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There are many variables to consider when choosing tippet size IMO:

#1 - Dry or wet flies. I rarely fish subsurface, but I would think that there's probably no reason to use anything smaller than 5X for that kind of fishing.

#2 - What type of water. I definitely think that you can get away with heavier tippet in a riffle than a pool.

#3 - I agree that fly size is an important factor. I would likely never use anything heavier than 5X on a #12 or #14 fly either.

But for small flies in still water, I do think that 6X and 7x can make a difference

In their writings, Vince Marinaro and Charlie Fox talked about having to go to 7x tippet to fool tough fish. Vince even stated that a #24 fly needs to be fished on 7X to ride right on the water