

## THE FISH

## THE BAND

### Evolution

Trout and salmon split to form their own species between two million and five million years ago. In the last million years, huge variations have continued to emerge, resulting in vast differences in color, size and habitat.

Grimwood and Idlet split from the Houston band St. Elmo's Fire in 1979 to form Trout Fishing in America. Since then, huge variations in its sound continue to emerge, owing to eclectic influences — including jazz, Latin, classical, folk and reggae.

### Habitat

Can be found in several places in North America, including rivers and lakes of the Southwest, Alaska, the upper Midwest and Canada. Cotter, Arkansas, calls itself “Trout Capital U.S.A.”



Have been found performing in more than 40 states and Canada. Calls Prairie Grove, Arkansas, home.

### Recordings

The cutthroat trout's existence was first recorded by Lewis and Clark.



Shunning the cutthroat world of big record labels, Trout Fishing in America started (and still record for) the independent label Trout Music. They've released thirteen albums on it so far.

### Dinosaurs

The animal family *Salmonidae* (order *Salmoniformes*) contained trout-like fish during the dinosaur age, some 50 million years ago.

Have been a group for nearly 30 years; are dinosaurs. Touted as a family-friendly group, Trout Fishing in America faces stiff-but-snuggly competition from purple dinosaur Barney.

### Predators

Otters, eagles, other trout, man, bears.

Children having tantrums, wacky vests, cholesterol, bears.

### Hooks

According to a representative from the St. Charles branch of the Bass Pro Shop, depending on the bait and type of line an angler uses, hooks can range from a No. 6 hook down to a No. 30 hook when catching trout.

Hooks include lyrics like: “My pants fell down. Down to the ground. Felt like a clown. My stupid pants fell down” (from the song “My Pants Fell Down”).

### Best Days

An old fishing axiom says, “The worst day on the lake is better than the best day at the office.”

Its album *My Best Day* was nominated for a Grammy. It didn't win.