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LeboFish,

I don't think the weight of the flyline is the most important factor. More important is the size of the tippet. There's a rule of thumb that says divide the hook size by 3 and the result is the approximate tippet size. For example, you want to fish a size 22 fly and  $22 / 3 \approx 7$  so you should fish 7X tippet. Even this rule is not hard and fast. I would use 6X unless I thought the fish were extremely leader shy.

Anyway, while I might be reluctant to fish a #22 fly on a 9 weight setup, I wouldn't hesitate to fish it on my 5 weight setup. Similarly, I probably wouldn't enjoy stripping size 2 streamers on my 2 weight setup, but I am comfortable with a #12 light Cahill on the 2 weight when that's what the fish want.

Hope this helps!