 011\)](#)

Change the Direction

Tom Larimer noted that a big part of his success during the day-time is getting the fly to almost stop and change direction on the swing. He talks about how he does this and the success of this technique in episode 11.

[\(Click here for more at the 20:25 mark of episode 011\)](#)

Mending the Line



Downstream to Turn It

Peter Charles noted that there are times when he loves to make a downstream mend. He says the by putting a downstream mend in the line, it forces the fly two “turn corners”. This is when the fish will attack the fly. This comment is very similar to Tom Larimers tip on stopping the fly.

[\(Click here for more at the 28:00 mark of episode 15\)](#)



Photo Credit: Peter Charles (<http://www.hooked4life.ca/>)

Decrease Weight

Peter Charles uses an upstream mend in coordination with the rod tip angle to get the fly down and avoid using excessive extra weight. Keeping the fly sparse will also help to get the fly down. Click below to here more discussion of fly design and sinking rate.

[\(Click here for more at the 31:00 mark of episode 15\)](#)

Mix up your Mend

James Millard noted that an important part of the success when steelhead fishing is mixing up your mend. Don't get stuck doing the same exact mend every time. Try something new and learn something every time.

[\(Click here for more at the 1:07:30 mark of episode 29\)](#)

Covering Water





[The Undertaker](#)

Step through based on visibility

When swinging through a run Jack shares a good rule of thumb to increase efficiency. If there is 2 feet of visibility, take 2 steps between casts. If there is 3 feet of visibility, take 3 steps and if there is 4-5 feet of visibility, take 4-5 big steps between each swing.

[\(Click Here to hear more at the 30:15 minute mark of episode 002\)](#)

Every Pebble in the Run

The great Trey Combs shared some wisdom from his years of steelheading in episode 6. Trey said to find one run to fish and learn the location of every pebble in the run. Know this run at all river levels. Know this run better than anyone and you will find fish and know exactly how to present the fly to them.

[\(Click here to hear more from Trey Combs in episode 006\)](#)

Cover Your Short Game

In this episode my Dad noted one of the biggest tips you should always remember is to start in close first. You can find fish in the water right at your feet so make sure not to step over this water.

[\(Click Here to hear more at the 30:15 minute mark of episode 031\)](#)

Ankle Deep and 20 Feet

Scott Mcgarva notes that you don't want to pass up the close water when fishing. He notes that a good chunk of fish get caught in water ankle deep and 20 feet out.

[\(Click here for more at the 14:00 minute mark of WFS 017\)](#)

Fish the Edges

Jeff Layton notes in episode 14 when dealing with higher water, don't fish deeper but fish towards the sides of the river. He says that instead of putting more weight on to dredge the bottom, many times he goes lighter and fishes the edges of the river.

[\(Click here for more at the 30:30 minute mark of episode 14\)](#)

Hooking Up

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[The Admiral](#)

A Tip and a Tap

If you feel a very light tip or tap or any other light touch of your fly it's likely a steelhead. It's a good idea to put another cast back in the same spot or slightly above to work the fish. You might try switching your fly as well to try something more subtle.

[\(Click here for more at the 23:50 minute mark of episode 003\)](#)

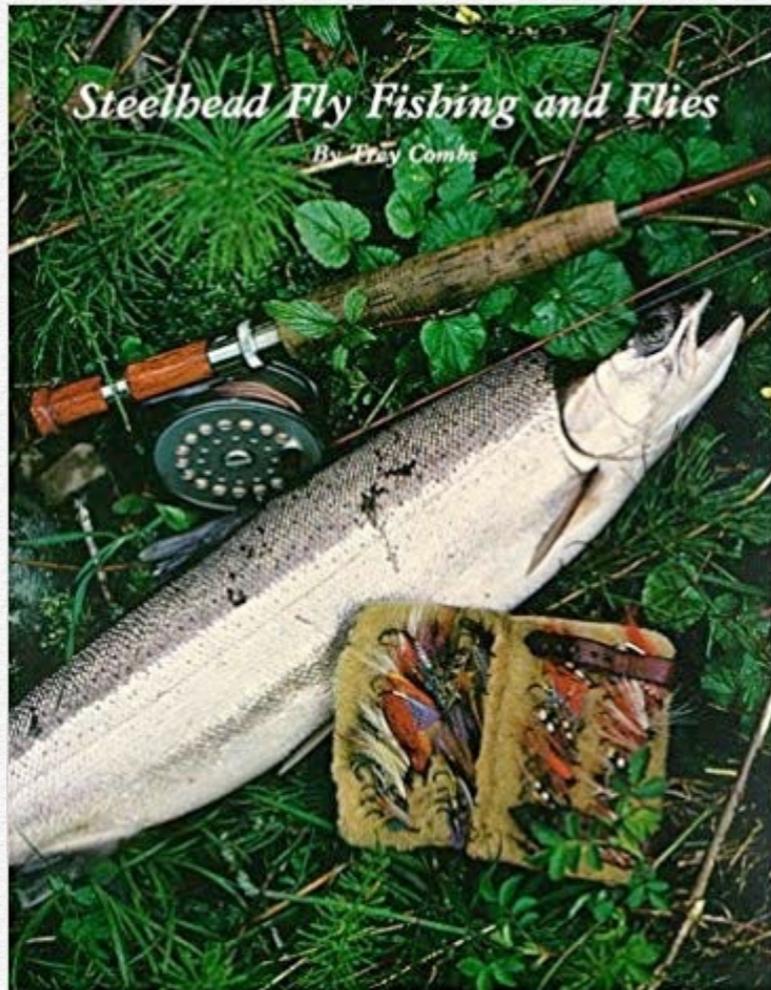
On Boil, Be Patient

When a summer steelhead boils at your fly it is important to resist the urge to set the hook. Let the fly continue swinging. Dean notes that he gets multiple swipes at a fly as it swings across.

[\(Click here for more at the 48:20 minute mark of episode 019\)](#)

Resources





[Steelhead Fly Fishing and Flies by Trey Combs](#)

- Noted by John Shewey in episode 16 (17:50)

[Fusion Fly Tying by Greg Senyo](#)

Noted by Duran Torrez in episode 22 (34:00)

[RIO Fly Fishing Modern Spey Casting DVD Fly Tying Materials](#)

- Noted in episode 30 with April Vokey

[Skagit Master SET Vol 1 - 3 by Ward, Howell, Mishler \(3 Fly Fishing DVDs - over 5 hours\)](#)

- Noted in episode 29 with James Millard and by Matt Klara

[Passion for Steelhead by Dec Hogan](#)

- Noted in episode 29 with James Millard

[Modern Steelhead Flies by Jay Nicholas](#)

- Noted by Duran Torrez in episode 22 (34:30)

[The Rage fly line by Air Flo](#)

- Noted by Tom Larimer in episode 11 (56:00)

[The Angler's Roost Fly Rods](#)

- Noted by Tim Rawlins in episode 27 (11:00)

[The Sexy Loops Website](#)

- Noted by Matt Klara in episode 21 (31:40)

[Single-Handed Spey Casting by Simon Gawesworth](#)

- Noted by Matt Klara in episode 21 (34:10)

[Single-Handed Fly Casting by Jason Borger](#)

- Noted by Matt Klara in episode 21 (34:10)

[How to Set the Hook while Swinging - OPST](#)

- Noted by Tim Rawlins in episode 27 (1:07:30)

[Incline Exercise](#)

- Noted by Tim Rawlins in episode 27 (1:07:30)

Podcast Episode Links

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A list of all steelhead
podcast episodes with
unique links from the Wet
Fly Swing Fly Fishing
Podcast.

[WFS 031 – Deschutes River Steelhead with Doug Stewart | Fly Fishing Pioneer, The Max Canyon, Rattlesnake Tales](#)

[WFS 030 – Anchored with April Vokey | Women in Fly Fishing, Sexism, Steelhead, Conservation, Bulkley River](#)

[WFS 029 – OPST Pure Skagit Interview with James Millard | Steelhead, Commando Heads, Bugs](#)

[WFS 028 – Good, Bad and Ugly of Spey Lines – Barney Wong Interview + Pimp My Canoe](#)

[WFS 027 – The Line Speed Jedi – Tim Rawlins Interview | Spey Casting, Kamloops, Alaskan Pilot](#)

[WFS 026 – Rogue River Half Pounder Steelhead – Dennis Lee Podcast Interview | Eel & Trinity Rivers](#)

[WFS 025 – Trout and Feather Interview with Tim Cammisa | Youtube Fly Tying – Lake Erie Steelhead](#)

[WFS 024 – NW Fly Tyer Expo Interview with Hal Gordon – Fly Tying Tips, Steelhead Fly Fishing](#)

[WFS 023 – 35 Years of Fishing Video Production – Gene Her-ing Interview from Fly Fish TV](#)

[WFS 022 – Assistant Principal to Fly Fishing Guide – Duran Tor-rez Interview | Steelhead, Mindset](#)

[WFS 021 – Single Hand Spey Interview with Matt Klara | Fly Fishing, Yellowstone, Skagit Master](#)

[WFS 020 – Dec Hogan Interview | Fly Fishing, Passion, Tying Steelhead Flies with Style](#)

[WFS 019 – North Umpqua Interview with Dean Finnerty – Steelhead Fly Fishing and Tips](#)

[WFS 018 – Interview with Wild River Press Founder Tom Pero – Atlantic Salmon and Steelhead Fly Evolution](#)

[WFS 017 – Dean River Steelhead with Scott Baker McGarva | BC Lottery – Squamish Fly Fishing](#)

[WFS 016 – John Shewey Interview – Steelhead Fly Fishing History | North Umpqua & Santiam Rivers](#)

[WFS 015 – Peter Charles Steelhead Fly Fishing Interview – Grand River, Air Flo, G Loomis](#)

[WFS 014 – Olympic Peninsula Steelhead with Jeff Layton | Fly Fishing Gear at Grab Flies.com](#)

[WFS 013 – Muskegon River Steelhead Fly Fishing Interview with Kevin Feenstra](#)

[WFS 012 – Salmon River Fly Fishing with Rob Snowwhite | Steelhead – Great Lakes – Podcasting](#)

[WFS 011 – Tom Larimer Interview – Summer Steelhead Fly Fishing Tips, G Loomis, Spey Lines](#)

[WFS 010 – Skeena River Steelhead with Rob Bryce – Fly Fishing the Morice, Bulkley, Kispiox](#)

[WFS 009 – Simon Gawesworth Interview – New Spey Lines, Spey Casting, Rio](#)

[WFS 008 – Fly Tying Interview with Darren MacEachern from Piscator Flies](#)

[WFS 007 – Spey Casting and Great Lakes Steelhead with Pete Humphries](#)

[WFS 006 – Trey Combs Interview – Steelhead Flies and Fishing, Blue Water Fly Fishing](#)

[WFS 005 – Jim Teeny Interview – 60 Years of Fly Fishing, Sinking Lines, Flies](#)

[WFS 004 – Fly Fishing Interview with Brian Chou – Steelhead, Spey Casting and Karma](#)

[WFS 003 – Jay Nicholas – Salmon, Steelhead Fly Fishing and Fly Tying](#)

[WFS 002 – Steelhead Fly Fishing with Jack Mitchell from The Evening Hatch](#)

[WFS 001 – Introduction to the Wet Fly Swing Fly Fishing Podcast](#)

Fly Patterns

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Episode 02 - Jack Mitchell

- Queets Leech
- [Suskwat Poacher](#)
- Clearwater Leech



John Shewey (http://nwexpo.com/legends_plate-2015.php)

Episode 09 - Simon Gawesworth

- [The Steelhead Coachman](#) (podcast @ 49:10)
- [Pick Yer Pocket](#) (podcast @ 49:10)

Episode 13 - Kevin Feenstra

- [Halloween Leech](#) (podcast @ 24:50)
- [Aquatic Nuisance](#)

Episode 15 - Peter Charles

- [Emerald Shiner](#) (podcast @ 22:20)
- [B and C Thingy](#) (podcast @ 25:20)
- [The Dirty Hairy](#) (podcast @ 26:16)



[The Aquatic Nuisance](#) - Credit: Kevin Feenstra

Episode 16 - John Shewey

- [Parmecheene Bell](#) (podcast @ 12:30)
- [Winter Spawning Purple](#) (podcast @ 55:20)

Episode 17 - Scott Baker McGarva

- [Bulkley Special](#) (podcast @ 48:30)
- [Beaully Snow Fly](#) (podcast @ 49:00)
- Blue Meanie (podcast @ 50:00)

Episode 20 - Dec Hogan

- [Skagit Mist](#)
- Purple Marabou
- DC Prawn
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Episode 21 - Matt Klara

- [String Leech](#) (podcast @ 39:30)
- [Railbird](#)

Episode 30 - April Vokey

[The Lady Caroline](#)

[Egg Sucking Leach](#)

Dave's goto Patterns

The Stewart

[The Nena](#)

Conclusion

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I have done my best putting this book together in a fairly short amount of time and know that there will be things I missed, errors and some stuff that just doesn't make sense.

I would love if you can reach back out to me directly and let me know so I can update it with the next version. Cool thing about the E-book format is that a living document is real.

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tips. I would just love to know if you took the time to connect with me through the book or podcast.

Just drop me a message at any of the links above.

What's next? After interviewing so many amazing people including some of the biggest writers, editors and content creators in fly fishing, there is one take home message that I won't forget - You've got to keep doing the work.

So, this won't be my only book. There will be another one and will likely be based on the podcast that I love so much.

It's been the one thing that I have found my passion in. It's one thing that you can become a part of.

Let's do this together. Fly Fishing is a way of life. It's a culture. So, join me on the journey to talk to the most amazing people from around the world and document the history of fly fishing.