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As far as the hook issue you are having I know it's gonna cost you some more money but upgrade to a better vise if you want to tie the bigger stuff. Peak vises are great, made in the USA and worth every penny. You can get the saltwater jaws along with the standard jaws I think for an additional \$30. The vise itself is \$150.

As for the leader. You can use either wire or flourocarbon. Flourocarbon is more abrasion resistant than regular mono. Wire will definitely hold up to fish teeth but will kink and can even sometimes break although rare. Flourocarbon is what I use. 80lb. I have had 2 biteoffs in 2 years. It is typically going to be the smaller fish with sharper teeth that cut you off and it is almost always going to be right away as soon as you get weight. But you will have a better chance of what I call the bonus fish. If you talk to musky guys I would say it's half and half who use flouro or wire. Even the terminal tackle guys use flourocarbon leaders too. With flourocarbon I have caught 20 inch smallies and plenty of walleye up to 29".

My leader setup is this.

- 3-6" of 25lb flourocarbon for a break point if I get hungup in a log or something. This is nail knotted to my fly line

- 3 1/2 to 4 feet of 40 to 50lb flouro with a big loop (2") on the end. The connection between the 25lb and 40lb is a blood knot

My 80lb flour is attached to the fly with a loop on the leader end so that I can change out flies easily loop to loop.

I use the smaller diameter instead of the heavy 80 as the terminal part of my leader so that I can get the majority of the leader up into the guides smoothly so that I can figure 8 my fly. typically you only have about 12 inches of leader out when doing this. If you have straight 80 the big knots will get hung up in the guides and may cost you a fish or worst break your guides.

Hope this helps