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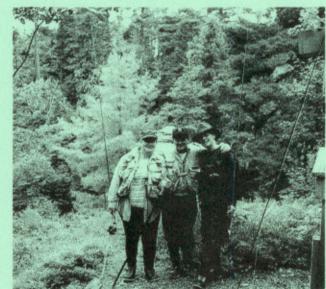
Time management problems are preventing people from catching fish. If you have limited vacation time and you want to spend your vacation with your spouse, chances are, you do one fishing trip a season. But what if your spouse was a fly fisher. More time on the river. This is the true story of how my husband grew one trip a season into seven weeks.

It is not a coincidence, that fly fishing for women is the fastest growing sport in North America. Women have secretly longed to go on these trips with their fathers and brothers. I did. The stories they told on their return, or more to the point....what they wouldn't tell, intrigued me and caught my interest and imagination.

Well it was some twenty years later, that my bravado and curiosity would be tested. My Husband announced that he was going on his annual men's only fishing trip. I wondered to myself , why women I knew didn't organize outings like that. Before I knew it , I exclaimed, "well that's a coincidence because it's the same weekend as my woman's only fishing trip". Now I'd done it!

We arrived at the camp in Northern New Brunswick in early

June. As
we
surveyed
the river
we knew
the fish
were on the
move and
we had
done our
homework.
We had
taken a fly
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course over the winter from the three Brian's. We researched the Sevogle river and asked the locals for any advice they may have . We filled our fly boxes with the best of our attempts at a Blue Charm, Rusty Rat, and Green Machine. "If the Salmon were taking, any fly would do", the guide said.

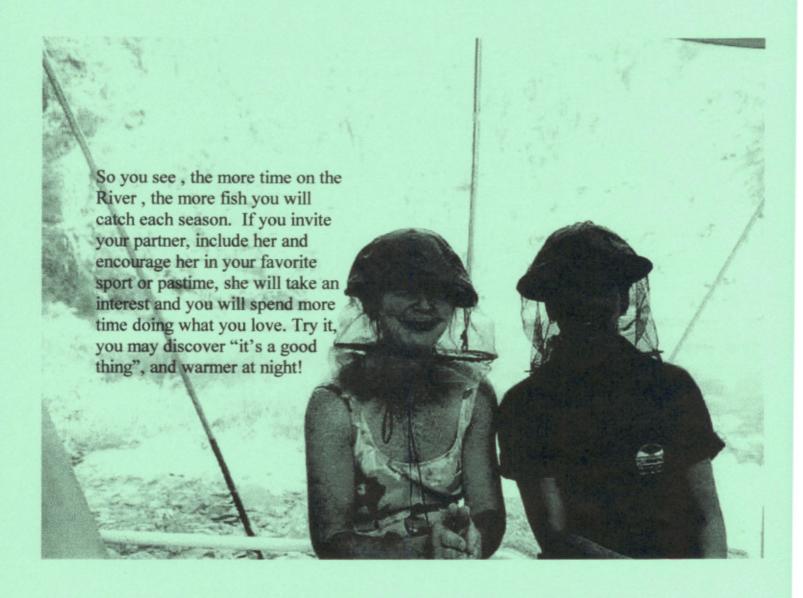
As I pulled on my waders I realized that I had never looked forward to a trip as much as this one. Great anticipation had built through the planning and organizing of the first annual "What A Catch", women's fly fishing trip. It would unfold into something special, we could all feel it and it wouldn't disappoint.

Finding three other women to come with me was not a problem. Secretly lots of women want to

fish, but don't know how to get started. A good start might be a fly casting clinic.( It may be the first and the last time she goes fishing if you try to teach her yourself.)

The highlights of the trip were as individual as the

anglers. The thunder and lightning storm that blew in the first night and gave us much needed water and cooled things down; Seeing a thirty -six pound Salmon come out of the water horizontally, check us out and do a belly flop re-entry were but a few. So this is how a group of anglers ensured that their partners caught more fish. They all came home and took their spouses out fishing. Actually, the women go out every week whether the guys feel like going with them or not. So one woman who hadn't fished before (her husband is an avid angler) starts to fish; Another gained confidence and realized that she can hold her own on the river: Another felt challenged. They were all inspired to fish more.



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