

Proper Use of the Noun “Poontang” in a Sentence

“Excellent wench! Perdition catch my soul, but I do love thee *Poontang*! And when I love thee *Poontang* not... Chaos is come again!” — OTHELLO

“Doubt thou the stars are fire; doubt that the sun does move; doubt truth to be a liar; but never doubt I love *Poontang*!” — HAMLET

“Soft and smooth, her *Poontang* was most tangy, as if a lovely lemon tart.” — THE MECHANT OF VENICE



Trophy Trout and Beauty Queens

Location: Various Localities & Suitable Habitats

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The following tutorial assumes there is a metaphorical linkage between the aquatic act of fly-fishing for a Trophy Trout (TT) and the terrestrial pursuit of a Beauty Queen (BQ). Both of these endeavors typically involve lots of practice that often spans decades. Trial and error is common. Reliable sources tend to agree that a delicate balance between cool assertiveness and self-restraint is key to success. However, dumb luck cannot be ruled out entirely.

Important Note To Students

Species such as Catfish, Crappie and Largemouth Bass are easily caught using standard baits and conventional tackle. In contrast, vast amounts of time, energy, money and specialized equipment are required in order to actively pursue and land a TT. The same is true of a BQ. As a result, preparation is essential. Natural attraction is a two-way street. Regular grooming and good oral hygiene are vital.

Lesson No. 1 - The Approach

One of the Cardinal Rules of fly-fishing is to avoid casting your shadow over the pool in which God’s most elusive and sensitive creatures are swimming freely. By their nature, TT’s and BQ’s they are keenly aware of their desirability. Unless you resemble a Greek God, drive a Ferrari and are filthy rich, or play the electric guitar in a rock and roll band, they can be easily spooked. For the rest of us, I recommend taking a somewhat indirect route to the “Promised Land” via cheerful familiarity. This subtle strategy allows your persistent presence to slowly grow on them like moss on a rock until they crack.

Lesson No. 2 - Trout Selection

The importance of limiting your selection to a single TT or BQ cannot be overemphasized. This is necessary because they frequently surround themselves with less beautiful, but still very attractive specimens. As a result, many fishermen frequently become confused in such a target-rich environment and are unable to sufficiently focus their attention. You can bet that they will tell their friends to be on the lookout for such behavior. This is never good and does not bode well for future fishing trips.

Lesson No. 3 - Setting the Hook

Although this maneuver is key to capturing a TT, it is equally important to be able to relax and enjoy the thrill of the chase. A BQ is no different. Remember: Rome wasn't built in a day. Most of them have seen lots of lures they don't particularly care for. This may include the way yours wiggles. However, all is not lost. No. Persistence sometimes pays off. Occasionally, a TT or BQ will circle back in order to take another cautious look. REMAIN CALM. Providing the astrological signs and horoscope predictions are indeed correct, their lips won't be able to resist. At this point, your future destiny together is going to depend a lot more on luck than technique. For better or worse, they always make the final choice.

Lesson No. 4 - Landing Techniques

Make no mistake about it. This is another fine art that requires a gentle touch. Unlike Catfish, Crappie and Largemouth Bass, which usually swallow the hook, line and sinker and are easy to land, a TT is never a sure bet. Harpoons and heavy duty nets are a definite no-no in such sporting contests. In contrast, there is no penalty for the use of conspicuous jewelry made from 24-carat gold, diamonds, or pearls in order to obtain the temporary possession of a BQ.

Lesson No. 5 - Catch & Release

Once firmly in hand, there is usually a brief period of bliss before other Nimrods like yourself will begin eagerly casting for the affection of your BQ. Don't be alarmed. This is natural. However, it is important to keep in mind that BQ's typically catch & release many fishermen over the course of their lifetimes. Keep this in mind.

Lesson No. 6 - Law of the Jungle

It should be noted that, by and large, BQ's tend to enjoy the finer things in life for which realtors receive extremely large commissions. They also have expensive dietary habits and prefer cuisines that are only offered in exotic foreign ports. That said, they are high-dollar Divorce Attorneys' bread and butter.



SUMMARY & CONCLUSION

As a general rule of thumb, most men, and I include myself, tend to be wildly unrealistic when you set your heart on going after a TT or a BQ. Instead, I recommend renting yourself a rowboat and buying some beer and a can of night-crawlers. Not only is it cheaper and far less stressful to go after Catfish, Crappie and Largemouth Bass; IT PUTS THE FUN BACK IN FISHING!