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While I don't target flatheads (I will dunk a line for channel cats on occasion), my understanding is they are piscivorous predators. Most hard core flathead dudes use live sunfish for bait. I used to watch guys down on the James River hunting for these fellas at night with big spin rigs and live bluegills for bait. I doubt they would show much interest in standard catfish stink bait. Despite eating live prey, I don't often hear of them being caught on lures and would imagine they'd be tough on a fly. Perhaps, near the ideal deep pool with a log jam one might be able to temp one on a big streamer. I looked 'em up in the IGFA database and there are some fly rod records (mostly recent years from the James River). The largest caught on a fly is 34 lbs.