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Re: Tippet size; it's your thing!

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The traditional formula is a great starting place. In April the flies I use are mostly 12 and 14 so 4X gets the nod. In sulphur season the bugs are mostly a size 16 so I go 5x. I use 6x for size 22 and below and have chucked 7x altogether. When larger wild trout are common - upper Delaware system, western rivers etc - I generally use 4x and go 3x after dark when the real pigs are cruising.

Playing a fish quickly has been discussed, but a tippet that is too light wouldn't turn over a fly properly and you lose accuracy. For example, a 6x tippet with a size 12 Catskill dry fly just wouldn't turn it over properly. Any bit of wind, and wind is generally an issue on larger streams, a light tippet will allow the fly to get blown all other the place.