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I dont have as much experience as JayL in fly fising. I am under the same school of thought tho. I go long with my tippet length, usuallly 3 ft. Mono filament has some stretch to it, the longer the line, the more it increases its ability to "give" to the strength of a trout. I use mostly 5x and 6x but thats cause I usually fish with #16 and #18 flies. I dont usually play around with 7x too much, unless Im fishing tricos, but at that point I up the length of my tippet. In my opinion going any smaller doesnt help a whole lot.

Tippet size should be proportional to the size of your fly.. The multiple of 3 works pretty well. Divide the fly size by 3 to obtain tippet size. #12/3 would be 4x. Just a general rule. Im fairly new to fly fishing, but my biggest suggestion would be to fish with a long tippet, I saw an increase in number of hookups when I did.
Just my two cents.

Andy