

Tackle Reviews by Guys Who Know

Now Why Didn't I Think of That?

Every once in a while, I see a fishing-oriented gimmick that is so spot-on for a particular use that I have to ask myself why I didn't think of it first. Of course, there are several answers to that question, none of which are very complimentary. That's why I



don't ask very often.

Such is the case with the Trout Berry and Egg Berry dough-bait presses. They are so innovative and so useful to fishermen who fish dough baits, such as Power Bait or Troutkrilla, that it's a wonder someone didn't conceive of them a decade ago.

What makes them so utterly cool?

Both presses are simple, yet very effective. There are two arms, each of which has one half of the berry mold. One hemisphere has a leader slot in it. You use the other side to scoop into a jar or bait. Then you drop the hook into the other half, making sure the leader is in the slot. Then you squeeze the two arms together so that the two hemispheres join.

The result is perfect little bait.

The baits themselves have a berry-like surface area that increases the area of the bait and increases the surface of the bait that will milk. Think Okie drifters here, and you get the idea of the outer surface of the bait once pressed.

Other benefits include keeping the sticky stuff off your fingers, clothes, and the carpet in your boat, not to mention your sandwich. On top of that, depending upon how you load the press, you can get a very firm bait that's wrapped around your hook, and that's a good thing.

While the two sizes mentioned are good for trout fishermen, there is a third version. It's called the Kat Berry and is intended for guys who chase catfish and use those fairly vile-smelling paste baits to chase Ol' Whiskers. I think that might be the ideal size to use for steelhead in low-water conditions.

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