

## DAILY PERMIT DIARY – Rising Tide

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We had poor light most of the trip, but were able to make the most of the conditions. From my notes:

**Day 1:** Cold front rolled in last night. Good sun calm 5/10 north wind. Adjusting to “dry” flies. I prefer these light crabs, I’m more accurate and can engage with the fish on my terms. Had shots in skinny and deep water with fish floating. Group of 4 anglers, 11 shots, 1 follow, 1 eat (tapped it).

**Day 2:** Rain and overcast, poor light. Wind still north a 10/15. 13 shots, 2 follows, 1 eat (flossed).

**Day 3:** High corduroy clouds and fast low elevation clouds blowing through on one wind consistent 15. 16 shots, 5 follows, 2 fish hooked (one broke off - crusher, one flossed).

**Day 4:** Overcast all a.m. and calming to 10mph. FFC (flat fu--ing calm) in the afternoon but good sun. Wind turned left to due east then laid down to nothing, hot! Not a lot of water moving and viz was tough. 11 shots, 7 follows, 2 eats and 1 fish landed (Nick).

**Day 5:** Promising sky. Lights on, lights off, repeat. Saw fish when lights were on, reluctant to tail. East wind at 10/15. 7 shots, 2 follows, 1 eat, 1 fish landed (Cole).

**Day 6:** Sunnier today. Doughnut ring of clouds on horizon. East wind with gusts from south. 15/20 mph. 6 shots, 2 follows, 2 eats, 1 fish landed (Clark \*broke my streak!).

**Day 7 (half-day – departure day):** Good Sun. Wind from east @ 5/10. Zero tails. 11 shots, 3 follows, 3 eats, 1 trout-set, 7 profanities shouted. 4 lasers (when the fish spooks with a “zap” before the fish is seen, but they see you), 2 ghosts (when the fish literally disappear when pursuing) No fish this day.