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Re: Tippet Preferences

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Flydog wrote:

JackM that was a great leader link!

Assuming that you are building a leader where the formula requires the last section be a 5x....now when you are fishing does it matter if you add a 5x tippet the end of your leader or does the tippet you are adding have to be a different size(smaller) than the last section of the leader? Or does it matter?

In the leader formulas, the terminal section is the suggested tippet; there is no need to add any more. When the terminal section gets too small, you can cut back all the way to the prior section and re-tie a new tippet section or, you can just tie in additional tippet of the same size. (Losing an inch or two from the second-to-last section, in order to tie a new knot, will probably not effect the leader all that much.)

If you want to take a 5X leader down to 6X, for instance and don't want to tie a new leader on, usually it will work out if you cut the 5X back to the same length as the prior section or a liitle smaller and then add the 6X in a typical tippet length of 18-36 inches, depending on your preferences.

In other words, if the leader is 36"x1X, 24"x2X, 18"x3X, 9"x4X, 24"x5X (as a bad example) and you want to go to 6X, you can cut the 5X down to 9" or better, 6", then attach about 24" of 6X.

Also, I am not sure if I understood part of your comments, but if you use the LeaderCalc macro in Excel, you can specify the terminal tippet and total leader size and the program recalculates the formula for you.