

The technical advances of the EZ Bead!

Would you rather be lucky or smart?

That's the question we at Lazy Larry's have found ourselves asking after the following events.

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Soon after the release of the EZ Bead we started receiving responses from fishermen saying how our beads were out-fishing the other beads they had previously been using.

Some said it was the colors, yet others didn't have an explanation. Neither did we. We all know how fishermen tend to exaggerate at times, so we left it at that. Yet the reports kept coming in...

One of our designated test guide's opinion was that the slot was making the bead vibrate and consequently drawing the fish in. We considered it a possibility, but we were far from making that claim.

Interestingly enough, while on a trip to Washington and Oregon to promote Lazy Larry's beads (and to sneak a little steelhead fishing in), I got a real education on steelhead and salmon eggs which I'd like to share with you.

But first, I will tell you a little about my Washington fishing trip. While in Washington, I fished with a very experienced and capable guide and one other very experienced individual out of a drift boat. They knew the river and I didn't; they fished the way the locals do because they knew what works while I fished my float rod with a Lazy Larry's bead (the UV Pink). It was two rods to my one. At times, they were plugging long stretches of water while I just watched. At the end of three days' fishing it was 50/50; they caught 50% of the fish and I caught 50% of the fish. It's not surprising that they were shaking their heads and asking me for Lazy Larry's beads at the end of the trip. The guide started contacting all of his guide friends on Facebook and started spreading the word...

Even though I reminded them a few times that I caught half the fish in their backyard and on their river, I didn't gloat even once (well at least not much anyway). And that's not the best part of this story.....

As I said earlier, I really got an education on salmon eggs and steelhead while out there. I bumped into several people who were well beyond a PHD in Salmon Eggs. One was a tackle shop owner who I was trying to get interested in Lazy Larry's EZ Beads. Within a minute he was using a green light, a UV light, a backlight and a white light to perform a bunch of tests on my beads. I looked at my friend who was with me and said.....well you can only guess what I said.

At one point he looks up and asks me if I can see a bubble in the bead that he was examining. My first thought was "That damn bubble." When the mold was being made a year and a half earlier, I had noticed the bubble and asked the mold maker if he could get it out. None of the other beads out there had a bubble so I had thought that it wouldn't be good. Because of the slot in the bead, the mold maker said he could not. I had decided to live with it, and up until then no one had ever mentioned it so I had forgotten all about it.

So I finally said "Yes, what about it?" Thinking, here it comes - I knew that bubble would come back to haunt me.

The store owner holds the bead up to the light and says to me "What do you see?" I was actually afraid to say "A bubble" so I just asked him what *he* could see. He said "That bubble looks just like a fry." So now I'm thinking, this can't be good can it? Where is he going with this? The store owner says "I love it," and then continues to explain why the bubble looking like a fry is such a great thing.

The store owner told me how biologists have discovered that steelhead will hit eggs with the fry showing until they are full. Then steelhead will grab the egg, crush it to kill the fry, and spit it out. Apparently, the steelhead is trying to eliminate other fish that may compete for food while also preserving their own species. They will grab *any egg that looks like it has a fry* in order to crush it, if not eat it! So now my mind is starting to work overtime, but stuck in *Wow!* mode.

The second thing he told me was that if you simply drew a dark line straight through a salmon egg, a steelhead would strike the egg more readily. Again, I'm thinking, "Really?" the slot goes the length of the bead and looks like what?

I figured out on my own that the eye of the fry and the hole in the bead match up. It was sort of like doing a puzzle and there was one piece of the puzzle left on the table to complete the picture.

With all this in mind, we are now starting to understand why many of our Fluorescent, Neon, and UV beads that are either translucent or transparent are in fact enticing higher than normal strike rates.

That brings us back to the question again; Would you rather be lucky or smart?

I don't believe the team at Lazy Larry's has much of a choice on that one so if anyone knows more about our beads than us, feel free to give us a call. Where we don't have a technical advisor we could really use your help.....

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