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Re: Tippet size; it's your thing!

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It's the presentation more than the tippet size, and wetting the surface of the tippet helps. English dry fly guys always have red fingers from rubbing mud on their tippets and it works. Any size tippet on the surface will create a line. Loop knots also help the fly move a little more freely and that is the approach fishermen around Reno use on gin clear tailwaters. Last July the fisherman on the Saucon were debating whether you needed to go 7X or 8X for the tricos and I kept the 5X on and seemed to catch as many as anyone. That said, 22 is the smallest hook I use anymore. In the last 5 years I have only deviated once and that was when my buddy was killing them on 26 midges while I couldn't get a tap. Couldn't take it and had to bum a 26 fly and drop down to 6x.

My view is use the heaviest tippet that will fool the fish. Up on the East and West Branch of the Delaware when the going gets tough in late season I rarely go below 5x and try to stay at 4x. However, a downstream drift with a good reach cast is almost essential. The fly better get there before the tippet when they are snooty - and the fly better go right over their head.