



Kamloops Fly Fishers' Association

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Wholesale Sports

Subject: Supply of Fly Tying Materials in the Kamloops Store.

The Kamloops area is known as the Stillwater Fly Fishing capital of B. C. It is known for its lakes and fly fishing has always been the best way of fishing these lakes.

Generally speaking Ice Off starts in March/April and Ice On starts in November/December. Yes some of us Ice Fish but most of us use the ice on period (November to April) to tie our flies for the next season. From September to April our club has two fly tying sessions a month. From May to August one fly tying session a month.

The problem is your Kamloops store is continually out of stock of the items we need for fly tying on a year round basis. The following items are very basic items that are needed by all Fly Tiers who frequent your store.

1. The very basics required for all fly tiers include a comprehensive and adequate supply of fly tying thread in all colours in 3/0, 6/0 and 8/0.

Uni-Thread in 200 yard spools has not been in stock at all for more than one year. In its place is a thread product from Super Fly in 100 yard spools and even this product in the most basic colours is sometimes not available.

Uni-Thread is the product experienced fly tiers want. Super Fly thread is considered an inferior product therefore most of us must shop elsewhere.

2. Wire in x-small, small and medium sizes. The most popular colors are; Red, silver.

Ultra Wire is the choice of experienced fly tiers. It is a necessary item for most fly patterns. The sizes required are x-small, small and medium for most applications. All of the colours available from the manufacturer are required items. The normal stock at WSS Kamloops is inadequate at best and a huge disappointment at its worst.

3. Hooks in all the common sizes and styles by Mustad and Tiemco.

4. Tungsten and glass beads. Most popular sizes are; 2.0mm, 2.4mm and 2.8mm.

Since WSS opened its doors in Kamloops, the supply of thread and wire especially have been continuously under-stocked. New spring inventory of these two items disappear off the shelves in a matter of days or a couple of weeks, and not restocked for months at a time. This causes huge frustration amongst the local fly tying fraternity, and we have to go elsewhere for these items.

WSS seems not to care about stocking its shelves based on the area/location of its individual stores. Kamloops BC is an interior city surrounded by lakes and rivers, yet the local WSS in Kamloops has a comprehensive and

well-stocked salt water fishing equipment inventory that never seems to change. Yet the inventory in the same store for fresh water fishing is poorly stocked, constantly being sold out, and those same sold-out items that everyone wants are not regularly re-stocked.

Many complaints about these situations have fallen on deaf ears. The situation for fly tiers is getting worse as time goes on. We are tired of seeing no product and too many red tags. The Sportsmen and Women in this community want to support our local businesses. But because your store is consistently out of stock of basic items we then have to order online from other stores (Togens, Canadian Llama, Cabellas etc.).

Should your Purchasing Staff require assistance in deciding what to stock we will be glad to provide assistance. What we can't help with and the main purpose of this letter is the restocking of your supplies. We look forward to hearing from you with regard to our issues.

Yours truly,



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