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I don't mean to hijack this thread, but I hope I can get some advice so that I too can have a toothy critter success story.

On Saturday, I was fishing a local stream for blue gills. I had my one weight and was wading along the bank in a long slow back eddy. I looked down and at my feet was a large toothy critter, not sure if it was a pike or musky, but I would guess it was 30". I continued to fish upstream (I thought briefly how I could cast the 2 feet to the fish at my feet, but with a 1 wt...) and the fish continued to move with me, facing away, just a few feet ahead. I felt like it was waiting for me to flush some sunnies.

About 30 feet upstream, another toothy critter broke the surface chasing something, I think a pan fish. The fish at my feet stayed with me for about 5 minutes before swimming off and during that time, the other fish "busted bait" twice more.

So, on Sunday, I went back with a 9 wt and the biggest flies I had. I fished the pool for a couple of hours, but did not have a take, but did see one of these fish chasing bait a couple of times.

So, I have never fished for pike or musky before Sunday. I would appreciate some suggestions on how to go about hunting these fish with a fly rod. Flies, leaders, casts, retrieves, etc.

Thanks.