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When fishing downstream, you can increase your hook up rate, regardless of hook size, by delaying the hook set. A British friend of mine is fond of saying "God bless the queen" before setting the hook. I usually just try to wait a one count. This approach is best suited for fast action rods, but will work with any action.

Another option is the slip strike where you allow 6-8" of line slide or slip between your rod hand and the grip when setting the hook. This serves to somewhat delay the strike in that you are not putting the full force of the rod into the strike. I'm a mid-full flex guy and this is my preferred approach.

Bottom line is you just need to find out what works best for you.