

Jig Options

If pitching jigs is your forte, there is ample opportunity to put your talents to good use. The tumult below the Dam just begs for a well placed Jig and Plastic combo. Leave the Minnows in the bucket, as this is definitely a scenario where Live Bait is not necessary.

Ordinary Ball Heads fall a bit short in this situation and I opt for Bait Rig's Oddball. This odd design (hence the name) offers several advantages. It has plenty of hook gap, stays down well, and exhibits seductive action with numerous styles of Baits.

There are many good Body choices. Personally, I have had the most experience and success with Power Bait or Gulp Grubs and Minnows. I've also experimented with larger bodies such as Craws with encouraging results.

Presentation is straightforward. Quarter your casts upstream and follow the bait down under moderate tension to detect pick ups. This can be aided by the use of high visibility, low stretch lines such as Flame Green Fireline and a moderately long rod (6'6" works nicely). Most bites will come when you pop the bait off bottom and it flutters down. Use a sweep set to pick up slack and drive the hook home.

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