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## **SPRING INTO ACTION WITH TIME TESTED SPOONS FROM ACME TACKLE COMPANY**

### **Acme Little Cleo<sup>®</sup>, Phoebe<sup>®</sup> and K.O. Wobbler<sup>®</sup> Are Dynamite on Sluggish Spring Trout**

In the spring, streams and rivers can be running high and cold, and mountain lakes have often just lost their winter layer of ice. Predatory gamefish like trophy rainbows, browns, brookies and cutthroats become more active and need to feed, yet high water levels and low water temperatures can make trout a bit finicky about what they'll go after.

In these situations, trout only want to expend energy on a sizeable meal. Experienced freshwater anglers know that working a metal spoon from Acme Tackle Company is a great way to take advantage of this behavior and catch trophy sized early season trout. Thanks to their shapes, actions and designs, lures like Acme's proven Little Cleo<sup>®</sup>, Phoebe<sup>®</sup> and K.O. Wobbler<sup>®</sup> spoons are particularly effective in hooking and holding spring trout.

The hump-backed shape of Acme's Little Cleo spoon gives it a full bodied profile, with a range of metallic, hammered and painted finishes to match any forage or water conditions. Most importantly, the Acme Little Cleo exhibits a seductive wiggling action at even the slowest retrieve speeds. A fat, slow-moving mouthful is just the meal ticket for a trout that's on the lookout for an easy bite. Acme Little Cleo spoons in 1/8-, 1/6- and 1/4-oz. sizes are ideal for ultralight to light tackle spin fishing, allowing anglers to best match the full range of spring fishing conditions.

Acme's Phoebe spoon features a unique hydrodynamic curvature that creates the illusion of a three-dimensional baitfish as it moves through the water. Lifelike fins and deep cut scales add to the realism of this lure and help reflect underwater light to attract attention. This look, combined with the ability to effectively fish the Acme Phoebe at any depth or retrieve speed, makes this spoon a potent weapon in the spring trout angler's arsenal. Acme's 1/12- and 1/8-oz. Phoebes are ideal for ultralight fishing or anytime trout are keying on small baitfish. The 1/6- and 1/4-oz. Phoebes are best when longer casts and deeper retrieves are necessary, or when fish are focusing on larger forage. Ten painted and metallic finishes are offered, specially developed to trigger the feeding instincts of trout under any conditions.

Acme's K.O. Wobbler is designed with a wide profile that makes it perfect when fishing "low and slow" for spring trout. It also features a unique "sonic flipper" to create added flash and vibration on the retrieve — just the added punch to

seal the deal on a hungry trout. Even the smallest 1/8-oz. Acme K.O. Wobbler presents a wide target and is great for casting on 2-lb. line when the water is clear and the fish are extra picky. The 1/4-oz. K.O. Wobbler allows fishermen to work deeper and present a larger target. Slowly work the 1/4-oz. Acme K.O. Wobbler over the top ledges, rockpiles and other ambush spots.

The spoon-fishing experts at Acme Tackle offer this advice to spring trout anglers, whichever model/size/color they tie on. In streams or rivers, focus on slow-water eddies behind boulders or logs where trout can rest out of the current and ambush prey. In lakes, work spoons past likely ambush spots such as extended points, drop-offs and near the mouths of feeder creeks. Explore different depths, as trout will often seek out a specific layer of the water column that provides the temperature, oxygen and forage they need. When you find the “sweet spot,” focus your efforts there. Try stopping or twitching the lure now and then to mix up your retrieval — this often spurs following trout to commit and pounce on the lure.

In low-light conditions or when spring runoff has murky waters, try bright Acme finishes like Fire Tiger or lures with fluorescent red accents to increase visibility. In clear waters or bright sunlight, natural darker colors like blues and greens or plain metallic finishes are often more effective.

Finally, remember that while dawn and dusk are peak fishing times in summer, warming waters often increase the activity of springtime trout at midday. On sunny days, trout will move onto shallow shelves (where the water warms fastest) in the afternoon to feed. Savvy lure anglers will be ready to take advantage of this, whether fishing from shore or from a boat. This is a good time to slow troll spoons along these shelves and right along the drop-off.

To learn more about successful spring trout fishing with these great Acme spoons — or the company’s entire line of proven metal lures for all types of fresh and saltwater angling — contact Acme Tackle Co., 69 Bucklin St., Providence, RI 02907 • Telephone: (401) 331-6437 • Or visit online at: [www.acmetackle.com](http://www.acmetackle.com).

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