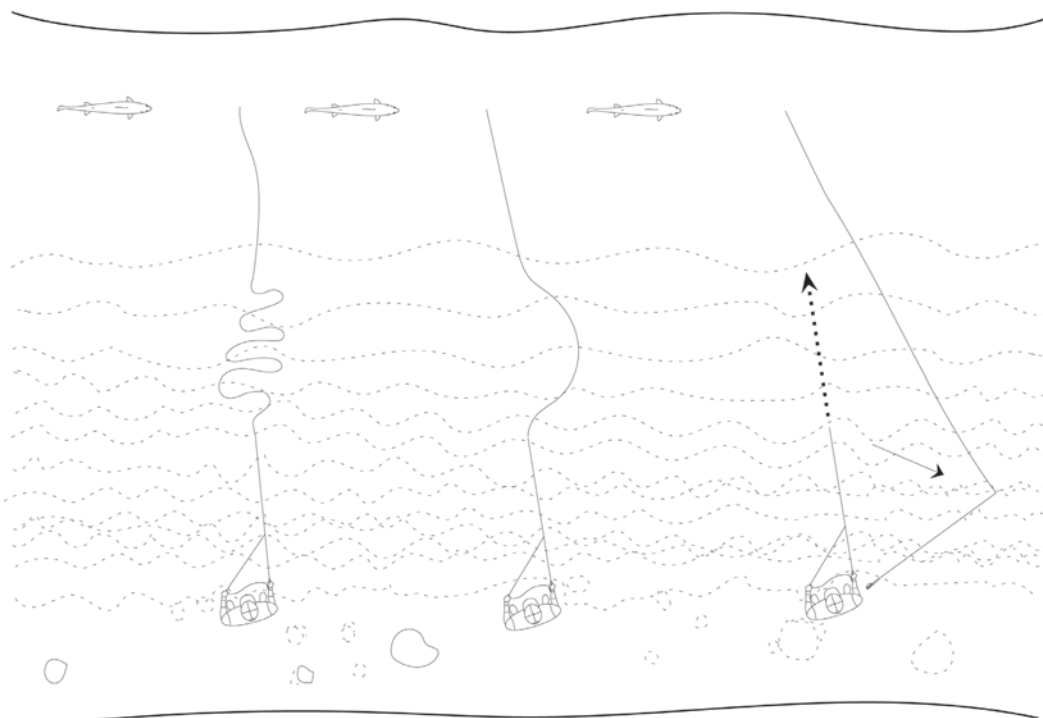


CHAPTER 5

PRESENTATION SCENARIOS

Learning how to perform the various presentation casts in this chapter on your lawn will not adequately prepare you for their application in fishing situations afield. Therefore, I would like you to read the following examples, or fishing scenarios, and visualize similar places you fish and how you might use one of the casts in this chapter to make a good presentation to a big, wary fish.

FAST TO SLOW CURRENT



The caster is standing on the edge of fast water and the fish is in slow current. The casts from left to right use an S-Mend, a Curved Mend, and a Reach Mend.

In this example, you're standing in fast water trying to cast to a fish holding in a slow deep run on the other side of a stream. You're trying to catch this fish on a dry fly with a dead drift. The problem is that the nearer fast water will drag the fly. One solution is to cast across and use a Reach Mend upstream. Follow the fly downstream with the rod tip. After the fast current starts straightening the mend, throw an on-the-water mend upstream too.