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Re: Pike Flies and Weight

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L_soult wrote:

I was hoping someone can give me some advice on catching pike. I have a 5 wt rod and some black and olive wooley buggers. Will that be enough?

Yep - fish with what yuh got.

First off, don't be deceived by the pics you see of giant pike in magazines or on TV. Almost all of those are remote lakes in Canada. It's highly unlikely you will see giant pike of this size (4 feet long) in the creek you describe or anywhere else in PA (although it's possible). Most pike in PA will average 20-28" and a fish over 30" is big. Certainly, a 7-9WT rod would be ideal but you can chase 'em with lighter stuff - just casting the larger streamers is difficult with a trout size rod.

Wooly buggers are good - if you tie or have a friend that does, ask them to tie the WB's with lots of flash and some brighter colors. You'll need a short wire leader. Pike are best targeted in early spring. I chase 'em on lakes from ice out until about mid April - after that, they go deep and really aren't catchable with fly gear. Look for a weedy or brushy section of the creek that has slack water; avoid riffles and fast current. If the water is up over brushy, shoreline vegetation - this is a good springtime spot.