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> PACOFRANSICO wrote:
> I do have a couple of questions. Is the size 4 tyed in for musky? And whats your reasoning for wanting your streamer to ride hook up? The roof of a essox mouth is all bone.
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> Most of my paterns are weightless. Because I think the most deadly thing you can get in your retieve is the hard pause at the end of the strip. The ability to make the fly just hang there and flutter is key. And the weightless balance of the hair hackle and flash makes this possible. Its all tying your material in to getting as much motion with out movement as you can. Id rather use the line to get the fly down than the actual weight of the fly.

Makes sense.

The hook visible in the rear of this fly is smaller than what I'd regard as ideal - it's there just for a bit more hooking security. Most of the time, even with large patterns, when bass hit the fly they hit the front and if I stick 'em on a muskie fly, it's usually on the front hook. Back in my days of fishing gear for muskies I built my own bucktail spinners and I always wanted a hook at the very rear of the lure (and this was often the hook that caught fish). With respect to swimming hook upward - this is just a general preference of mine for virtually all streamers for all species. They don't snag as much and, at least for muskies, I like to "jig" the fly slowly along the bottom during colder periods and I get fewer snags this way. Muskie flies are time consuming to tie and burn a lot of materials and I'd just prefer fewer snags. Do they hook as well? Honestly, I haven't caught enough muskies on flies to have a hard and fast opinion on this and much of my experience comes from gear fishing. You're right about the tough upper jaw. There is a section between the tooth pads and mandible where I've had good "purchase" with hooks on pike and muskies. My muskie spinnerbaits (just like a bass spinnerbaits) swim with a single hook upward and I've had good hooking success on esocids. Nevertheless, it would be an interesting thing to pay some attention to.