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I was just reading a John Geirach book today, and he was talking about pike fishing in the midwest. Not sure if his technique holds for pike around here (he was fishing a lake, and I imagine the fish were bigger than they'd be around here), but I think he said he was using an 8 or 9 weight. He called the flies "bunny" flies - big furry flies tied with strips of rabbit fur. Said that black and black/red work, but that brighter colors work better in clear water/sunny days. He was also using a 50lb shock tippet to keep the fish from bighting through the leader.

I imagine a 5wt may be a little light if you're expecting bigger fish... of course I don't speak from experience - never caught a pike on a fly.