MORE FISH IN THE NET

Tips to improve your success on the water

FISHING THE DELAYED HARVEST

The fall-winter delayed harvest (DH) trout fishing season is beginning around the southeast. DH streams in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee are stocked with catchable sized trout starting in October and allow only catch and release fishing until summer. Enjoy this fun time of the year!



HOW EDUCATED ARE THE DH TROUT?

THE FRESHMEN

Stocked within a week or two, these DH trout will school up in the deep holes and respond best to brightly colored patterns such as eggs, squirmy worms, flashy streamers and woolly buggers.

THE UPPERCLASSMEN

As stocked trout acclimate, they will spread out in the stream and begin ignoring the gaudy egg and worm patterns. "Acclimated" trout will start to behave and feed more like wild trout, and respond more readily to natural colored nymphs, streamers and on some lucky days, even dry flies.