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Re: Tippet size; it's your thing!

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The best tippet diameter to fish is a function of the size and wind resistance of fly, the stiffness of the tippet material, as well as the length of the tippet, the fish, and the stream conditions.

A formula to use as a starting point is fly size / 4 + 1

Examples:

Size 12:  $12 / 4 = 3 + 1 = 4x$

Size 16:  $16 / 4 = 4 + 1 = 5x$

Size 20:  $20 / 4 = 5 + 1 = 6x$

Size 24:  $24 / 4 = 6 + 1 = 7x$

You can go up and down sizes from the above depending on the fly, stiffness and length of you tippet as well as the stream conditions (low clear / murky, complex currents, etc ) and the fish (size of fish, spookiness, etc.).

Experiment to see what works best under the conditions.