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LETTERS



Hello, Peter.

I thought you may be interested in giving the enclosed swinging Half-Pounder Steelhead flies a shot at your rainbows.

They are Steelhead patterns given to me by Dennis P Lee when I travelled to the USA a couple of years back, for a Half-Pounder Steelhead fishing trip with my Californian buddy Bob Long.

Dennis studied fisheries science at Humbolt State University and went on to develop an interest in fisheries science and fly fishing. Work in the fisheries field added to his knowledge and understanding of the life history of anadromous salmonids and the problems facing their existence, culminating in his writing of a fabulous book titled 'The Half-Pounder A Steelhead Trout – Life History and Fly Fishing'.

My good buddy Bob provided me with the #36 copy of this limited edition book, which includes a signature and personal message from Dennis in advance of my trip to the USA.

The rivers we fished over a three-week period included the Klamath River in Northern California, covering about 80km of this system, and the Rogue River in Oregon, fishing mostly in Indian Reservation country. We also fished for trout and other species in the High Sierras. A great trip in a vast country.

My buddy Bob comes to stay, tell stories and fish all over Otago, Southland and the Waitaki District mostly every year. He does a lot of photography while I fish, so have lots of great memories.

The one style that I have learned a lot from Bob is swinging small streamer and marabou patterns. Interestingly, with these Half-Pounder Steelhead flies, hooks are different and patterns are not large and generally very sparse. One important feature is that ideally, none of the tail should extend beyond the hook bend.

Enjoy.

Best Regards,

Ken McGraw



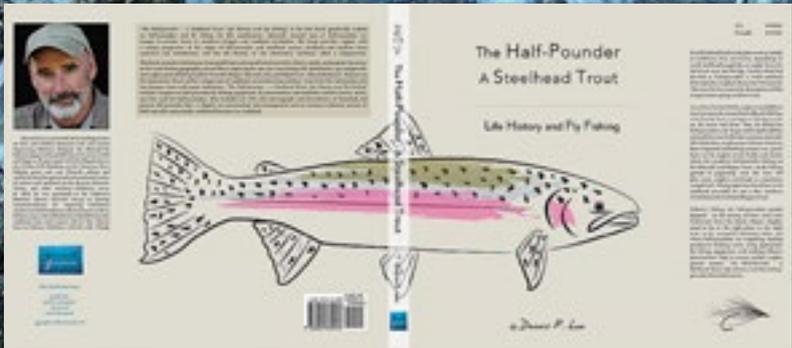
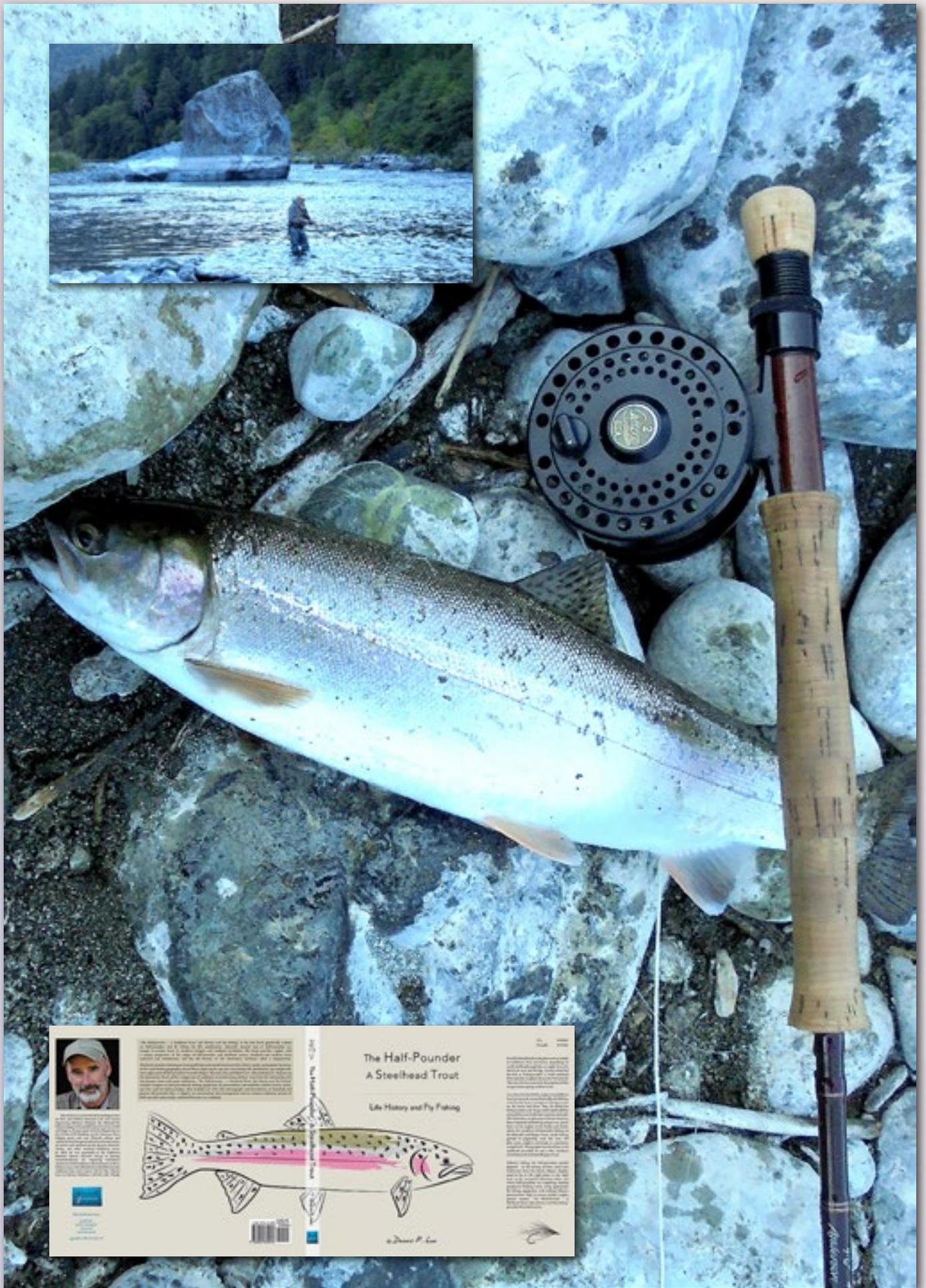
Left: Bob and I on the Waiau River just downstream of the Lake Te Anau control dam at Rainbow Reach.

Right top: Bob Long on the Upper Klamath River. As you can judge by the massive boulders these deeply incised rivers carry huge flows in the order of 20+ metres above this level.

bottom: the dust cover of Dennis' book from www.dennisplee.com

underneath: a typical Half-Pounder Steelhead from the Upper Klamath River.





Flyfishing South Island Stillwaters

By Zaue Mirfin

Spring

is always one of the best times to fish lakes and stillwaters. For a start, trout are hungry, and the lakes are fully mixed with balanced oxygen and temperature profiles so trout will often feed all day in shallow water where they are most vulnerable to anglers. So just get out there and do it!

Why fish Stillwaters? Lakes and stillwaters abound throughout the two main islands of New Zealand. In fact, there are 3820 identified stillwaters in NZ over 1 Hectare in surface area, so there is bound to be some excellent fishing somewhere relatively close to wherever you live. They will become increasingly important in the years ahead as climate change wreaks savage effects on our national rivers in the forms of flooding and drought. Lake levels rise and fall but there is always somewhere for trout to flourish and for anglers to fish successfully.

