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Re: Largies on the fly

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guppieguy wrote:

Sorry to bring this thread back from the dead, but as warm weather approaches I've been putting more thought into this... I think I'm going to go with straight mono leader with 8lbs+ but one question remains: does my leader have to be tapered or can it just be one solid piece? I'm not sure why not but I'm really not sure

An untapered 8lb test leader probably won't work well. When fly-fishing you cast the *line* rather than the lure. The fly line is tapered to the end and a continuation of taper with the leader (larger diameter turning over smaller diameter line) is needed to turn over a fly, this is especially important given the larger and wind resistant flies used for largemouths. I would suggest a tapered leader 7 1/2' to 9' long tapered to 12-14lb test or even heavier wouldn't hurt.

A straight leader works for subsurface and with a sink-tip or sinking line where turning over a fly is not important. Even with that, 8lb test is too light. 12-14lb would be the lightest tippet I would use.