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Re: Salt Water Set Up
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The problem with floating line isn't so much getting the flies down (although it takes a lot less time with a sinking line) Its that if you fish the surf, the waves push, pull, tangle and tug at your line constanly. If you don't use a stripping basket, a floating line is almost impossible in the surf. An intermediate line will drop just deep enough that the waves will have less affect on held or cast line. I used a lead head between my floating line and leader the first year and it was useless in the surf but worked ok in the sound. In the canals it was as bad as the surf as the current was faster than most rivers i've ever fished. Not as easy to mend when your line is 12 feet down. If you have that kayak and you are beyond the surf, you may be ok.

Many fishing store sell coated lead line. I bought some once and tied loops in the ends and then tied thread over the knots to taper the connections. I made a couple 6 and 12 inch lead heads and they were great. Cost very little. A lot less than an intermediate line.

Of course for $8.50 you can pick up a sinking line at:

http://www.fortackle.com/

They are seconds, but I've bought a few and they seem fine. Especially if you aren;t going to use them that often and therefore can't justify spending 60 bucks for a new Rio line.