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1. Don't use 6x.
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Seriously, though. Soft rods help some. As does stretchy tippet. Both absorb the shock of a head shake or a quick run. But as far as how you handle it, rather than the equipment, side pressure. Pull parallel to the water, in the upstream direction. Keep steady pressure, and change angles on him.

MOVE to the fish to shorten the line. Have your drag set correctly and, if he runs, don't pull harder or try to stop the spool, just hold steady and let the drag do the work. If he runs at you, pick up line as fast as you can, don't let it go slack. If he jumps or goes into violent headshakes, take a little pressure off by pointing the rod more at him, but not to the point of being slack.

Eventually, it'll calm down and instead of running, it'll just try to hold like a log. That's when he's starting to tire. Just keep pressure, and after a while, you'll find yourself starting to gain line. The next danger point is when you get him close to a net or to shore to beach him, be ready for a run. i.e. make sure you're hand isn't on the line, or any knots through the tip of the rod when you do this.

In the end, you can only put as much pressure as your tippet will allow. Which, with 6x, ain't much. Which means you can't stop him from running. All you can do is try to keep up with him to keep a short line and hope he doesn't wrap you on something.